

Pelican Lake Board of Directors Meeting

Schoepke Town Hall August 18, 2025

1. President Tripp called the meeting to order at 6:05
2. Quorum confirmed- 4 of 5 BOD present
3. Pledge of Allegiance recited
4. Roll call – Steve Tripp, Bob Mott, Pat Schenk, Ted Nelson present. Absent Wayne Morgan
5. Proof of Notice = Constant Contact and PLA website 8/6/2025
6. Agenda approved without opposition Motion-Mott; second- Nelson
7. Minutes of BOD meeting of 7/8/2025- Amended to remove reference to Enterprise town board. Approved as amended without opposition.
8. Treasurers Report. Kelly presented report
 - a. Accrual accounting system will be used. Bills will be posted as a liability and then paid.
 - b. As of August 25, 2025 the PLA has \$ 197,000 with \$580 liability
 - c. PLA is in a very good financial position. In 2027 the PLA will receive the funding from the grant on weed control- approximately \$ 40,000.
 - d. A Legacy Fund was established a number of years ago to provide 2 years of operating expenses in case funding for the PLA experiences shortfalls. Currently there is over \$100,000 in certificates of deposit.
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership
 - i. Suz Romsa reported that there are 333 Paid Memberships through June 2026; there are 103 paid through June 2025: 18 did not renew; 1 new membership. Total 454 members
 - b. Finance Committee
 - i. Joy Herman reported that the committee has incorporated suggested changes into the Bid policy. Any committee that will be spending over \$ 5,000 should contact the finance Committee for tom request bid procedure.
 - ii. Tripp discussed a fundraising suggestion from a friend of a PLA member. The suggestion involved a sponsor page with high level contributions.
 - iii. Schenk and Fundraising Committee will work with Tripp to finalize the program.
 - iv. The BOD is supportive of the idea as long as it does not violate 501(C)(3) provisions.

- v. Audience comments-be careful; can't be used as advertising; Can have name of company, link to website, and probably CR code. Avoid political bias; BOD should vet- not clear how; what will happen if rules are violated.

c. Fundraising – Schenk reports

i. Ski Show

1, \$ 6,637 gross \$ 1,797.40 expenses \$ 4940 net Last year \$3687

2. Appreciate the work of volunteers and Jeff and Kathy Griffey

ii. FunRaiser

1. \$ 27,027.25 gross \$ 7842 expenses \$ 21,342 net \$17,457 (2024)

iii Member Appreciation

1. \$ 2,747 gross Band paid by bar \$ 1,000 for tent and Porta Potty No food expenses

iv. Meat Raffle – August 23

v. WinterFest – February 7, 2026 Many expenses have been covered

vi Gun Raffle – donated ,243 Tickets 3 for 20 2nd \$ 350 3rd \$ 150 Having cash for some of prizes attracts more people

vii. Sequoia Hunting/Fishing Blind – Steve got a deal. Will place by Musky Mart on trailer 200 tickets \$ 50 each

viii. Ion Ice Auger – to be part of the Winterfest fundraiser

Thanks to Fundraising Committee and their hard work.

d. Water Quality

e. – Kerry Romsa and Mott report

- i. Romsa- 18 days of DASH budgeted 15 days completed Done for year 3 days will not be used- running into too large areas for DASH
- ii. Guth and Treacherous Bays were treated
- iii. New cabbage found in Treacherous and Musky Bays – vegetation changing
- iv. EWM has not increased and is not larger than native milfoil
- v. Need flat areas for offloads. Kerry will pursue

