

Pelican Lake Board of Directors meeting

Schoepke Town Hall

October 13, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Tripp at 6:00 pm.
2. A quorum of the BOD was confirmed.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll call Present Steve Tripp, Ted Nelson, Pat Schenk, Larold Ludholz ,Alex Rossman, Bob Mott; absent Wayne Morgan
5. Proof of Notice- Agenda was sent to members by Nelson on October 3, 2025
6. Approval of agenda – Motion Schenk Second Mott Passed without opposition
7. Approval of minutes of BOD meeting August 18,2025 Motion Ludholz, Second Schenk Passed without opposition
8. Treasurer's report Tripp gave the report As of October 9, 2025 there was \$ 144,000 in various accounts \$ 117,000 in CDs; \$ 18,038.94 in checking; negative \$ 800 cash- unclear Tripp will ask for clarification; \$ 1,291 in liabilities
Motion to accept Schenk Second Ludholz Passed without opposition
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Fundraising
 - i. Net \$ 1,020 in Meat Raffle
 - ii. Winterfest scheduled for February 7 at P,B,and Js 12-8
 - iii. Band 5-8 Bar pays for band
 - iv. Pot Luck – soup and members bring a dish
 - v. Games – no big prizes
 - vi. Cash Raffle
 - vii. Ice auger Chest freezer Meat certificates
 - viii. Raffle baskets
 - ix. Kelly Kraetsch and Lisa Erdman in charge Hope for good weather
 - x. Kerry Romsa reported on gun/cash raffle
 - xi. Ice hut/hunting blind worth \$ 5,000. Sales ongoing.
 - b. Membership
 - i. Kerry reported for Sue – 343 paid to date; 98 not renewed as of June 25- reminders sent; 18 not paid since June 2024 They will be dropped at end of 2025

- ii. A new Directory was sent to all paid members. New members will get a directory as part of their membership. Thanks for all the work put into developing the new directory.
- iii. Website – Nelson reports that Constant Contact (CC) is an awkward system to navigate considering mass mailings and updating membership etc. Brian mentioned Go Daddy as an alternative. Unknown how PLA began using CC. Tripp agrees that a system that a website that makes it easier to navigate is needed. Appreciate Brian's efforts Will continue to seek out better systems

c. Finance

i. Review of Donor Page idea

1. Fundraising has been asked to review the idea and suggest parameters.
 2. Tripp proposed all monies collected through donations, cash gifts, sponsorships follow specific IRS rules. The Steiners have reviewed the rules for individual and corporate donors.
 3. Need to set specific Levels of Giving. The plan will give visibility to both corporate and individual donors on the web.
 4. Rossman suggests that PLA has an obligation to vet sponsors- no political sponsorships Mott-Who will do the vetting? What are parameters to accept/reject?
 5. Different levels for different sponsorships Certain levels would be for 1 year- others for multiple years. ? How will those that take out a multiple year sponsorship be encouraged to contribute additional funds during that time? Need to start somewhere- goal of X number first year
 6. Ed- need incentives to go beyond X years once established
 7. Rossman/committee will decide on Levels/Names for levels and ideas on incentives
 8. ? Will funds go to a restricted fund or unrestricted? Need a way for Sponsor to designate. Mott add statement "All donations will go to support all PLA activities unless otherwise indicated by the Sponsor."
 9. Motion to approve concept and continue development Mott
- Second Schenk Passed without opposition

d. Water Quality

- i. - SWIMS data- reported to state from landing Clean Boats/Clean Waters program; State Landing- 603.5 hours monitored; Keelers Landing- 508.75; Town 31 hours Similar to 20
- ii. Mole Lake tribe looks at the use of CB/CW when considering how much money they donate to support program Has been \$ 4,000-
- iii. \$ 6000.00 annually
- iv. Thanks to Mary Schmitzer. Kerry and Sue Romsa, and Lisa Erdman for the many hours contributed to this program.
- v. The Clean Boats/Clean Waters grant is awarded if the sponsor conducts at lease 200 hours of inspection and education regarding Invasive Species at each landing during the boating season. The award is \$ 4,000/landing.
- vi. Mott asked for a motion to approve of requesting the grant in 2026. Motion Schenk Second Ludholz Passed with no opposition
- vii. EWM – This year appeared to be different both in appearance and volume. Plants appeared less robust and volume collected by harvesting was substantially less that prior years.
- viii. Spending on harvesting and DASH - fewer days were required than were budgeted; Romsa estimated up to \$ 20,000 less was needed.
- ix. Aquatic Plant Management (APM) felt higher water levels led to less EWM growth
- x. APM has been very cooperative in measuring EWM growth throughout the season to add evidence regarding late season harvest and its effects on EWM growth in order to establish a cause/effect relationship for the DNR/PLA grant related to late season harvest.
- xi. Water Levels- The PLA was urged to appeal to the Enterprise and Schoepke Boards to request that they consider requesting higher water levels throughout the year when the boards consider comments on the 10 year FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) application which is administered by The WVIC (Wisconsin Valley Improvement Commission). The WVIC has been asked to keep levels higher throughout the year but fears not being able to release enough water if too much precipitation happens. The PLA suggests an additional culvert to aid in reducing water levels if that does occur.

e. Land Use

- i. The State asked for help in maintaining the state landing due to personnel cuts. Steve's lawn care man – Bob Morrison/ MacDaddy Lawn Care - cut the landing 3-4 times. Steve will ask if he can help again next year and will get a gift certificate to thank him for his efforts. The State needed help

because they have only 2 people assigned to 27 landings. Mary helped keep the bathroom in order.

