

MINUTES: Pentwater Lake Association (PLA)

April 27, 2023

- 1) Zoom meeting was called to order 6:30pm by President George Richey.
- 2) Roll Call: PRESENT: Board members George Richey, Tom Walter, Rich Pugsley, Lynne Cavazos, Ross Feltes, and Joe Primozich. Visitor: Carol Feltes. ABSENT: Beth Provencal, Joan Menke-Schaenzer, and Dan Selahowski.
- 3) Approval of Agenda: Dissolved oxygen testing added to the agenda by Tom. Ross added items for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, Library Summer Open House and Watershed conversation with Bumstead's office. Lynne added update on PTW articles. Rich added four items: Cottage lights, Mike Peters remembrance, PLA clothing, and Start of Summer event.
- 4) Public Comment: Carol discussed the Library Summer Open House and recommended the PLA participate. The PLA did participate last year and subsequently to the meeting we have signed up with Lynne as the contact. The date is June 12th 11:00 to 1:00.
- 5) Approval of March 22nd minutes. Change Sandy Bend engineering to 34 tons. Lynne motioned to approve the minutes; Tom seconded. Motion carried.
- 6) Treasurer's Report from Rich. General Fund total \$9,298.06 a change of -\$825. No change to the Harvesting at \$2,025, or the Rose Donations at \$2,317.28, or the Friends at \$2,700. Lynne motioned to reimburse Rich \$30 for fixing the Kiosk at the Monroe Road Boat ramp to replace one plexiglass panel; Ross seconded. Motion was approved. The treasurer's report was accepted.
- 7) Next Board Meeting: May 15, 2023 at Centenary United Methodist Church at 6:30pm.
- 8) COMMITTEE Reports:
 - a. Newsletter – A 16-page newsletter has been sent with emails being sent on Friday, April 28th.
 - b. Publicity – Pat via email. Submitted to papers for Monday.
 - c. Social Media – Beth (absent) had a new grandson.
 - d. Membership – Rich. No new members. Extra newsletters printed for new members and events. Need to think about recruiting swag for use at events. Need people to implement some ideas such as the anchor stickers. Caroline may have some left.
 - e. Water Quality – Pat via email. The Spring Phosphorus sampling with the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) was performed by Joe. We will have a meeting of the water quality team in May to finalize the collection schedule for 2023. Tim Cole, Kelie Bond, and Pat will attend the CLMP training in Crystal Mountain on May 5th. The training is free so there is no cost to the PLA. Dissolved Oxygen testing has been included in the CLMP testing for 2023. The training will tell us whether any equipment may be needed. Rich sent out links to the videos from the Phosphorus conference sponsored by Kathy Evans last year. Anna Mae may do a summary newsletter article in

August. Summer water quality testing is targeted for the second Thursday of the month, starting May 11th. Joe to connect with Pat.

