

PENTWATER LAKE ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

Held outdoors at Rich Pugsley's residence

AUGUST 16, 2021 MINUTES

Called to order @ 6:45pm

Roll call: Tom Walter, Rich Pugsley, Joe Primozich, Dr. Ross Feltes, Joan Menke-Schaenzer, Beth Provencal. PLA Member: Lynne Cavazos. Absent: Pat Hooyman, Mike Peters, Janet Strahan, Dan Selahowski. Anna Mae Bush: Newsletter Editor and Betty Pleva: Education Chair.

Approval of Agenda: Joe requested addition of Youth Fish Tournament results and Vegetation report. Beth made a motion to approve with additions, Ross seconded it. All approved, motion carried.

Opportunity for Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes for July 19, 2021: No additions or corrections. Joan made a motion to approve minutes as written, Ross seconded it. All approved, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Informal report given by Rich Pugsley assisted by Lynne Cavazos as they are still in transition. Pat and Rich are officially signees at the bank. Did leave Lynne on as signee in case back up needed. Rich has the checkbook. The portion \$700 cost toward buoy purchase with PSA has been paid. Joe requested Andy Kruger be paid an additional \$150 (already approved) for work done in in Calico Bay, north side of the Boat House, on Saturday August 14. (That was Andy's final day. Joe is recruiting other students to assist with Weed Harvesting for the future.) Also requested was \$131.00 to be paid to Joe for cost of 4th Annual Fish Tournament trophies.

Next Board Meeting: September 20, 2021 at 6:30 at Pat Hooyman's residence.

Committee Reports:

- A. Newsletter: Anna Mae absent. Per Lynne the August Newsletter was sent out on time. Next one expected in November, however must confirm with Anna Mae. Rich is now responsible for sending the Newsletter to PLA Members. 104 Newsletters were sent via mail and 130 via email. Did have to convert 4 emails to mail because of incorrect email addresses listed.
- B. Publicity: Pat absent. Pat submitted the August PLA meeting announcement in the Oceana Herald-Journal and Ludington Daily News. Beth posted it on the PLA Facebook page and PLA Website.
- C. Website and PLA Facebook: Beth reported that she and Janet met with Claudia Ressel-Hodan on July 29th at Park Place for 1.5 hours of further training. Beth is officially the

Administrator and Janet Strahan the Editor of both the PLA website and FB pages as decided at July 19, 2021 PLA meeting. The website has been updated with new Board members, Minutes, Fishing Tournament pictures and information. The Newsletter will be uploaded as soon as have the .pdf version. (Please see New Business for Adobe software needs/cost for PLA website postings.) Beth stated the PLA credit card information will need to be updated on the Website as previous card expired – need updated date and CVC number. Rich will call Beth with this information.

- D. Membership: Rich reported he has received more mail/envelopes in the PLA PO Box but has not opened them all to be able to give a complete report at this time. He will report more at the September meeting. The outstanding membership list of 44 people/families who have not yet renewed was reviewed. Various Board members volunteered to contact those they know to remind and ask if interested in renewing.
- E. Water Quality: Mike absent. Tom and Joe informed the Board the next Water Sampling is scheduled for this Thursday Aug 19th, then one more scheduled for September. There are still no results available from GVSU. They will check with Mike to see if he received anything in his email. Hopefully will have some results by the Sept PLA Meeting. We still need a Water Quality Committee – 4 being a good number to assist with Data Collection, Data Reports, Data Analysis and maintenance of past records of Pentwater Lake. Active recruiting is in process.
- F. Natural Resources: Joe reported that due to rain events, Duckweed and Filamentous Algae in the Marsh are growing in abundance, while unsightly and annoying, these are native vegetation. Unfortunately, we are still waiting for the weed harvest permit; it must be renewed every year. Last year we were done with Weed Harvesting by August 10th. We are prepared and ready. Joe has had 8 Riparian phone calls asking about weeds/assistance with identifying invasive versus noninvasive and what homeowners can do to clean up their lakefront themselves. It's important to not remove the native vegetation or the invasives will multiply even faster. Starry Stonewort is covering about 40% of our shoreline. It absorbs phosphorus, effecting plant life which fish need to feed on to survive. The PLIB (Pentwater Lake Improvement Board) is looking into this. We are seeing more Wild Celery now which is a good native species. The PLIB has adopted the Minnesota recommended Guidelines of fighting invasive vegetation 50% mechanically and 15% chemically. Cannot over state-we do not want to kill the Native species or the invasives will take over.
- G. Social: Lynne gave the final report regarding the Strawberry Shortcake Social. Surprisingly there were not as many people at Homecoming this year – not at the parade, fireworks or concert. It's estimated attendance was down by 25%. That fact added to increased cost of food, we had the highest expenses to date. Costs totaled \$1,005.29. We made \$738.71 profit when we normally profit about \$1,000. *Please see attached summary provided by Lynne.* Lynne reported that she will continue to do the Name Tags for Volunteers and the Sign Up. And that Janet and Beth are “in training”.
- H. Education: Betty absent, no report. Confirmed she is still our school liaison.

Old Business:

1. Conclusion of Fishing Tournament: Joe reported - This is the 4th Year and the best one yet! There were 5 "Master Angler" fish caught by children 16 years or younger, specifically: Dogfish and Small Mouth Bass. The Blue Gill numbers were significantly higher. Of the 17 categories, 12 species were caught. Trophies will be given to first and second place in several categories since have extra trophies. All pictures and names, size and type of fish are posted on PLA Website. The winners will have ** by their names indicating they won a trophy.
2. There was a request from Anna Mae for the PLA to donate a 1-year free PLA Membership to the Women's Club Annual Auction. Beth made a motion to donate this, Tom seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion passed. Beth will get the Free Membership Form to Claudia Ressel-Hodan in time for Sunday's auction.

New Business:

1. Beth informed the group that she was unable to convert MS Word documents into pdf. on her computer and is therefore unable to post Minutes, Treasurer's report or Newsletters. She tried to accomplish this with Claudia during July website training. Claudia informed her needed to have Adobe Acrobat to do this. Beth did purchase this software product for \$119.88 for an annual subscription. She then presented a request to be reimbursed. Discussion followed including fact that this should be a one-time charge, not an annual subscription. Beth agreed to check on this and be sure not to have auto renewal for it. Rich made a motion to approve reimbursement, Joe seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried. Rich will mail Beth a check.
2. Beth made a request to review the PLA Website: Links / Events / Current Issues to make sure they are all up to date, current and appropriate.
It was decided:
 - Current Links posted are still appropriate. Suggestions to add: Sea Tow Foundation, MI Paddle Stewards online course and Pentwater Township links were discussed and Beth agreed to add all three.
 - Events: this section only has pictures with no titles and will need to be revised. Beth and Janet will work together on this section. More to be determined.
 - Current issues: The issues listed are still appropriate but need to add: Starry Stonewort and European Frogbit. In addition, it will need to be added what PLA versus PLIB responsibilities are in each of these categories. Rich will send Beth information to post under these issues.
3. Joe stated he spoke with Kathy Evans, Program Manager at West MI Shoreline Regional Development Commission, about the erosion on Sandy Bend and was notified this issue is being addressed in a Grant proposal.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:38pm

Respectfully submitted, Beth Provencal