

Pelican Lakes Association

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2015

Call to order: The meeting was held at the Pelican Town Hall. President, Art Weaver and called to order by the President at 9:00 AM.

Members present: Tracy Donovan, Jodi Eberhardt, Art Weaver, Max Martz, Craig Norman, David Slipy, Bob Hamilton, Bob Vaughn, Matt Stephens, Ed Nordgaard, Lori Greeno, Jim Nickel

Guest present: Glen Gustafson

Approval of Past Minutes: The January 23 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Running about the same income levels as last year.

President's Report: The following topics were reviewed by President, Art Weaver and discussed by the board members:

1. Zebra Mussel Veliger Testing – Approved testing Little Pelican with volunteers at a cost of \$182. Requires volunteers to be trained on June 19, 2015. Supplies of Boat/GPS/Bottle isopropyl alcohol
2. Crow Wing County 2015 AIS Funding:
 - PLA hours increased from 400 to 1200 (largest increase in CWC). CWC/Employment Research Center (ERC) for Level 1 Inspectors trained by DNR at CWC expense. PLA budgeted \$5,000 to purchase additional hours (approximately 300 hours) at a cost of (\$14.70 -- \$16.14/hr + payroll, worker's comp., etc.).
 - Decontamination unit: Voted to watch Crosslake unit and determine if PLA wants to purchase a unit next year at a cost of \$800 plus monitoring.
 - Watercraft usage counter: Approved purchase of 5 watercraft usage counters. Cost of \$222.50 /unit (county pays half).
 - Flyers: Approved \$450 plus postage costs of PLA expense to send postcard for mailing 1150 postcards and 200 extra for beach captains. PLA will request \$250 from the county to cover the balance of the expense.
3. Northern CWC Coalition of Lake Associations: Approved involvement with WAPOA on creation of committee and having a liaison from PLA.
4. PLA Donations and Memberships
 - Conservation MN, LARA, 30 Lakes Watershed, Pine River Watershed, MN COLA. Craig will track which organizations have billed us and how much we pay to each one each year.
 - Board to consider amount contribution this year to MNAISRC.

Vice President's Report: The following topics were reviewed by Vice President, Jodi Eberhardt and discussed by the board members:

- Newsletter: March issue was sent. June issue should be moved up to mail prior to annual meeting. June issue will focus on fishing in Pelican lake.
- Curly Leaf Pondweed Grant: Received \$1000 from DNR. PLA will need to fund the balance of \$1215.
- Forestry Easements: DNR received some legacy fund dollars to fund forestry easements. Approved sending a joint letter with the DNR to large tract landowners to inform them of the program and funds available from the DNR.
- Well Testing: Have not heard back on \$3000 requested from Pine River Watershed to test 10 additional wells.

AIS: Reviewed the landing inspector plan for the summer. Three staff members returning. One new person attending training. Consider holding a brainstorming session to discuss other possible efforts on AIS. Christmas

Little Pelican: Adding new members. Participating in villager testing.

Breezy Point: Resort not pursuing treatment of pondweed or repairing shoreline due to disagreement over how costs will be divided across organizations. PLA discussed facilitation session to help negotiation a solution. Cautious on spending PLA funds on private landowner issues – unless they affect the larger lake or efforts of PLA.

Membership: 398 members so far. 16 new members. Discussed how to re-activate those that were members in the past. Exploring option of moving from Access database to

Water Quality: Approved AW Research proposal for 2014 water quality testing. AW Research purchased by employees.

Beach Captains: Orientation meeting planned for June 13th at 9am at Pelican Town Hall.

Next Meeting:

- Next meeting Friday, June 19 at 9am at the town hall. Meeting will be followed by the database demo.
- Annual meeting Saturday, June 27th. Lori will work on refreshments. Art has to have Dr. Susan Galatowitsch---Director of MNAISRC, Tom Engfer from PLCC, and possibly Walleye Dan. Jodi will talk about the Cisco program and the related DNR forestry grants. Art will give an AIS update including Christmas Lake trial.

Meeting Adjourned By President Weaver at 10:55 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jodi Eberhardt