



PLA 2025 Annual Meeting

June 7, 2025 – 10am

Pelican Lake Firehouse

1. **Call meeting to order-** at 10:04. President gave thanks to all for attending. BOD (Kerry Romsa president, Bob Mott vice president, Rhonda Bell secretary, Kelly Kraetsch treasurer, Dave Carriveau, Scott Sankey, Brian Schell, Pat Schenk, Steve Tripp) were all present and introduced. (at 10am, members were still checking in).
2. **Pledge of Allegiance-** all stood, saluted the flag.
3. **Roll call-** confirmed quorum, 82 present, 24 proxy, 5 zoom members.
4. **Proof of notice-** exceeded 30 days' notice, given on Constant Contact, Facebook and our website plus noted in previous meetings.
5. **Accept agenda-** (ordered at the discretion of the chair), with the latest revision which included the vote for 2025, 2026 budget. Motion by Ken Nelson, 2nd by Randy Biscobing, carried unanimously.
6. **Accept BOD meeting minutes 5/20/25-** Motion by Randy Van Asten, 2nd by Roxanne Sankey, carried unanimously.
7. **Presentation by Michele Sadauskas- Protecting Shoreline from man-made and natural events.** Michele is a conservationist from The Oneida Co. She provided pamphlets, books and business cards for hands-on material while emphasizing the Oneida Co. website holds valuable helpful information as well. Causes of ice heaves- rapid temperature changes, the amount of snow cover, shallow shorelines and trending toward climate change. She stressed that vegetation of native shrubs and trees provide excellent shoreline help due to their resilience of climate shoreline changes. Suggested NOT to do- tamp down heaves, nor to slice off heaves. The OCLW, DNR and Healthy Lakes and Rivers are also great resources for shoreline health.
8. **Executive Board Reports/ Committee Reports-**

Land use: Shoreline restoration-Mary Schmitzer summarized the planting/work events that have been happening at Town of Schoepke site, numerous shrubs and plants were installed, Hansen's Nursery was very helpful with the plant selection. Volunteers still needed to complete the project.

Finance: see attached reports. Kelly explained her reports showing Liabilities and assets are equaled; goal is to have a 2-year reserve of funds.

Bylaws: Taz Kraetsch reported that this committee has done a great job of setting the foundation of operation for the PLA as well as filling our requirements which are stated in the Lake Management Plan (LMP). He recommends disbanding this committee for now (may regroup if needs arise).

Membership: Suz Romsa reported current membership of 469 on 6/6/25 (223 paid, 216 unpaid.)

Finance Review: Ed Rueckl spoke about the review process, reminding us that it is not an audit, but a review of limited assurance going through policies, checks issued compared to bank statements along with a comparison to the prior year. PLA has received a passing grade from this committee; no changes were recommended. They have seen improvement in our control and changes of financial handling. Currently members are Ed R., Sherry Aulik, and Peg Broker. Ed will finish this year as chair. Sherry does not want the chair position. Motion 1st by Beth Steiner, 2nd by Jim Frymark to have Ed, Sherry and Judy Boelter to be the next review group. Motion carried unopposed.

Grants: Bob Mott reviewed the grants. CBCW program has existed since 2012, currently have 5 monitors working at the 3 landings, still in need of more. Our AIS grant from Wi. \$45,300 was a big achievement to receive (once in a lifetime), Onterra group helped with the grant application. At this point, Outlet Bay has less EWM than 2024. 280 hours are allocated

for mechanical and DASH harvesting. Fall 2024 harvesting was intended to curtail EWM growth in 2025. More algae bloom helps decrease EWM.

LMP: Bob M. reports that it's almost finished, waiting on the Fish analysis from our DNR fish biologist Nathan Liederman.

Fish/wildlife: Scott S. reports that the Musky chip readers are still available for use. In 2024, 100 muskies were chip read. Looking forward to putting together a group for tour the Mole Lake Fish Hatchery in Fall. The Spring spearing quota was greater this year reaching near their flexible maximum yearly amount. We look forward to continuing our great working relationship with the tribe. DNR states that our fisheries are in good standings (no need for stocking). The I-LIDS devices were installed at the 2 landings prior to opening Fish weekend. Still in need of more volunteer help.

Water Quality: David C. states that the DNR will be completing the water tests on Pelican for 2025. He requested that the DNR provide the trending data of our lake water. Scott and Roxy S. volunteered to help collect Sekki disk data.

APM: Aquatic Plant Management will have a schedule provided soon for harvesting times and locations.

Mapping: Brian S. discussed the map being approved in the 2024 budget of \$18,000 which has not been spent yet. The last map was generated in 1940. Having a new current map is proactive to the LMP, boater safety and will provide the quality/content of the lake bottom. \$20,000 is approved for new map of Pelican Lake, PLA as owner.

Boater safety/ buoys: Paul Tomczak informed us of the 45 buoys placed in the lake, 25 in the Twon of Schoepke zone, @0 in the Enterprise town zone. Cost ~\$180/buoy. When replaced, the new buoy will have a light. The BOD recognized/ appreciated Paul for his wonderful, extensive work for Pelican Lake. The Town of Schoepke holds the buoy permit (it has the most shoreline) and has a 3-year fund

commitment to the buoys and I-LIDS programs. The permit (free) perpetual unless changes have occurred. Since the Town of Enterprise Board will no longer fund (too fiscally tight and burdensome for their taxpayers) the buoys and I-LIDS program on Pelican Lake, the permit is rescinded. Mike Fowler has graciously funded and installed the rest of the buoys on Pelican Lake. Moving forward, PLA will fund \$3000 toward buoy maintenance. The yearly budget for Pelican Lake buoys is ~\$8100. The membership felt strongly to continue supporting the buoy program for Pelican Lake.

Fundraising: Kelly K. informed the membership to sign up for our main Fundraising event-the FunRaiser on 7/26/25; help needed day before, during and after; still in need of donated basket raffle items. The committee is considering a Boat raffle fundraiser, which has not been finalized yet. Still looking for new ideas for fundraising.

Finance: Steve T. explained the Conflict-of-Interest policy that can be utilized by PLA now, giving guidance to financial concerns. The Request for Bid policy should be utilized with bids above \$5000, follow the process, standards and include a performance review when bids go beyond 1 year.

9. Budget 2025, 2026 vote: Kelly K. explained the reports, reviewing the income and expenses, highlighting the Grant funds have not all been received. Ed R. was concerned that the 2026 budget would be negative, consider making some cuts. Bob M. suggested cutting the Map expenses. A discussion of the Map pros and cons occurred. The 2025 Budget was amended to show that the AIS Grant money was not yet awarded. Vote passed (minimal opposition, less than 8) for the amended 2025 Budget. Vote also passed (no opposition) for the 2026 Budget.

10. Old Business: none.

11. New Business: Vote for 6 new BOD positions. 2 filled by Ted Nelson and Wayne Morgan (not present). 4 BOD positions available.

12. Member comments: Finance should consider an escrow of \$20,000 for next year.

13. Next meeting: 7/11/25 at 0900 at the Town of Schoepke Hall.

14. Adjourn: at 1314, motion 1st by Dennis Vanden Heuvel, 2nd by Taz K.

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