

MINUTES: Pentwater Lake Association (PLA)

April 18, 2022

- 1) Called to order @ 6:39pm @ Centenary United Methodist Church (UMC)
- 2) Roll call: Pat Hooyman, Tom Walter, Rich Pugsley, Beth Provencal, Joe Primozich, Ross Feltes, Joan Menke-Schaenzer, George Richey. PLA Members: Lynne Cavazos – Social Chair and AnnaMae Bush- Editor of PLA Newsletter. Absent but reports sent via e-mail: Kelie Bond and Betty Pleva.
- 3) Approval of Agenda: Joe made a request to add PLA Scholarship discussion to New Business. Motion made by Ross to accept the agenda with addition, Rich seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.
- 4) Public Comment: None
- 5) Approval of Minutes: Ross requested 4 small corrections, all agreed. Motion made by Rich to approve the March 21, 2022 Minutes with corrections, Joe seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed. Beth requested Bios to be sent for master PLA notebook.
- 6) Treasurer Report: Rich had emailed report before meeting. Current totals include: General Funds: \$ 9,005.72, Harvesting: \$2025.00 and Dave Rose Memorial / Youth Fishing Tournament Donations: \$2,432.77. Of note, our liability insurance has increased this year by @ \$100. (mandatory for events). Speech Contest student, Brandon Macher, will be paid once he completes his presentation to his English class.
- 7) Next Board Meeting: MAY 16, 2022 @ 6:30pm @ Centenary UMC
- 8) **Committee Reports –**
 - A. NEWSLETTER: AnnaMae reported she will soon begin work on the May Newsletter. Requested some help with some of the technical articles. Just returned from vacation but hopes to publish by mid-May. Articles are due by April 23. She is requesting pictures of new board members.
 - B. PUBLICITY: Pat reported press releases were sent for this meeting.
 - PSC Presentation May 19: Pat has started putting together a half hour PowerPoint presentation. The greatest difficulty is condensing all that the PLA does, and still leave time for Q&A. He will bring PLA Membership forms with him.
 - Start of Summer Party June 5: Notified we do have a booth reserved. A few volunteers will be needed to man the booth. Will have flyers about the Youth Fishing Tournament, Strawberry Shortcake Social as well as Membership forms available. Will finalize volunteers in May PLA meeting.
 - C. WEBSITE: Beth reported keeping the Website up to date with Minutes and date of next meeting.
 - Beth asked group opinion of creating a “Native Fish found in Pentwater Lake” page with names and pictures. It was agreed this would be good to do especially with the annual Youth Fishing Tournament coming up soon. It would be an educational resource for the children and adults. Joe will email Beth names of top 20, noting it

would be impossible to name them all.

FACEBOOK PAGE: Several educational opportunities, and lake associated photos and videos have been posted. There are many “likes” and a few comments.

- D. MEMBERSHIP: Rich reported has received 3 renewals and 1 new membership. The Annual Meeting mailing with the revised membership envelope are to be mailed out soon.
- E. WATER QUALITY: Kelie Bond absent but had sent email to Pat with report. She has been in contact with Mike Peters, is becoming more knowledgeable of the chair duties and what to include in the monthly report.
- Joe reported the Water Testing Schedule: Monthly water testing starts May 19. We will need a driver for delivery to the Muskegon Lab (Annis Center) by noon Thursday May 19. A driver is needed for Grand Rapids delivery on Tuesday June 21st, to be delivered before noon. The GR testing is for phosphorus and is done twice a year. Kelie, Joe, Tom and Rich are all trained for water sampling. We do need to train more people to do this for the future.
 - All the water quality data except 6 years is now scanned into Google Drive. * Pat will check with the PLIB to see if they have the missing data. Pat will grant access as needed.
 - Kelie and Ross will be attending the MI Lakes & Streams Association 61st Annual Conference May 5-7, 2022 at Crystal Mountain Resort.
 - Ross will be attending the Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting in GR from May 14-20, 2022.
- F. NATURAL RESOURCES: Joe reported that an Osprey was recently sighted! Also, eagles, loons, blue heron and some purple martins have been seen.
- He had a recent resident concern call about frogs as they have not heard the peepers or seen frogs yet. They were wondering if this is an actual problem? Wondering if so, is it from predator vs chemicals i.e., spraying for frogbit? It was suggested we put a “Frog Log” in the marsh area for a safe resting area and have PLA members, students, residents observe and report findings. When this is installed, Beth will post something on PLA FB site.
 - Tom reported the DNR did a controlled/prescribed burn in the Pentwater Pathways Game Area recently. This is to target invasive plants in the floor – not trees or native plants. A public DNR report regarding this is available to the public.
- G. SOCIAL: Lynne reported Annual Meeting notices will be mailed out soon. Flyers and membership envelopes are back from Pixel Grafix Studio. Lynne, Caroline Denlar, Janet Strahan, Beth Provencal and AnnaMae Bush will be stuffing envelopes next week. Rich will make up labels. Caroline will be responsible for getting them to the Post Office for mailing.
- Speaker: John Beard will have lodging in guest house of the Strahan’s for 2 nights. His presentation title is: “Investing in Lake MI Fisheries Resource”.
 - Social Committee is working on final details of food, decorations and handouts.

