

**PENTWATER LAKE ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Centenary United Methodist Church**  
(First In-Person Mtg post Covid)  
**July 19, 2021**

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by T. Walter at 6:30pm (Pat notified the Board he would be late)
2. Roll Call: Tom Walter, Pat Hooyman, Rich Pugsley, Janet Strahan, Dr. Ross Feltes, Beth Provencal. PLA Member/Guests: AnnaMae Bush: Newsletter Editor, Lynne Cavazos: Social Chair and Dean Jessup: President of Pentwater Sportfisherman's Association (PSA).
3. Approval of Agenda: No additions. Beth made a motion to accept the agenda as written, Janet seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Approval of Minutes: Lynne made a motion to accept the MAY 17, 2021 Minutes as written, Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
NOTE: With the recent change of Board members, it was discussed who should be responsible for what. It was decided: Pat (President) will send the Agenda, Beth (Secretary) will send the Minutes and Rich (Treasurer) will send out Financial Reports to PLA Board Members via email 7-10 days before each meeting.
6. Treasurer Report: The transition from George Richey and Lynne C. to Rich continues. They will need today's Minutes with Election information to present to Huntington Bank (in Hart) for the savings/checking to change hands.  
Rich and Lynne provided the following information: As of 4.17.21 we had \$1,831.86 in PLA Checking account, as of 7.15.21 there is \$5,990.28 because of income of Membership dues. There are 189 paid memberships and 44 unpaid. (Total: 233).  
46 members signed up for Riparian Magazine subscription. Rich will bring in the names of unpaid members next meeting so we can contact them individually. By end of October will have final Membership number. Only paid members will have their name in the Annual Directory. Rich stated still need to pay Andy Krueger \$100 for Weed Harvest work. Lynne will get a check to Joe Primozich to pay Andy.

NOTE: This was an informal Treasurer Report d/t circumstances- no motion made or needed.

7. Next Board Meeting: August 16, 2021 6:30pm, Rich Pugsley's home. PLA has been given permission to meet monthly at the Centenary Methodist Church. Because we will not be granted a key, they will open/close for us when we need access. Location will continue to be determined monthly.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Newsletter – AnnaMae

- The August newsletter is on schedule. Deadline is 7.20.21 for articles. Rich will be sending an article regarding the 7.17.21 Launch Blitz. Emily Newman has been asked for a summary of her presentation for the November Newsletter.
- New Guidelines have been written up for submission and emailed to contributors and PLA Board members for continuity and ease of publication. (see attached)
- AnnaMae will now be the direct contact with Pentwater JH/HS Science teacher, Erica Fatura rather than Lynne.

b. Publicity – Pat

- NOTE: Facebook (FB) report will now be connected to the PLA Website Committee report d/t change of Committee chairpersons. See below.*
- This month did not know about location of meeting in time to publish in newspapers, it was posted on PLA FB and Website.

c. Membership – Rich

- See Treasurer Report above

d. Water Quality – Mike Peters absent / Rich reported:

- Water samples continue to routinely be collected by Joe, Rich and Tom and taken to GVSU Annis Center but have not received any report yet. The report is emailed, unclear who receives this report. Rich will talk to Mike. Duckweed and Filamentous algae are blooming in the lake and drifting with the wind. It is natural and harmless even though it may be unsightly to some. The ducks love it!
- PLIB (Pentwater Lake Improvement Board) has a contract with Progressive\* regarding treatment of aquatic invasive species (AIS). It is actually recommended to collect water samples every 10 feet, but this must be done professionally and needs to be in the contract.

- e. Natural Resources – Joe Primozich absent / Tom reported:  
-PLA will be completing a “Score the Shore: A Shoreline Habitat Assessment” this year. It will require at least 3 volunteers to complete. Tom and Joe volunteered, so still need 1 more. Tom presented aerial photos of PTW Lake with 1000-foot increments marked in multiple colors that will need to be divided and scored. He also presented a MiCorps Fact Sheet and an example of a Score the Shore 2021 Data Form that the volunteers will be completing. Three raw scores will be obtained from Littoral, Riparian and Erosion Control Zones. This information will identify areas of PTW Lake that are in the poorest condition. Then PLA can hold formal educational sessions as well as have informal conversations with neighbors about ways to improve our score, i.e., our lake. The goal is to have the data collected by middle to end of September 2021. (For information re: MiCorps Program - please visit <https://micorps.net/lake-monitoring/>)

-Last, Joe sent word that the Eagle fledglings were seen to have fledged on July 10<sup>th</sup>! The nest is on the south branch of the Pentwater River. Others have noted sightings of mink and nonpoisonous snakes. There is an abundance of wildlife in our area!

- f. Social – Lynne *See 9/A and 11/3 sections (re: Annual Mtg and Strawberry Social)*

- g. Facebook / Website – Beth / Janet

-Post PLA Elections and change of committee chairpersons, FB and website will now be handled by Beth and Janet.

-Facebook continues to be difficult to post and edit. Janet is going to call Heather Douglas (Township Treasurer) as she has experience with FB and may be able to assist.

-Beth has been able to post all the Youth Fishing Tournament pictures to the website but has not been able to upload the PLA Minutes. She will be working with Claudia Rodan for guidance to get this accomplished.

