

Pelican Lakes Association Board of Directors Minutes

September 5, 2019

Susan Koering, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am at the Palmer's Grill.

Present: Bob Hamilton, Bob Vaughn, Candy Rusk, Chuck Lane, David Slipy, David Spizzo, Jim Nickel, Matt Stephens, Shu-Mei Hwang, Susan Koering, and Tom Moore

Absent: Jodi Billie and Ted Brausen

Announcements and discussion:

Susan sent around Board member contact details to be reviewed and edited.

Business outside of a formal meeting: The slate of officers for 2019/2020 was approved via email due to meeting the newsletter deadline and no prior meeting scheduled. Approved were Susan Koering, President, Jodi Billy, Vice President, Candy Rusk, Secretary, and David Spizzo, Treasurer. All Board positions have been filled

Secretary's report: Susan Koering reported that the revised minutes from the June 26th board meeting had been distributed to the board electronically. Candy Rusk will now be acting as Secretary.

Motion to accept was made by Tom Moore, seconded by Bob Hamilton and passed.

Landing Monitor Report/Decon Station Report: David Slipy reported.

As of August, 23nd, we have conducted 22 decons and have inspected 3077 watercrafts.

Dave Thomas carries the Tracfone and passes it to Dale Johnson or Dave Federer. We pay him separate for off hours that he works. Only 1 occurrence so far this year.

The DNR has a portable Decon Station. Monitors give out the number when they are not available.

Project last day of inspectors working would be Sept 22nd with 1 extra day to work the fishing contest on Sept 29th. If it's rainy the inspectors won't be called upon to work their shift.

David would like \$200 slush fund in case they go over hours. It will cover 5 hours of work. Jim Nickel moved and Matt Stephens seconded accepted covering the hours. Motion carried.

Tracfone usage is a success. Spring 2020 newsletter will introduce the monitors. We will be giving them gift certificates for Christmas

Jim Nickel moved and Bob Hamilton seconded approving gift certificates to be given to the monitors. Motion carried.

Water Quality Report: Matt Stephens reported

Matt Stephens took Sara Ahlers from A & W Research out for 2 to 2 1/2 hours for water quality testing. This was done in 3 spots with an average water quality of 17 feet clarity. She informed him we are so much better than the other lakes. We also have a strong lake association.

Financials: David Spizzo reported

Financials we would like to find somebody to do data entry to lessen the accounting services of \$2350.

There was a \$200 discrepancy in the Cormorant Control Jim Nickel reported it Dave Spizzo who then corrected it.

AIS Control: Bob Vaughn reported

Little Pelican Veliger testing (no cost) took place and still no Zebra Mussels.

Starry Trek on August 17 and per the report found no new Starry Stonewort in CWC. Starry Stonewort hasn't been seen in 15 years. Very controllable if it is seen. It just needs to be treated. With the discovery of Starry in Lake Beltrami there are now 15 infested lakes.

Fisheries/Forestry/Shoreline: Jim Nickel reported

This spring 388 cormorants were removed. We won't be able to get a permit to remove the cormorants if there are no trees. It has been observed that 2 eagles have taken up residence. It was remarked that we would like to add eagle stands for nesting. We need to do some research to find out what that would entail.

Fisheries: Walleyes are about 3 to 5 1/2-inch increase in past 2 years. Stocking from 2 years ago is noticeable. May be able to get more fingerlings this year in October. There are not many walleyes being caught during the day mostly at night which has been observed by the monitors.

Jim noticed that there has been a significant decrease in zebra mussels due to the life cycle.

In October the DNR will be testing the fishing population. If it is warranted that we can stock more fingerlings, we will need \$10,000. This equates to about 18,500 fingerlings.

David Spizzo moved, and Chuck Lane seconded the approval of fingerling being purchased if needed. Motion carried.

Forestry: Our seedling giveaway will be May 2nd. Jim would like to do one thousand white spruce seedlings again for \$800 plus delivery and 2020 price increase. He needs to get order in soon. Very important that they be very fresh trees for the best outcome.

David Spizzo moved, and Matt Stephens seconded approval of \$1000 seedling/soil/packaging to be purchased. Motion carried.

Newsletter: Susan Koering reported

Fall newsletter final edits made. Distribution date projection 9/6/19. Always looking for new photos to be added.

Beach Captains: Shu-Mei Hwang reported

We have submitted a list of areas in need of a beach captain to be published in the newsletter.

Public Relations: Tom Moore reporting

We were voted in Brainerd Area Lakes contest as the “# 1 Lake” designation for Brainerd Dispatch. We are also in the Top 1% of water quality in Minnesota. He would like more of the laminated signs of the “best of” to distribute around the community. Announcement will also be added to the newsletter.

Horseshoe Lake attaches membership signs to the homeowner fire signs. Tom Moore will be doing some research on ordering and design. These would be given to those that are at a certain level of donation. Everyone liked the idea.

Water Safety Youth Class: Chuck Lane reported

There were only 15 youth in the boat and water safety class on June 17th at the BP police department. PLA supplied the pizza and water. CWC would like all life jackets next year to be the same so that they are consistent throughout the county sponsored classes. We are to supply the class with life jackets next year and PLCC the pizza.

Website Content: Susan Koering

No updates or recommendations shared. Glen is doing a wonderful job.

PARTNER UPDATES: Susan Koering

No updates at this time
CWC LARA*
Pine River Watershed- Public meeting, see below.
MN Lakes and River Advocates
MN COLA**

Annual Meeting 2020: Susan Koering

Susan would like to change the date due to scheduling conflicts. After discussion on possible Saturdays it was agreed that July 11th would be the best option.

Shu-Mei Hwang moved, and Bob Vaughn seconded approving the date of the annual meeting to be Saturday July 11th. Motion carried.

ANNUAL MEETING CRITIQUE

Overall a great meeting. Had about 20-30 standing. Spoke about the attendance had very few attendees that were not of retirement age. Candy suggested we do more Facebook advertisement and posting to other Facebook pages connected to the lake. Possibly focus especially on the Gooseberry Island group since it has the membership demographic we are looking to recruit.

There was a request to have a fishing expert, a chemical use topic, and a water quality update.

Next board meeting will be December 6 at 9:00 AM, place to be determined.

- CALENDAR
 - Annual letter to members January 2020
 - Seminars/Events
 - MAISRC AIS Showcase- MAISRC Campus, St Paul, September 18, 2019, 9AM- 5PM
 - 1W1P Pine River Watershed Action Planning Public meeting October 3, 2019, Ideal Hall

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

David Spizzo moved, and Jim Nickel seconded

Submitted by Candy Rusk, Secretary