

**Pelican Lakes Association**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Breezy Point Community Center on June 9, 2012**

The PLA Board of Directors met at 8:00AM on June 9, 2011 at the Pelican Township Hall. Members present included Joan Mondale (presiding), Tracy Donovan, Clyde Clement, Jodi Eberhardt, Rick Nolan, Dave Slipy, Art Weaver, Carrie Ruud, Max Martz, Tom McGrann, Bob Vaughn. Ed Nordgaard, Roger Okerman, and Bill Rodgers were unable to attend.

**Secretary's report:** Minutes of the August 26, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved, Motion made by Tracy, second by Clyde, carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Reviewed and discussed with some outstanding questions as not all information was on the printed copies at the meeting. Approval deferred until next meeting.

**Newsletter:** The next issue is scheduled to go out at the end of June.

**Beach Captains:** Tom and Max provided an update on efforts to update the mission for the beach captains. Each beach captain has been contacted on their interest in continuing to be involved. Beach captains will be getting together for the 30 minutes prior to the start of the annual meeting.

**Land Use (Rick and Art):** Paula West will speak at the annual meeting regarding conservation easements. Carrie and Rick are involved in discussions to turn Gooseberry Island into a park.

**Water Quality Report:** Glen provided the TSI testing plan which was approved by the board. 30 Lakes is assisting with some of the costs this year, bringing the PLA contribution to around \$1000

**Watercraft Inspection Program (Dave):** Dave indicated the program is up and running and he has been coordinating schedules with our intern through Crow Wing County at Jones Bay.

**Association Liaison:** Bill Rodgers was going to area associations and providing PLA information. Will need someone to continue this effort as Bill is leaving the area.

**Invasive Species (Clyde):**

Carrie gave update on efforts to stop Asian carp from progressing further north. Consideration is being given to options to address the problem that would avoid the need to pursue Federal intervention.

PLA is continuing to spend significant time and invest a great deal of money towards preventing aquatic invasive species (AIS) from entering our lakes. In Minnesota, 40 lakes have zebra mussels and 250 have milfoil.

#### Signage:

- Five new roadside signs were designed and installed around the lakes. We want to thank the Merrifield Lions and the Pelican Lakes Conservation Club (PLCC) on their contribution to this project. And also recognize our volunteers that installed these signs: Tracy Donovan, Dave Slipy, Clyde Clement, Roger Okerman, Bob Vaughn, Glen Gustafson, Lee Zender. One more sign is on order to be placed at the Little Pelican lake landing.

#### Landing Monitoring program:

- PLA has once again applied for and received DNR grants for watercraft inspection monitors for the 2012 season. The DNR monitors will focus primarily on all the landings except Jones Bay. PLA is partnering with Crow Wing County and has obtained a monitor dedicated to this access. We anticipate our share of the cost of these programs will be \$????.
- In addition, PLA has a group of volunteers that spend approximately 1-2 hours of their time each week at the landings. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dave Slipy.

#### New AIS laws in effect July 1, 2012!

- \*Civil penalties will double from \$50 to \$100, \$250 to \$500.
- Mandatory to unplug a boat drain during transport.
- Boat lifts, docks, and other water related equipment must not be placed into another lake before drying for at least 21 days.
- Mandatory AIS certification required for employees of waterfront professionals, including Boat/yacht clubs and mariners. You MUST verify the person that puts your lift/dock/boat in and out of the lake is certified!
- DNR delegated authority for boat AIS compliance.
- DNR to implement mandatory roadside AIS check stations.
- Boat owner AIS training requirement postponed to 7/1/2015

#### DNR Wash Stations:

- The DNR has purchased an addition 20 wash stations and will place a third of their 23 station at/or near zebra infested lake landings, another third down the road to zebra

infested lakes and the remaining third will move around. Locations have yet to be announced.

**DNR Boat and Safety Class:** as in past years PLA will donate towards this annual event. PLA and PLCC alternate each year between paying for the pizza or the life jackets. It is PLA's turn for the life jackets. Rick Nolan has been coordinating this for the last several years but cannot this summer. Tom and Tracy volunteered to help.

**Annual meeting:** Meeting starts at 9:00 am at City Hall. Four board members are retiring: Clyde, Bill, Roger, and Joan. Please be present at 8:15 to setup and for the 8:30 beach captains meeting. Agenda was finalized and Joan will send to the board. Guest speakers are:

- Brian Carlson: Estate Planning
- Paula West: Conservation Easements
- Jason Rieber: Breezy Point Police

**Future Meeting Dates:** July 7th at 8:00am to (1) elect officers (2) organize committees (3) schedule rest of summer meeting (4) Review by-law updates

Adjourned at 10:10.