

**PENTWATER LAKE ASSOCIATION MINUTES: OCTOBER 19, 2020** Informal ZOOM Meeting

1. **Meeting called to order** by Lynne @ 6:35 pm

2. **Roll call:** Lynne Cavazos, Annamae Bush, Rich Pugsley, Mike Peters, Joe Primozich, George Richey, Beth Provencal, Janet Strahan, Dan Selahowski, Tom Walter, Joan Menke-Schaenzer. Absent: Pat Hooyman (family crisis), Betty Pleva (out of town), Emily Neumann (her birthday) Sadness expressed for Pat & his wife Diana of loss of their son.

3. **Agenda:** Joe requested the topic of Watershed Meeting to be added under New Business. Joe made a motion to accept agenda with addition, seconded by Tom. Motion approved

4. **Minutes:** George made a motion to approve the PLA Minutes from September 21, 2020, seconded by Rich. Motion approved. Approved Minutes will be posted on PLA website.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** George R. presented the Treasurers Report with explanations. Main expenditures were annual membership fee of MI Lake & Stream Association, updated PO Box fees for the year and cost of paper, toner utilized. Motion made by Beth to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mike. Motion approved.

Joe added another expenditure regarding Frogbit removal done by Brandon Macher, Pentwater HS student, for \$25.00 for 1 hour's work. George will mail a \$25 check to Joe to give to Brandon. Motion to approve the expenditure made by Dan, seconded by Janet. Motion approved.

6. **Next PLA Board Meeting:** NOVEMBER 16, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Agenda will be posted on PLA FB site. Will continue to do meetings via Zoom for safety of members as Covid pandemic continues. After discussion, will decide about a December meeting on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> if needed or not. There will be no meeting in January or February as many PLA Board members are gone for the season.

**7. Committee Reports:**

A. **Newsletter** – AnnaMae had 3 things to report in regard to the Newsletter. First, stated the November Newsletter has been submitted via PDF to Caroline Denlar and Lynne for review and response. It should go to the printer later this week. She is happy that it will be ready in early November as planned. Second, she is pleased that there is a variety of material coming in; it is nice to have a change of voices. She has had to do some editing for a couple reasons: first, we need is to keep a certain degree of formality, and second, she must submit an even number of pages for it to be printed (typically 14 or 16). She wants to create a "Guideline for Writers" that would be helpful for people submitting the articles. And last, she wishes to start a file to store articles and photos for the future. (Ex: Rich wrote about Great Lakes Drownings; Pat is working on a Boom article.)

B. **Publicity** – Pat Hooyman (absent)  
Beth/Janet reported we are attempting to post something weekly on the PLA FB site. The

October agenda was posted by Janet. Lynne stated she did receive one request to join the October meeting, it was Joan's husband who was then unable to make it tonight. Nothing else to report currently.

Rich brought up an idea about having a Dropbox for Minutes and Articles. Joan agreed to investigate the use of a Dropbox or Google Doc that would be for PLA Board members only and report her findings at the November meeting.

**C. Membership** – Rich Pugsley reported we have 233 paid members and 13 unpaid, down from 17. All agreed to have October 31<sup>st</sup> be the cutoff date for 2020-21 Membership. George will submit the revised membership list for review to Caroline Denlar. Then he, Lynne and Caroline will review together. George anticipates the Directory will be printed in December. The Directory is one of our biggest expenditures. Joan asked if we have ever tried to do this electronically to save money and paper/trees. A discussion followed about need to keep the list contained as there is a danger that it could be forwarded to other groups or used for purposes that are not intended for our PLA mission. Lynne mentioned that several PLA members do receive our PLA Newsletters via email rather than via mail and can be done by request.

**D. Water Quality** –Mike Peters reported that he does not have the Water Quality information yet. Rich said that Brian, our Grand Valley contact, is out until the end of October so cannot get the summer information yet.

**E. Natural Resources** – Joe Primozich reported that the King Salmon run peaked in September (and that Rich caught3!) The TUNDRA SWAN are coming in approximately 7 days (Oct 26). 100-200 will land in Pentwater Lake. Last year they landed mid lake to marsh end. They only stay overnight! He has a bird man watching to notify us when sighted. Lynne will email us when notified. It is a sight and sound to be experienced! If anyone can get a video, we could post it to our FB site.

