

PLA Board meeting minutes, May 2, 2019

Susan Koering, President, called the meeting to order at 9:10 am at Palmers Grill.

Present: Susan Koering, Tracy Donovan, Matt Stephens, David Slipy, Jim Nickel, Candy Rusk, Bob Hamilton, Chuck Lane, David Spizzo, and Tom Moore by telephone.

Also joining us: Glen Young and Dave Williams

Absent; Jodi Billy, Ted Brausen, Shu-Mei Hwang, and Bob Vaughn

Minutes of March 1, 2019: Reviewed and corrected, Matt Stephens moved to accept as corrected, David Slipy seconded, motion carried. (corrected minutes being distributed with this draft)

Finances: David Spizzo presented the Statement of Financial Position as of May 1, 2019, and Statement of Activity January 1 to May 1, 2019.

Discussed the difference in revenue, significantly higher in 2019 from 2018.

Accounting Services expect the total to be \$2,000 which we could save if we had a volunteer to provide, but with David's time restraints, this service has been determined by the board to be appropriate and worth it.

David reported that he entered under Lake Services the expected total annual bill from Central Aquatics of \$9,950 into QuickBooks for this first half of the year, rather than splitting half to the next portion. He noted that he has only paid the first half.

The \$922.40 under Landing Monitors is for the I-pads including the \$100.00 completed by Chris for loading the program.

Discussed paying dues for MN Lakes and Rivers Alliance, MNCOLA, LARA, and Pine River Watershed which should come to \$550.00 and agreed to pay these.

Tax exempt status is still on David Spizzo's list to conclude.

Website and Membership Links: Glen Young is again our volunteer web master and indicated he has changed to a website host for Non-Profits which allows us to make changes for free.

Glen pointed out this site is powered by wind power, a green item which can appeal to the "younger generation".

The web-cam is now back on and being serviced by Mark Halverson.

The website has a feature that users can "Subscribe" and/or "Unsubscribe."

The website can handle multiple mailing lists, such as one for Invasive species. It can also show the latest posts.

Glen will get the current mailing list from David Spizzo's QuickBooks list.

Nominating Committee: Tracy Donovan reported the committee made up of Tom Moore, Bob Hamilton, Matt Stephens, and Tracy determined that five board members terms are up, Susan Koering, Tracy Donovan, Chuck Lane, Bob Vaughn, and David Spizzo.

The Committee contacted Susan, Chuck, Bob, and David. They were each willing to stand for another term.

Tracy Donovan has determined that he will NOT serve another term.

The Committee determined we need one new person to stand for election. The Committee contacted Candy Rusk and found that Candy was willing to serve.

The Committee therefore submitted the four current members plus Candy as the slate to be voted on at the annual meeting.

Jim Nickel moved acceptance of the slate, Dave Slipy seconded, motion carried.

Landing Monitor/Decon Station status: David Slipy first thanked Chuck and Susan for their help through the winter on getting the iPads.

David reported that he has four inspectors ready, training is set. Tablets are here with hopes to be ready for the opener.

Decon station: Plans to meet with Mike Wiebolt to discuss several options.

- 1) Post at Pelican Square who to call to come and clean from 11:00 to 4:00 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- 2) Have an inspector sit at the decon station from 11:00 to 4:00 on those days.
- 3) Buy Track Phone Plans with a phone with paid for minutes (through Total Phone) with the number for people to call.

We concluded the third option is the preferred plan.

Water Quality Report: Matt Stephens reported that the water clarity has been inconsistent from last years to current years. Water temperature warmed earlier last year from previous years. The Zebra Mussels caused the water to clear, allowing sun and additional weed growth.

Matt emphasized that we must encourage the limitations of runoff from lawn chemicals and yard runoffs. We must also start letting people know of the effect of salt into ground water from water softeners.

Discussed that the clam population seems to be down and a corresponding decline of the zebra mussels.

Glen Young will get the old data back from prior to the last three years and get it back on the website.

We discussed that the loon camera does not need a new camera, rather, it needs a new server. We already approved \$2,000 for the camera which we will now use for the server.

MAISRC update: our \$10,000 gift to MAISRC was approved on a motion by Dave Slipy and second by Matt Stephens.

A new intern, Angelique Dahlberg, will be working the lakes this summer on a two year zebra mussel review. We encourage that she be visible on the lakes, spending less time in the office.

Fisheries: Jim Nickel will introduce Marc Bacigalupi at the annual meeting.

Buoys are on track for purchase and installation this summer.

Cormorant control is set for mid May, the license is for up to 600 birds and PLCC will match their last year's contribution of \$1,500 so with other help from Mission, Edward, Ossie, Horseshoe, and Mission we will be within our budget.

Breezy Point has offered housing for the "shooters" so we can, if needed get a two day shoot.

Forestry: Jim Nickel should have the trees, White Spruce, today or tomorrow. We are set for the distribution on Saturday at the Ace Hardware store. We will have applications for PLA memberships at this Tree Distribution.

Region 5 Children's Museum: Discussed supporting the Region 5 Children's Museum for the Pequot Lakes area. Region 5 includes five counties. This is associated with the Children's Museum in St. Paul/Rochester. We concluded that we would wait to consider support of this project until further information is known. We concluded that more study would be needed as it appears this is a questionable association to our stated purpose.

Business Cards for landing inspectors: Agreed to have David Slipy obtain such cards for his inspectors.

David Williams: Susan introduced David to share with us his concerns with short term rentals of lake cabins.

We took note of the spiraling use of these short term rentals, the stress placed on septic systems, the disruption in the neighborhoods, and the total lack of regard to the peace of the lake.

We discussed the fact that the county does not want to have the increased enforcement burden and what we might/should do.

David urged us to be aware, think about this, and perhaps consider a course of action.

Next Meetings: Board Meeting, June 26, Breezy Point City Hall, 9:00AM

Annual Meeting June 29, Dave Spizzo will provide about 30 additional chairs. Bob Hamilton will obtain several gift cards for “door prizes”

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

Submitted by Tracy Donovan, Secretary