- ii. No bathroom at Keelers is an ongoing concern. Enterprise is not in favor of having one there. PLA would regulate.

f. Adopt-A-Highway

- i. Jim Frymark leads the program. The Fall Cleanup went well. Mott reported that the highway from 45 to Boiling appeared to have less trash.
- ii. Thanks to all who helped keep Pelican Lake clean.

g. Fish and Wildlife

- i. Fall Shocking-2 DNR boats and 1 from the Mole Lake tribe. Romsa reported that 20-30 YOY (young of year) was average. This fall there were 80-90 YOY. A 23 inch smallmouth was captured.
- ii. There are materials left for construction of more cribs- maybe use to replace very old cribs. A new permit would be needed.
- iii. Sankey may want to use some of the \$3200 in the fund for updated musky chip readers.
- iv. ? Were there any locations not used when last cribs put in A. The North and East sides could use some.
- v. A Fish Committee meeting is suggested for early December.
- vi. ? Should exact coordinates of the cribs be shared with all? A. Most said that the general area can be used to find the cribs.

h. Boating Safety

- i. Cost to put in and take out buoys- \$ 158.00/buoy
- ii. Idea- PLA take on the full cost of buoys. Pay for through donations, fundraising, and raising dues by \$ 15.00 subject to approval of the membership. Steve and his wife would donate dollar for dollar up to \$ 10,000. Kerry would donate and run raffle of a blind.
- iii. Once the details are worked out a presentation will be given to each town. The towns would be asked to maintain the permits for the buoys. The towns would also be asked to donate some money to the fund.
- iv. The attempt will be to have a fund with 3 years of costs
- v. ? who took buoys out this year- A. Paul Tomczyk and Mike Fowler worked together.
- vi. 20 buoys were retired and will be available for sale.
- vii. Due to the cost of the buoy placement it will need to be bid.
- viii. Ludholz felt that Kerry should be the liaison to the towns due to his relationship with Enterprise.

10. Old Business

- a. Status of Lake Management Plan – Mott reports that all final grant monies have been applied for and are waiting for final approval of area manager, Scott VanEgeren.
- b. Proposed Lake Survey
 - i. Brian Schell has done a great deal of work and Alex Rossman much followup work. A teleconference was held with the selected company- Cason to answer some of the BOD's questions. Goal is to have fieldwork completed by October 17.
 - ii. The survey is being done this fall to avoid falling behind. It will take 3-4 months to arrange the maps and files.
 - iii. Some areas that will appear
 - 1. Depth with contours
 - 2. BioVolume
 - 3. Hardness-rock,sand,muck
 - iv. Different formats will be developed. May lead to habitat development- placement of cribs and fish sticks
 - v. Level of detail will be much better than previous maps- more accurate
 - vi. May suggest areas that need restrictions for boating traffic
 - vii. ? Will map go to membership A .Needs to be discussed about distribution
 - viii. ? Are there Shape Files A. Yes
 - ix. Suggestion – Put maps at bars and other businesses for a fee to offset costs. Suggest framing maps Suggest Highlighting areas less than three feet with map at landings for boaters
 - x. ? How long will maps be accurate A. Difficult question It will never be obsolete and gives a bench line for the future
 - xi. Shows density of weeds but not type.
 - xii. Can redo certain areas in the future- maybe 5-10 years- but not entire lake
 - xiii. APM can do similar bottom mapping but their process is in its infancy. Will use to show areas that need harvest.
 - xiv. Tripp noted there is enough money to cover costs.
 - xv. ? Will product be offered to DNR and/or companies for lake map update
A. TBD
 - xvi. ? What have other lake groups done with it A. Some used in Lake Management Plan
 - xvii. ? Can sharing be limited A. Hard to police
 - xviii. ? Was the program bid A. Yes.

- xix. Selected more expensive 50 meter mapping versus 100 meters due to more exact results
 - c. Mott reported on question posed to the large Water Committee- received 11 responses of 25 members A.?- How should the PLA approach the EWM issue over next 3-5 years
 - i. Do nothing
 - ii. Continue weed harvesting and DASH
 - iii. Chemical treatment – suggested \$ 400,000 cost for 200+ acres in western basin
 - iv. B. How should the PLA approach the topic of Wake Boats?
 - v. Answers- Most (9 of 11) said to continue current approach to harvesting and DASH. Most felt chemical approach too risky. One suggested more investigation and that the process would be cheaper and not affect the entire lake. Noted that there is no way to eradicate only manage EWM.. Higher water levels may be a way to control growth.
 - vi. Suggested PLA get input from other lake groups who have had success
 - vii. Increased signage at landings Buy own weed harvester Rent from lake districts that own Need meeting just to discuss this topic
 - viii. Wake boats- some want restricted to certain hours and areas as well as pay fee How to enforce regulations? Wake boats get a bad rap as other speed boats cause wake and damage. Supports the idea of 300-400 feet from shore and depth use restrictions. Another- Wait until State of Wisconsin decides- hot topic
 - d. Annual newsletter articles – please submit by January 1
 - e. Aquatic Plant Management representative may be asked to speak at Annual Meeting June 6, 2025
 - f. Suggestion to have WVIC back to speak again about water levels at a meeting other than annual meeting
11. Next BOD meeting December 8, 2025 Schoepke Town Hall 6 pm Zoom will be made available. Preliminary date of February 9 following the Dec 8 meeting.
12. Motion to adjourn Mott Second Nelson
- Passed without opposition at 8:32. Submitted Bob Mott Secretary