

Minutes

Pelican Lakes Association Board of Directors meeting

December 9, 2016

Call to order: President Craig Norman called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM at Northwoods Restaurant

Present: Craig Norman, Jodi Billy, Bob Vaughn, Tracy Donovan, Art Weaver, David Slipy, David Spizzo, Matt Stephens, Bob Hamilton, Bob Komischke, and Jim Nickel with Laurie Greeno and Tom McGrann present on the phone. Also in attendance at the meeting was JoAnn Weaver, newsletter editor.

Previous meeting minutes of the Sept. 9, 2016 meeting were accepted.

Membership matters: Jim Nickel reported 1118 records of property owners in our system. We have 489 members (family units) of which 59 are Pelican level (\$200+), 102 are Eagle (\$100.00 to \$200.00), 146 are Loon (-\$100.00).

Finances: Bob Vaughn reported approximately \$70,000.00 in savings and \$11,000.00 in checking. Expect grants of \$2.200 and income of \$36-37,000. We would expect \$400 to \$500 to be needed for annual software costs.

Glen Young uses the software to input members who want electronic copies of the newsletters, Jim can use the old "postage paid" envelopes. Tracy will get them to him.

Jim and Craig are working with Molly Ring to input organizational information onto the website including access to contracts and insurance policies.

Also working with Molly to utilize new payment methods for dues including PayPal.

Minute Book review: Tracy has a disc from Jodi Eberhardt with minutes from 2002 to 2015 and has hard copies of minutes since then. Also on the disc are former by-laws, and other PLA reports. Craig will review the by-laws and

determine the correct number of board members and terms of each member to come to the number and names of those who should be elected, re-elected, or go off the board.

Beach Captains: Tom led us in a discussion of the roll of beach captains. It has been seen as mostly social outreach. We concluded that a new model is needed with an emphasis on the use of our website.

Further discussion will occur at our next meeting in hopes of developing recruiting and mission for the captains.

Landing monitors: 5 from Pelican Lakes Association joined 15 others at the DNR sponsored Invasive Species Identification training.

Dave Slipy moved and Jim Nickel seconded giving \$50.00 gift cards to each of our monitors.

PLA had budgeted \$5,000 each of the last two years for paying monitors. We have not spent the total amount however we agreed to continue the program and will discuss increasing the amount to \$7,000 and somehow provide wage increases and add 300 hours.

We will table this until later, for discussion in March.

Water Quality: Matt Stephens reported AW states in their executive summary that Pelican Lake is excellent and stable over time. There is, however, a tulibe and cisco squeeze in the late summer, though, somewhat typical year to year.

AW is suggesting that we do a winter sampling outside Jones Bay for \$1,942. It was concluded that Matt discuss the purpose of the winter testing and if compelling email the board for approval.

Concluded the report should be put on the web-site.

We also discussed that as far as the board is concerned, R and B Testing does not do much for our area and we prefer working with AW.

Discussed encouraging our residents to continue doing their own well testing.

AIS Monitoring: Discussed above under Landing Monitors

Newsletter and advertising: Bob Hamilton reported that advertising rates for our newsletters will be about the same as last year. Each newsletter will cost about \$3,500 which is covered by advertising with the organization generally picking up about \$1,400 for the year.

JoAnn Weaver mentioned again that she really does not want to continue as editor. JoAnn did indicate she will continue to help but encouraged us to select and new editor.

Brief discussion of potential challenges with temporary rental of lake property. We concluded that we do not want to become involved with an issue that does not directly affect the health of the lakes. May put an article in the newsletter outlining some of the concerns with vacation rentals.

Also encouraged including articles on winter activities

MAISRC Update: Drying most important. 3.9 million fry will be distributed in Pelican after May 8. After Sept. 1 fingerlings to be distributed.

Spring Kick Off, Would schedule between walleye opener and bass opener. Would be a good time to distribute trees, though trees will probably be available May 1.

Get advertisers to provide kick off door prizes.

Annual meeting speakers: Mark and Nick (director of MAISRC)

Decontamination Facility, Breezy Point: Mike Wiebolt has agreed to upgrade his new carwash to allow for the installation of this facility which will cost PLA approximately \$10,000 to \$11,000. Mike will also allow us to train his people to Level 2 inspectors.

We will then reimburse them for their actual time spent in training and actual decontamination.

There are grants available for costs associated with the actual decontamination. We need to summarize in writing what we will do and pay for and what Mike will do and pay for.

Items for next meeting:

Develop and review written agreement for Wiebolt.

Budget update.

Web-site update.

Formalize joining Pine River Watershed, (Jodi Billy expressed interest in representing us)

Other business items. We discussed and agreed that we should invite previous board members such as Glen and Clyde to sit in on our future board meetings to draw upon their experience.

Next Meeting: February 17, 9:00 AM at Northwoods Inn

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Donovan, Secretary