**PENTWATER LAKE ASSOCIATION**

**26TH ANNUAL MEETING & SOCIAL - Friday, June 17, 2022 Park Place 310 N. Rush St. Pentwater, MI 49449**

6:00-7:00 PM

Social Hour and Box Lunches & Dessert (Provided by Antler Bar and Green Isaac’s) 51 in person members plus 2 speakers and 5 family guests: Total Attendance: 58

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM Welcome and Introductions: Board President Pat Hooyman, President welcomed everyone, then introduced the current Board of Directors and Past Presidents. Pat added that after recent review of the Pentwater Lake Association (PLA) Bylaws this is his last/only year as PLA President due to term limits and will have election of new President later in the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: June 25, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes reviewed. (included in packet given to all present). Motion made by Joan Menke-Schaenzer to approve minutes, seconded by Julie Nelson. All approved, motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Rich Pugsley reviewed Annual Treasurer’s Report. (included in packet) Report will be posted on the PLA Website. He added a side bar to encourage members to sign up for the Clean Boats / Clean Waters Launch Blitz which is scheduled for July 16, 2022 9am to 4pm. Sign up sheets on tables.

Committee Reports with Project Updates: Each committee chair gave brief summary of activities and encouraged people to read both the newsletter and the monthly minutes all posted on the PLA website.

1. Newsletter: AnnaMae Bush – thankful for everyone who contributes articles to the newsletter. Next newsletter will come out the first week of August.
2. Publicity: Pat Hooyman – Responsible for press releases. Announced the PLA will have a float in the Homecoming Parade this year.
3. PLA Website / Facebook Page: Beth Provencal – Keeping website current. Adding a page this year of fish found in Pentwater Lake and River. Noted use of FB has increased, more likes and comments. Trying to add more pictures and keep up with current events appropriate to the PLA, both educational and interest.
4. Membership: Rich Pugsley - Current membership is 231 household memberships, which equals over 400 members. Newsletters being sent by email and/or USPS per member choice. Now have the ability to send “mass” emails to all members when need to inform members of information in need of attention. This is in addition to, not instead of the Newsletter information.
5. Water Quality: Pat Hooyman – now have collection of water sampling reports complied, dating back to 1974 to now. Thanks to Conley Bowling, a former teacher at Pentwater High School, who had chemistry students doing testing and data collection that many years ago.
6. Natural Resources: Rich Pugsley (for Joe Primozich) reported sighting of a bear on Longbridge Rd, and bobcats in the area.
7. Social: Lynne Cavazos – Thanked Caroline Denlar, Janet Strahan and Beth Provencal for their assistance with the Annual Meeting this year. Announced the Strawberry Social will be Thursday August 11, 2022. Informed of increased cost of strawberries and Board decision to raise price from $4.50 to $5.00 this year.
8. Education: Betty Pleva – Reported next Speech Contest will be held October 2022. Speech class is offered in 2022 (alternates every other year). Mr. Rick McGrath, the English teacher, and Mrs. Kelly Sisung, the Information Technology (IT) teacher are both willing to assist again.

Special Projects:

1. Friends of Friends of Pentwater River Watershed: Dr. Ross Feltes - the PLA Board is kept informed of activity of this team by periodic emails and Minutes. Discussion at PLA meetings is in regards to how / if this effects Pentwater River and Lake.
2. Score the Shore Project: Tom Walter – reported is currently in process. It will be interesting to see the data gleaned from this study when it is completed. It is in regards to the shape of Pentwater Lake shoreline – hard, soft, natural, etc.

Election of New Board Members: 3 year Terms (6/30/25)

Nominations to elect Kelie Bond (first term), Rich Pugsley (second term), and George Richey (first term) to the PLA Board of Directors. Jack Provencal made a motion to close nominations, Lynne Cavazos seconded the motion, approved. Motion made to accept Nominees to be elected to the PLA Board of Directors by John Faas, seconded by Ken Konyha. All approved, motion carried.

7: 30PM GUEST SPEAKERS:

Brandon Macher- recent graduate of Pentwater High School, was introduced by Betty Pleva as the PLA Sponsored Speech Contest winner. He then presented his winning speech which included a PowerPoint presentation, to all regarding Invasive Species. Brandon will be attending Lake Superior State in the Fall and hopes to start a fish hatchery in Pentwater someday.

Jon Beard – Director at Public Sector Consultant (PSC) and Manager of the Great Lakes Fishery Trust (GLFT) was the Keynote Speaker. His presentation title was: Investing in Lake Michigan’s Fishery Resources. Mr. Beard presented a very interesting history of the Great Lakes Fishery Trust origin. It was created in 1996 to compensate Michigan (MI) residents for damages to the fishery caused by the Ludington Pumped Storage Plant (LPSP). The LPSP is a critical piece of Michigan’s electrical infrastructure. It stores energy in a man-made reservoir by pumping and releasing water from Lake MI through turbines. This pumping causes damages to the fishery. DTE Energy and Consumers Energy pay into the GLFT annually to offset damages. Pentwater has received some of this money through a series of grants totally ~ $800,000. Some examples: Pentwater fishing dock on Fourth St, North channel – accessible walkway, parking, restrooms and benches. And on the South channel – improvements to Chester Park: accessible walkway, fishing deck, restrooms and parking. There was a Question-and-Answer time that had great questions and participation. It was very eye opening for all. Mr. Beard will give his honorarium payment to the Oceana County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Raffle of Door Prizes: Prior to adjournment ten gift certificates were raffled off, paid for by the PLA, for fun and to support local businesses.

Slate of Officers announced for the 2022-23, as appointed by the PLA Board of Directors: President: George Richey Vice President: Tom Walter Treasurer: Rich Pugsley Secretary: Beth Provencal

Adjournment: Norm Shotwell made a motion to adjourn at 8:33PM, seconded by John Faas. All approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Provencal PLA Secretary