- f. Natural Resources – Joe. Walleye and Pike seasons are open again. Salmon in front of the channel. PLIB in Silver Lake is sponsoring a conference on septic tanks. The first baby geese have been spotted. Good bluegill fishing off Longbridge Rd. An untreated sewage spill occurred in Pentwater. Captured in unused lagoon. The township now has responsibility for two of the sewer systems: North (Monroe Rd) and South (Apache Hills and Hill Top), but not the treatment plant. Ross discovered Hemlock Woolly Adelgid along the east end of Madison Rd and in Pentwater. He notified the Oceana Conservation District and provided information that was sent out via email to all PLA members.
 - g. Social – Lynne. Membership/Annual Meeting information has been sent. Included new volunteer form for Landing Blitz, parade, and score the shore. Lynne to keep the responsibility for the PTW magazine articles.
 - h. Education – Rich for Betty. Art contest scheduled for May 15th with the Pentwater grades 4-8. Betty and Rich to give a presentation. Kids will have two weeks in their art classes to create a personalized logo (i.e., Smokey the Bear) for clean drain dry. Awards to be given out at the awards ceremony at the end of school. Hope to use the scholarship committee as judges. After discussion Rich motioned to award \$25 to each grade 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8: seconded by Lynne. Motion approved.
 - i. Friends of the Pentwater River Watershed – Rich. Road/Stream crossing surveys started. Sediment run-off was assessed after a hard rain event. Russell Creek and Chippewa Creek in Hart were the biggest contributors. Crystal Valley Pond also contributed. The committee will do a Quality Assessment Project Plan for Molecular Source Tracking e Coli testing and weed treatment water testing below Hart Dam. The funding would be covered by PLIB. A plan for additional grant money for Sandy Bend needs to be worked out. Discussed \$5,000 grant proposal to Oceana County Community Foundation for the Friends watershed survey. Grant would leave the total funding for the project cost estimate \$1,000 short. This can be covered by private donations, or a reduction in the number of households surveyed. This is discussed in the grant. Lynne motioned to approve submitting the grant; Ross seconded. Motion approved. At the request of Senator Bumstead Ross talked with Andrew Lasko, his assistant, about the watershed. DNR funding may be available to the PLIB. Ross will check at the MLSA conference.
- 9) Unfinished/Continuing Business:
- a. Upcoming educational opportunities - See Ross's emails or go to MSU website. Discussed Tip of the Mitt webinar on septic field testing and the fact that Michigan is the only state without a state-wide septic code. The webinar from FLOW also discussed the efforts in the legislature to create a common code. Ross and Carol attended the Schrems Trout Unlimited meeting and sent out a summary.
 - b. Channel Dredging – Scheduled for early June.
 - c. PLA Scholarship – No update.
 - d. Coastal Resiliency Project – Pentwater has been accepted into the project. Looking at sand movement on the channel. Sent in a lot of historical data.
 - e. Google Drive Account – No update.
 - f. Clean Boats Clean Waters – After discussion agreed to register Pentwater Lake July 8th. We will be receiving additional handout materials from the State for Landing Blitz and Paddle Stewards.

- g. Wake Boat Recommendations – May newsletter contained an article from Tim Simons and a picture of the bullseye chart. A future article on lake buoys their functions and locations still needs to be done.
 - h. Stem Grant – This is no longer a go program. Will remove from agenda.
 - i. MSLA Annual Conference - George motioned that the PLA cover the costs for the MSLA conference and CLMP training (registration, travel, lodging) not to exceed \$1,000 for Tim (one day training), Pat (training and conference) and Ross (conference); seconded by Rich. Motion approved.
 - j. Pilot Program for Score the Shore – Article in May newsletter. Lynne and Tom created an Earth Day poster. Volunteer form asking for interested people. PLIB has approved doing an RFP for a Lake and Shore Manager for the new 5-year plan. This will all help the transition from scoring the shore to improving the score. Could also include a form at the annual meeting.
- 10) New Business
- a. Scholarship Program – Joe motioned to create a standing committee for the PLA Scholarship Program; Rich seconded. Motion approved. Chairman – Joe Primozich, Members: Betty Pleva, Anna Mae Bush, Joan Menke-Schaenzer, Rich Pugsley, and Pat Hooyman. The program would be targeted for the 23/24 school year.
 - b. Swimming Lessons – Board requests a more formal presentation on details on how a program might work, i.e., costs, teachers, pool, number of kids, timing, number of lessons, liability insurance, parental approvals, school agreement, etc.
 - c. Mike Peters – Memorials should be handled on a personal basis.
 - d. Lynne will talk with Pat relative to a memorial.
 - e. PLA Clothing – Discussed options and agreed for Rich to follow-up with PSA to see how they handle it. Lynne to follow-up with Dan Nugent. Question to ask at MSLA conference.
 - f. Bright lights on the lake – Discussed. Lynne recommended Rich speak with Keith Edwards, Pentwater Zoning Administrator.
 - g. Start of Summer Event – Will be held on June 4th at 5:00. Need to determine our participation.
- 11) Board Member Comments
- a. Pat Hooyman has agreed to come back onto the PLA Board starting in June.
- 12) The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Pugsley