H. EDUCATION: Betty Pleva absent but had sent email to Pat with update/report. (He will forward this to Beth for Minutes). The only participant: Brandon Macher will present to English class in May. He will be presented with the winner's award of \$125.00 at Pentwater School Awards ceremony. Will have another Speech Contest next October. More information will be noted in the May PLA Newsletter.

9) UNFINISHED BUSINESS / CONTINUING BUSINESS:

a) Grant updates:

-WMSRDC update on Sandy Bend funding. Next meeting is April 21, 2022 covering the engineering portion of process.

-Clean Boats/Clean Waters (CB/CW) Grant through the MSU Extension Program (Kelsey Brockelman): The grant request was submitted. PLA has < 30% chance of obtaining but tried. If we do not get the grant, the PLA will pay for this from budget. It is scheduled for July 16-17. We were unable to get a power washer this year.

b) Seminar List: Ross Feltes has continued to update the list he compiled with available, upcoming seminars that would be of interest and benefit to PLA members. He will email this directly to Beth who will post each event as nears registration time on the PLA FB site. The newest one is the MSU Lake MI Fisheries Workshop coming April 25. Beth asked Ross to send reminder emails to her as a double check to make sure to remain timely.

c) Consolidated water quality historical data project – done 1974-1995 and 2003-2021. (covered under Water Quality Committee report above*)

d) Outreach to other lake associations: Meeting with Garry McKeen has not occurred yet.

e) Update from Pentwater Watershed Council: The council is sending their Minutes to the PLA Board as they occur to keep posted. Ross and Rich met with Michelle Martin last month. She is a great resource regarding many issues including the history of drains – pros and cons. They will meet with Jake Lemon, the Eastern Angler Science Coordinator from Trout Unlimited, April 22, 2022. He is familiar with the White River and may be a good resource regarding the Pentwater River. The Council will meet after this to summarize and continue to work an Action Plan.

f) Channel Dredging: The letter the PLA drafted was sent as planned. The letter was shared with the Pentwater Service Club for their members to send as desired. Chris Brown, City Manager is in contact with legislators to apply for grant monies. Channel depth mapping was completed, and found to be 7-8 feet, though some areas were as shallow as 5 feet.

10) NEW BUSINESS:

a) Board Member recommendations for 2022-2023: Pat proposed that since Janet Strahan has resigned, it would be beneficial to reinstate Lynne Cavazos as a board member for the remainder of the term. She remains the Social Chair for the PLA and attends all the meetings.

– Joe, Rich and Pat have all agreed to renew their Board commitment for another 3 years.

– Kelie Bond will need to be on the agenda for the Annual Meeting to formally become a board member for a 3-year term.

Motion made by Rich to accept the above recommendations; Joe seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

- b) Joe asked the Board if the PLA should begin offering PLA Scholarships? We would need 3-5 people on a nominating committee to decide on the requirements, number & amounts offered, selections process, etc. There are many students who are in the Pentwater School “Green Club”, there are also students, local and seasonal, that volunteer their time to help with PLA Projects and local projects. All present unanimously agreed this would be worth exploring. Joe offered to chair it. Rich, Pat, Joan, AnnaMae offered to do this, and suggested, if interested, George Richey would be a great addition. Will ask Ericka Fatura, if willing, to be a “Student Advisor”. Joe will report at the May PLA meeting.

11) BOARD COMMENTS:

AnnaMae spoke about an interesting article she’d read recently about salt and road pollutants effect on Church Lake in GR. Please see the May Newsletter for details.

Pat stated that as PLA members and Pentwater residents, we can research the type of fertilizer we are using on our lawns and be sure the phosphorus levels are not too high. On a bag of fertilizer of the 3 #s you read – the middle one should always be 0.

It was noted that the 90° boat launch dock (off Longbridge Rd) has been fixed already. Not known who did the work, but it is improved. The PLA will readdress needs next year.

Joe stated the Youth Fishing Tournament will run from June 11 to August 14 at 12midnight, 2022. Signs will be posted. Beth will put information on PLA FB page.

12) ADJOURNMENT: 8:53pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Provencal
PLA Secretary