- h. Education – Betty Pleva absent

Lynne stated Betty notified her she will continue to be the interface between Pentwater School and PLA and serve as Education Chairperson.

9. Unfinished / Continuing Business: Lynne-

- A. Report on PLA Annual Meeting on 6.25.21:

Lynne provided a handout with the summary of the cost of the June 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Total expenditures: \$1,245.77. We were notified by our presenter, Emily

Newman, that she is not allowed as a Graduate Student to accept any payment. Dinner dues covered all but approximately \$500 which will be covered by Strawberry Social proceeds.

Zoom did not work well in that setting. Hopefully will not have to utilize in the future.

B. Additional Updates from Work Groups:

a) Aquatic Vegetative Management – Tom

Nothing new to add - Progressive / PLIB ongoing work already mentioned.

b) Water Quality – Tom

Continuing work on State of the Lake, Volunteer Pathway and Donation Pathway.

c) Boating Safety / Water Safety – Rich (See Blitz Report below)

d) Community Involvement / Education – Lynne for Betty

The student posters were completed and still up around town to enjoy. Did not do any “rewards” system for the children as it got too complicated for vendors.

Betty got some free coupons and paid for some so each student did receive a local treat. Betty intends to continue as our Chairperson for Education.

2) Report on BLITZ Event on 7.17.21 - Rich

PLA had a very successful launch blitz on July 17 from 9:00am-4:00pm. The weather was perfect and the 3 launches were busy. We had the MSU Boat Wash guys (2 of them: Will and Mason) for the first time. (This is a no cost service through MSU Sea Grant Program). Special thanks to Dan Selahowski for arranging! The launch leads were: Joe Primozich, Tom Walter and Rich Pugsley. 5 volunteers assisted: Lynne Cavazos, Janet Strahan, Marsha Walter, Joan Schaezner and Christina Bos. 3 DNR officers also supported the effort: Troy VanGeldren, Mica Hintz and Ben Shivley.

Summary: 222 people talked to (Twice the number from 2019). 48

powerboats/pontoons, 1 sailboat, 51 kayaks / paddleboards/canoe and 10 jet skis. 5 boats took advantage of the boat wash. 2 of these boats (40%) did have Starry Stonewort, an invasive species, identified on the mat afterwards. This is alarming to think invasive species are being transported to and from our lakes and how very important it is to inform boaters of the danger and encourage them to wash boats between waterways. The Paddle-Steward online class information generated a lot of interest with the kayakers.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Guest: Dean Jessup, PSA President, presented a request for PLA to join PSA financially in a joint venture to purchase 1 new “No Wake” buoy to replace a 12-year-old buoy (initially donated approximately 12 years ago by Milt Pugsley) as well as the purchase of 2 replacement one-mile solar lights with hardware. Cost: \$1398.00. The request was

submitted verbally and also presented a written estimate from Rolyan Buoy (www.rolyanbuoys.com out of Cedarburg, WI) (*handout attached*)

After discussion regarding need for boater safety, a motion was made by Rich to donate \$700, seconded by Pat. All in favor, motion passed.

The PSA will pay the full cost until goods arrive, then PLA will pay their portion as agreed.

11. Review and Action: PLA Board Officers and Committee Chairs:

1. ELECTION of PLA Board Members for 2021/2022:

President: Patrick Hooyman

Vice President: Tom Walter

Secretary: Beth Provencal

Treasurer: Rich Pugsley

Beth made a motion to elect officers as listed, Janet seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried. It was noted a copy of these Minutes must be presented to bank for transition. Beth agreed to complete Minutes asap.

2. Identification of Committee Chairs for 2021/ 2022:

A. Newsletter – AnnaMae Bush

B. Publicity – Pat Hooyman

C. Membership – Rich Pugsley

D. Water Quality – Mike Peters (since Mike not present, will be confirmed by Tom)

E. Natural Resources – Joe Primozich

F. Social – Lynne Cavazos / Janet Strahan

G. Website – Beth Provencal / Janet Strahan

H. Education – Betty Pleva

3. Strawberry Social Event - Lynne

Thursday August 12, 2021 (6:00pm-9:00pm)

We have 30 volunteers! It was decided all Board members will not have an assignment this year, but will need to assist with set up at 4:30pm and take-down at 9:00pm - at least 4 for each task is needed. We cannot take down while the band is playing- they are scheduled 7-9pm. Beth volunteered to be the Greeter from 6-9pm. John Faas agreed to help shuttle the ice cream from Centenary Methodist Church to the Green, Pat will help him. We have enough trucks to bring tables, supplies.

Caroline informed Lynne that this will be her last year of assisting with the Strawberry Social. We need to recruit more members for the Social Committee as they are responsible for the Annual Meeting, Strawberry Social and IF it is decided to have a float in the Homecoming Parade.

There was discussion about having a float this year. It would be very good to help stir interest and recruit new PLA Members. Questions remained after discussion: What kind of float could we have? A "Boat Float" with banners on each side? Is there enough time and interest? Pat agreed to contact the Chamber of Commerce to get the details, cost, timing, what is required. He will email Board members and decisions can be made via email.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 pm

Next meeting: August 16, 2021 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Provencal