

Pelican Lake Association Annual Members Meeting

June 3, 2023 10 AM

Schoepke/Enterprise Fire Building

1. **The 2023 PLA Annual Members meeting was called to order** at 10:06 by President Kerry Romsa. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **9 proxies were registered and a quorum was confirmed.** There were 68 members represented including the 9 proxies. There are a reported 411 members in the Pelican Lake Association.
3. **A Proof of Notice** of the meeting was confirmed by President Romsa and Treasurer Kraetsch.
4. The agenda was approved. Motion Larry Burkhart Second Jim Fedel Motion passed/ no opposition
5. **The minutes from the 2022 Annual Members Meeting** were approved. Motion Larry Burkhart Second Jim Frymark Passed/ no opposition

The minutes of the May 11, Board of Directors meeting were approved Motion Larry Burkhart Second Jim Frymark Passed/ no opposition

6. Report of the Executive Committee

a. Treasurer Kelly Kraetsch

- i. \$95,700 in CDs
- ii. Co-Vantage checking \$42,163.55
- iii. Cash account \$2,371.23

b. 2023 Budget Adjustments

- i. Summerfest budget \$12,300 Actual 2022 gross \$22,867 2023 reset to \$18,000
- ii. Fish Committee 2023 no chip readers – added to 2023
- iii. I-LIDS add additional maintenance agreement for Town Landing I-LIDS
- iv. Milfoil - \$40,000 original for hand pulling (DASH) and the Lake Management Plan costs for 2023. This item split into two (2) parts.
- v. Was a projected \$ 7,000 deficit; changed to \$1,700 credit

1. Motion to approve Dick Clark Second Rick Steiner Passed/ no opposition

7. Committee reports

a. Land Use Todd VanLangen

- i. The committee would like to see more shoreline restoration projects on the lake to protect the lake from harmful runoff.

- ii. Establishing a Buffer Zone can be as simple as not mowing near the lake. Oneida County Land and Water Department has many resources to help a property owner get started. msadauskas@co.oneida.wi.us
- iii. Todd introduced Michele Sadauskas, Oneida County Conservationist
 - 1. Michele thanked the 7 property owners on Pelican Lake who allowed their properties to be examined by Michele and her assistant for shoreline improvements.
 - 2. Some concerns noted: bank erosion; lack of vegetation; shallow rooted shoreline plants which don't hold soil; too much hard surface that doesn't let rain soak in; mowing to the shoreline.

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- 3. Key Idea- have as much vegetation as possible along the shoreline. This slows water running into the lake and allows it to soak in and allows shoreline habitat. Vegetation acts as a filter

Todd thanked Michele for the presentation. Feel free to contact Michele at the Oneida County courthouse.

- b. **By-Laws** – no changes to report
- c. **Membership** – Sue Romsa – 411 members and growing with new members today. Please make sure your current membership dues are paid

Honorary Lifetime Membership conferred to Dan Butkus. Dan's guidance with the 2022 PLA reorganization was critical. Dan donated countless hours then and still offers sage advice as a resource in association workings and state statutes. Dan's work has contributed to the PLA growth in membership and confidence in PLA operations. Dan was humble and grateful; he said the honor belongs to all the association members.

The new PLA Stewardship Award was given to the following members

- i. Beth Reineman. Beth has worked with the Pelican Lake Chamber of Commerce to foster relationships with the Pelican Lake Community's towns, organizations, and businesses.
- ii. Joy Herman. Joy has served many years as treasurer of the lake association while offering her time and thoughtful advice. She recalls the past and uses her experience to point to the future.
- iii. Larold "Lud" Lodholz. Lud was the former president of the lake association and contributed countless hours to the association and work with Clean Boats/Clean Waters. The tribes, businesses in the area, and non-profits. He offered continuity in the change from the

old association to the new PLA. His partner, Von, shares in this special award.

- iv. This is an ongoing award and members are encouraged to nominate deserving candidates throughout the year. Contact any board member to offer candidates. More details will be shown on Constant Contact.

d. Financial Review

- i. Ed Rueckl, representing the independent Financial Review Committee which was formed last year to review PLA financial transactions reported on findings through December 31, 2022. The committee followed accepted financial guidelines in reviewing randomly selected cash and other transactions. Ed read the committee report which the BOD had not seen. The report graded the transactions in a Pass/Fail method. Reviewed were checks issued, bank statements, deposits, and other financial transactions. The committee was not aware of any modifications to the financial statement. Ed noted that the financial recording was very detailed.

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No irregularities were found.

- e. **Pelican Lake Scholarship.** Kelly Kraetsch reported on a draft of the proposed scholarship. Proposed details

\$ 1,000 award for Elcho High School senior pursuing post-secondary education – Vocational tech; Associate degree; or Bachelor’s degree

- i. Must be a high school senior or equivalent.
- ii. Must be a resident of Schoepke or Enterprise
- iii. Must have demonstrated interest in Conservation/Natural Resources/ or Aquatic Studies
- iv. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 (or equivalent)
- v. Members questions
 - 1. Does the scholarship violate 501c(3) provisions?
 - 2. Should families of PLA members be included?
 - 3. Is 2.0 GPA the right level?
 - 4. Should there be 2 - \$500 awards?
 - 5. In a small school graduating class there may not be anyone going into those fields
 - 6. A second or third year student may value the award more.