**F. Social** – Lynne Cavazos reported that the PLA Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for JUNE 25, 2020. Asking for thoughts about a Guest Speaker who would attract PLA Members and thoughts regarding a theme or topic of interest. Emily Neuman was mentioned but she is halfway through her research so timing would not work. St Vincent's is the location and have already been paid (d/t cancelation this year). We may review some of our Work Group initiatives at that meeting. There is much planning to do yet: Speaker, Caterer/Menu, Activities and cost as we do charge for the Annual Meeting. PLA has used Susan Hutchings in the past to Cater. Hopefully we will have Homecoming next summer and can then plan for the Strawberry Shortcake Social!

**G. Website** – George Richey reported the website is up to date. He will need our approved September Minutes to be sent to him in PDF format. Beth agreed to send.

H. **Education** – Betty Pleva (absent) Lynne did state that she has reached out via email to Betty in regard to narrowing down Education initiatives. Pentwater School teachers are in the first semester and likely overwhelmed with new restrictions and duties due to Covid. It may be best to hold off until the second semester to begin. It was agreed that we will need to present any educational proposals or school involvement with the Superintendent and Principal, Scott Karaptian and Assistant: Lisa Wagner before proceeding with any initiatives. AnnaMae added that she'd been in contact with the Art Teacher asking about children who are gifted in cartooning and had 10 students respond who wished to try. The students were very excited to be asked. Grant Miller submitted the cartoon for our November Newsletter. He will need to be paid \$25.00. AnnaMae and George work together to make that happen.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Work Groups:** Each Group reviewed their top 3 priorities.

Aquatic Vegetative Management: Tom/Joe/Janet

- 1) Lake Report- a formalized report rather than verbal.
- 2) Develop a pathway for donations to PLA. This would be for people to be able to donate beyond our current earnings. When devised, may need to present options to donate toward specific initiatives or toward general account.
- 3) Develop a pathway to recruit and utilize additional volunteers for PLA projects, finding a way to get our community including students involved.

Water Quality: Mike/Joe/George

Due to illness and circumstance, they have not had time to fully discuss top 3 priorities. They will report at November meeting.

Boating Safety / Water Safety: Rich/AnnaMae/Dan

(state have "too many" initiatives! Difficult to narrow down)

- 1) Update Bullseye Charts and then post in our Message Centers as well as a stand at the south side of the channel.
- 2) Create a "Rules and Regulations" article for our PLA Newsletter and Pentwater This Week Magazine.
- 3) Propose to do a "Drown-Proofing Class" for 4<sup>th</sup> graders. AnnaMae stated GR public and private schools do this. Would consult with Tim Simons about this.
- 4) Propose to do a "Boating Safety Class" for 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Dan said that the Pentwater Yacht Club currently offers a class and would want to coordinate with Tim Simons and PTW Yacht Club. This would be to direct the class toward 7<sup>th</sup> graders specifically. Discussed inviting Tim to our next meeting. He has called Tim and is waiting for a call back.

(Another mention was about bubblers and submerged docks as a safety issues)

Community Involvement/Education: Pat/Betty/Beth

Beth only workgroup member present. Admitted have not regrouped to prioritize yet. She

stated, from our last meeting believe our priorities are still:

- 1) Continue to expand use of Facebook site, post current events
- 2) Betty to work with Pentwater School regarding Education Initiatives when appropriate
- 3) Hope to add link for PLA Membership in the Pentwater This Week Magazine

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Watershed Meeting update:** Joe

- 1) South Branch Pentwater Rollaway Project is still on the list for a grant proposal. The south branch of the Pentwater River is often referred to as “marsh” or “sandy bend” by the locals. The proposal is in regard to stopping erosion and deposition of sand in the river by utilizing rock toe. WMSRDC: West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission is seeking funding now. Timeline is not determined yet, perhaps by November.
- 2) Stony Creek has petitioned to re-do the old Marshville Dam on Stony Lake. This will include building a new dam and road crossing. It is the site of a “blue ribbon trout stream” – a native trout stream, the site of a State Brook Trout record. It is in a state of disrepair, the wings on the dam have collapsed. The culvert on the road will have to be removed and a wooden bridge will be put in. It was received warmly and discussed heavily. All were very excited to hear the news with hopes of restoring it for native trout.

Emily Neuman Starry Stonewort Growth GVSU Master’s Program Project:

Rich updated us that Emily has done her last tests of the season at Mike, AnnaMae and Rich’s docks/sites. Emily had an article featured in the Riparian Magazine!

Meeting adjourned: 8:05pm      Next meeting: November 16, 2020 at 6:30pm via ZOOM