- vi. 13 days approved for Mechanical Harvesting; 1 done this past week.
May not need 4-5 days at a savings of \$ 2500/day
- vii. Mary Schmitzer has been helping Kerry with CBCW
- viii. Kerry needs someone to help with Aquatic Plant Management at landings
- ix. Three CBCW monitors were trained this summer. One is a college student who plans to return in 2026
- x. The person who cuts Steve's grass has agreed to cut grass at state landing. Mary will service the restroom. Anyone who is doing work for the PLA will be covered with PLA insurance.
- xi. Kerry and Suz were honored at the Oneida County Land and Water AIS banquet which recognizes landing workers. The banquet was supported by a \$ 500 donation by the PLA. Other county groups followed suit.
- xii. Scott and Rox Sankey and Alex Rossman have volunteered to become Secchi disc volunteers.
- xiii. Measurements have been taken to determine weed growth to be used in work with this year's grant.
- xiv. Onterra should be consulted regarding the date when the fall survey is done. Kerry wants to be there.
- xv. Observed that the EWM in the mouth of Outlet Bay appeared very fragile and unhealthy. Also more pondweed type cabbage- very different year for vegetation
- xvi. Discussion of the Mapping Survey. Brian responded to the BOD questions
 - 1. He sent a copy of the proposal from Cason Land and Water Management LLC from Berlin WI called Lake-wide Bathymetric Mapping Proposal
 - 1 Deliverables
 - i. Bathymetric map of Pelican Lake depicting the contour
 - ii. An aquatic vegetation (% biovolume) map of Pelican Lake
 - iii. A bottom hardness map
 - iv. Various digital output formats of the data collected (GIS shape files; GPX files, geo PDFs)

- v. Habitat management recommendations to assist in creating a long term sustainable fish community
- 2 Estimate
 - i. Option A - \$ 20,284 (2025 number)
 - ii. Option B - \$ 12,140
- 3 BOD requests/comments
 - i. What are the differences in the two options?
 - ii. Who will be the leader of the project?
 - iii. What exactly does the PLA receive from the project?
 - iv. Are there grant dollars available?
 - v. Good to think outside the box.
 - vi. Was approved at Annual Meeting 2x so should follow through
- 4 Questions to be answered by Brian
 - i. How does the membership gain
 - ii. What are the specific deliverables for the money spent
 - iii. Who is in charge- Brian? Brian and others?
 - iv. Do all members have access to maps produced?
 - v. What are the differences between Option A and Option B-list
 - vi. Will this need to be done again in 10 years?
 - vii. What part of the Lake Management Plan supports this effort?
 - viii. If the lake changes how long is this mapping adequate?
- 5 New view regarding EWM- manage not try to eliminate.
- 6 Treacherous is the new Outlet Bay regarding EWM.
- f. Adopt-A-Highway
 - i. September 13
- g. I-LIDS Eric, the owner and developer has sold to Noah B. Scott met with Noah and reports that he is as committed to service as was Eric.
- h. Fish Committee
 - i. There are dollars available for Fish Sticks project
 - ii. Some materials are left to make 3-4 larger cribs and 7-8 smaller cribs- located at Kerry's

- iii. Will need a new permit to install
 - iv. More chip readers needed \$ 500 each. Scott would like before tournament
 - v. 8-9 readers distributed. 4 members have their own
 - vi. Looking at a fall tour of Mole Lake Hatchery
 - vii. One group scanned 30 muskies this year
 - viii. Still have \$ 800 or so from I-LIDS multi-year grant to be received
 - i. Boating Safety
 - i. Monday August 25 committee will meet at Schoepke Town Hall to discuss long term approach to buoy funding/management
 - ii. Paul and Mike may work together to pull buoys
 - j. Additional BOD members
 - i. 6.03 of ByLaws says that new members must
 - 1. Turn in a request to be on BOD
 - 2. Special meeting needed between 30-90 days for that meeting to happen
 - 3. BOD votes to accept/reject new BOD members
 - 4. Meeting set for September 22 6pm Schoepke Town Hall
 - 5. Interested members send letter/email to Steve Tripp
 - k. Upcoming Meetings:
 - i. September 22 – Special Meeting to select additional BOD members -6 pm
 - ii. October 13 – BOD meeting -Schoepke Town Hall- 6pm
 - iii. December * - BOD meeting – Schoepke Town Hall – 6pm
 - iv. February 9 – Schoepke Town Hall – 6pm
10. Motion to adjourn Mott 2nd – Nelson Adjourned 8:11 Unanimous