- vi. The scholarship was well received but details need worked out.
- vii. Committee established to refine details Reports and questions will be published on Constant Contact
 - 1. Rhonda Bell, Jim Frymark, Kelly Kraetsch, Bob Mott

f. **Fish/Wildlife Committee** Larry Burkhardt/ Jeff Griffey

- i. Nathan, the new Oneida County biologist has been very responsive to questions
- ii. Spearing- 2022 - 754 walleyes 12 musky; 2023- 1,305 walleyes 4 musky
- iii. Fyke nets set this spring for musky. 106 musky caught. Of those 86 had chips put in when stocked. Stocking began in 2012 with 1800 fingerlings put in every 3 years. Largest musky 48.5 inches; medium 36.4 inches
- iv. PLA bought 10 chip readers for use with dedicated musky fishermen as well as for use on judge boats in tournaments. To be recorded: length, date, size, location. 3 are available on a daily basis. Help determine growth rate and population.
- v. Also netted 108 northern. No disease found on any.
- vi. DNR will not support northern management. Hope higher water levels will mean better survival of spawn.
- vii. 2024 a survey will be done on all species.
- viii. A creel census will happen this year. Please cooperate with the people doing the survey.
- ix. Proposed rule change for panfish bag (25 to 10 daily) passed statewide 84% approval; Bass size and bag (from 1 over 18" bag limit to 5 bag limit with 1 over 18" none 14"-18") Passed statewide 80% approval

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Question – any problem eating northern with disease on skin- No.

g. **Water Quality** – Bob Mott

- i. Report on 4 grants received for 2023
 - 1. Lake Management Plan
 - Biological data collection phase Cost \$ 26,983.50
 - Grant \$ 18,078.95 67%
 - 2. Lake Management Plan
 - Planning and Reporting phase Cost \$ 15,532.50

- Grant \$10,406.78 67%

3. I-LIDS

- Total cost \$11,713.33

- Grant \$ 8,333.33 75%

4. Clean Boats/Clean Waters

- Total cost \$ 12,000

- Grant \$ 8,000

h. **Boating Safety** – Jim Frymark

i. Table at Ski Show and Summerfest

1. Educational boat information

2. Boat safety kit demonstrate/raffle

3. Discussion about speed limits – not enforceable

i. **Marketing/Fundraising Sue Romsa**

- i. Summerfest sign up- volunteers

- ii. Donations – baked goods

- iii. July 8 Ski Show Gerrits 11 am food/1pm show

- iv. July 22 Summerfest

j. **Land** – Pelican River Forest discussion – Kerry

- i. Conservation Fund private owners

- ii. Phase 1 – completed 12,000 acres 85% of Pelican Lake watershed west of Hwy45 and south of Hwy 8

1. Easements with land assure timber management and open to all recreation now and passed to new owners

- iii. Phase2 – in dispute; Funding not approved to purchase easements; hangup is funding denied from Knowles/Nelson

1. Also local opposition from Monico – unclear to specific reason

2. Mining of area may be a factor

- iv. Information sent to each member on notice of this meeting

- v. All board members and audience spoke regarding position; 5 BOD in favor; 2 no clear opinion; 2 see both sides/political

- vi. Vote Should the PLA take a position on the Pelican River Forest

1. Paper ballot 46 No 12 Yes

vii. Members encouraged to contact representatives/DNR on personal opinion

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k. **Finance** – Kelly Kraetsch

i. 2024 Budget presented

ii. Motion to approve Mike Warpinski Second Dennis VandenHeuvel Passed/ no opposition

iii. Motion to allocate up to \$1500 for a committee in emergency situation with 2/3 board approval and within total PLA budget– Rick Steiner 2nd Ed Rueckl Passed/ no oppositio

8. **Election of Financial Review Committee 2023-2024**

a. Ed Rueckl, Peg Broker, Sherry Aulik Motion to approve Sue Romsa 2nd-Lisa Erdman Passed/no opposition

9. **Election Board of Directors (6 positions)**

a. Mott, Frymark, Kraetsch elected 2022 terms are 2 years

b. Joy Herman completed 3 two year terms – not eligible by/laws

c. Jim Fedel and Eddie Miller stated they enjoyed serving and will help but not on BOD

d. Nominations Dave Carriveau, Scott Sankey, Kerry Romsa, Larry Burkhart, Todd Van Langen, Rhonda Bell, Brian Shell. Rhonda elected to drop out. Motion to elect board as presented – Rick Steiner 2nd Sue Romsa Passed/ opposition

10. **Old Business** – none

11. **New Business**- none

12. **Member Comments**-

a. Thanks to Wayne Sparks and fire department for use of building

b. Fire department needs new members

13. **Motion to adjourn** – Larry Burkhart 2nd – Randy Biscobing Passed/no opposition at 1:08

