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Minutes of Board Meeting, 8/25/2007

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he PLPOA Board of Directors met at 8:00 on August 25, 2007 at the Pelican Lake Conservation Club. Members present included Joan Mondale (presiding), San Countryman, Glen Gustafson, Jodi Eberhardt, Art Weaver, Ed Nordgaard, Roger Okerman, Tracy Donovan, Kelly Anderson, Clyde Clement. Jim Strampe, Rick Nolan, were unable to attend.

Treasurer's report: San submitted the report current balance is \$28,988 and will send out an updated report. Annual rate from July to July is \$25 and renewals have been sent. Next year there will be three levels of membership and this will appear in the newsletter. 273 total members have renewed their membership. Every newsletter brings in 20 or so members. Also seeing a lot of previous members that have dropped for a number of years come back. Art has worked with Neal to access the membership of Breezy Point resort complexes. Art has contacted Bob Spizzo as well regarding his units.

Membership/Beach Captains: Kelly sent out a packet to the Mousseau bay group. Jodi to contact Bay Pointe condos. Kelly will send out the list of beach captains. We are missing beach captains from Cree Bay, Nelson (Breezy) Bay, Along Hwy 3 between Morningside and Horseshoe (south of Jim Strampe). Discussed the option of providing packets to the realtors regarding anyone that purchases a property on the lake. Estimate that there are at least 600 property owners on the lake. 3-4

years ago, only had 66 or 67 members.

Secretary's Report: Jodi passed around meeting minutes from April, July, and the board directory.

PLCC update: The PLCC board meets monthly, but is not as focused on the business of Pelican Lake as the PLPOA board. The PLCC board addresses activities of charity contribution, community events, and fund raising, in addition to fishery and other lake issues. PLPOA will write up an article in our news letter about the two organizations(PLCC and PLPOA) and give the article to the PLCC to review before we publish it in our newsletter and also ask the PLCC to publish the same article in their newsletter.

Breezy Point Community Days: Have the booth manned for the day. Next year, we should have a table top display with photos of the exotic species.

Land Use: The DNR informed us that they will not be able to designate the RIM funds to just this lake (it would have to be at the Crow Wing County). Joan has a call into Mike at the DNR to determine how the RIM funds would be allocated. Ed, Art, and Rick have looked at large tracts of land. Discussed dividing the property between lakeshore and backlots. The association is very concerned about large tracts of off-lake property (with access to the lake) being developed. Roger offered to call some of his contacts at the state. Haven't heard anything on the Williams property – from a lake association perspective, we need to bring issues that affect the lake (e.g. dockage). Development is limited by boat access and dock regulations. Tracy attended the zoning meetings for the wetland for Cree bay – planning and zoning showed little interest in dock and lakeshore issues.

Ed visited with the Elks camp a few weeks ago and the current leadership agrees that the camp is dedicated to the purpose of the original land. Elks will need approval of the national board to place conservation easements on the property. Elks have done a beautiful job re-foresting.

Art, Tracy, Joan, and Ed went on the pontoon land tour on August 10. North of Morningside is a large track of land. Some of that is owned by US Government. There are two additional tracts of land in that area owned by two private families. There are also six lots on Cree Bay that have been re-zoned and are owned by Bob Spizzo. Gooseberry is still for sale by Bob Spizzo and Art will set up time to meet with Bob. There may be an opportunity for the county to trade land with Bob. There's a cabin on the point going into Mousseau Bay – Roger knew that one was sold. Lincoln's point was also mentioned. Lake Association will begin to contact other lakeshore owners.

Water Quality: eColi testing around the island, results were minimal by the beach and higher by the sea gulls, but nothing to be concerned about. Finished eColi testing around boat launches, breezy bay, breezy beach – there's been no run off so there

really was nothing found in the samples. Next year, will coordinate the testing with the runoff. Breezy Bay had the highest levels of eColi. Succi disk reading – 18, 17, 17 at the end of July. Now at 13, 12, 12. No surprise due to low water levels. Glen has 5 tiles out for Zebra mussels. Also are working with Nisswa Dock service to pay attention

Shoreline Restoration: Held class last week – 15 people attended from a variety of lakes. All day was a little bit long. Next year we are considering a tour or a project.

Newsletter: Jim is trying to wrap up all content early next week. If you have anything to send to the newsletter, please send it to Jim by Monday. Joan will write up something about curly leaf pondweed.

Exotic Species: We were able to meet with Dan Swanson and Kevin Mott from the DNR on Friday, August 24, 2007. This was the result of the landing evaluation performed by the DNR in July. We are trying to do two surveys next year – one in May and one in July/August. We should focus our efforts on bays that would support invasive species habitat. Joan will write a letter requesting the DNR to perform the survey. Joan will also contact Donna Perleberg who has a group of interns to train in the spring. The DNR recommendation was to pull the plants that exist in Breezy Bay by hand. The area in Halverson Bay is larger than what can be pulled by hand. The exotic species committee is creating a proposal to have a proper disposal site for water and weeds as well as a wash station with signs that promote launching “clean boats”. Art suggested working with the realtors to sponsor the signage at the landing. The DNR may have some funds available, but typically need the survey and aquatic management plan in place. We discussed a number of alternatives for pursuing grant money. The DNR only owns the one landing at Halverson. Breezy owns one and Crow Wing county has three.

New Business:

Shoreline clearing and what we want to do about it: If a lake shore owner clears the land. CWEPA organization – get involved in land use issues. Should also work with LARA and 30 lakes watershed. Clyde commented that Dennis presented at a CWEPA meeting and said the contractors are more willing to pay the fines and do as they please. Tracy will provide a letter regarding land cleared in Cree Bay and Joan will look at it from a board perspective.

County Road 4 – Joan is on the committee and more information is coming. There’s general concern about widening the road.

2008 annual meeting: July 12 is scheduled. Joan booked the Breezy Point community center. However, the Elks offered to allow us to use their facility for the meeting which would probably hold 100 people. Tracy moves to request the Elks facility for the 12th of July or for the 19th of July as a second alternative. Art seconded. Approved.

Next Meeting: Saturday, September 22 at 8am at the PLCC.

Conservation Club Meeting: September 12 at the PLCC. Meal is at 6pm, 7pm is the meeting.