



Approved at May 11th 2023 BOD Meeting

Pelican Lake Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2023 at the Town of Schoepke Hall

1. Meeting called to order – Romsa 6:33 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance -Romsa
3. Roll call – Present Kerry Romsa, Larry Burkhart, Kelly Kretsch, Joy Herman, Todd VanLangen, Bob Mott; Zoom- Jim Frymark Not Present- Eddie Miller, Jim Fidel
4. Proof of Notice-
5. Review/approval agenda – Motion to approve Mott 2nd VanLangen Passed no opposition.
6. Approval of January 18,2023 BOD minutes Motion Burkhart 2nd VanLangen Passed no opposition.
7. Report of Officers
 - a. Financial Kraetsch
 - i. Advance payments form 4 grants have been received and logged into QuickBooks Clean Boats/Clean Waters will be separate.
 - ii. \$ 6,000 received from Mole Lake
 - iii. WalMart Foundation approved \$ 500 for Waterski Show; ask for \$ 1,000 pending for Summerfest
 - iv. Tickets have been distributed for SummerfestMotion to accept financial report Mott 2nd Romsa Passed without opposition.
8. Old Business
 - a. Volunteer Service Award – Frymark – tech difficulties delay until next meeting.
 - b. Scholarship
 - i. Kelly needs to receive an answer from IRS about proper way to proceed without violating nonprofit status – also a question about PLA by-laws. Need correct process.
 - ii. Tech school or college related to natural resources career appears in line with PLA mission statement.
 - iii. Need a draft statement and decide on amount of scholarship.
 - iv. Once PLA receives IRS agreement and details will prepare an agenda item for the Annual Meeting
9. New Business
 - a. By-Laws- No report
 - b. Membership -Sue Romsa Total 383 Of that 39 are not paid for 2022; 41 dual memberships- Mailing going out soon.
 - c. Finance –
 - i. 2024 budget requests due by May 1 committee will meet shortly after that.
 - ii. 2024 Lake Management Plan dollars needed for 2024 -ask Onterra – will some of 2024 work be done in 2023 and need more dollars?
 - iii. Joy asked about I-LIDS and DASH costs.
 - iv. Put Lake Management Plan as a separate line under Water Quality
 - v. Burkhart asked how PLA handles unexpected costs that just pop up and are not specifically budgeted. Joy suggested a limit of \$300/request. Put an area in the budget for this called Reserve Fund. Any committee can draw from this with OK with Executive Committee approval.



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- vi. Some costs unknown Currently 6 days booked for Aquatic Plant Management for DASH work
 - 1. What does PLA do for EWM in Musky Bay? Mechanical harvesting? Committee meeting with Onterra on May 5 to develop alternatives to address the EWM concern. Onterra wants the Lake Management Plan Committee to be present for this meeting.
- d. Finance – already reported
- e. Grants – Mott
 - i. PLA received 4 grants from the State of Wisconsin
 - 1. 2023 Lake Management Plan -Biological Data Collection Phase
 - a. Total cost - \$ 26,983.50 Grant pays 67% (\$18,078.95) PLA pays \$8,904.55
 - 2. 2024 Lake Management Plan – Planning and Reporting Phase
 - a. Total cost \$ 15,532.50 Grant pays 67% (\$10,406.78) PLA pays \$5,125.72.
 - 3. I-LIDS project
 - a. Total cost \$ 11,713.33 Grant pays 75% (\$8,333.33) PLA pays \$3,380
 - 4. Clean Boats/Clean Waters – landing monitoring
 - a. Total Cost \$ 12,000 Grant pays \$ 8,000 PLA pays \$4,000
 - NOTES- The total cost of the new I-LIDS device is \$14,800 to install with a year's monitoring. A downpayment of \$ 7,400 has been paid. Total cost for I-LIDS 203 is \$14,800 + 2350 = \$17,300. Of that total, \$8,333.33 will be paid by the state through the grant
 - Clean Boats/Clean Waters grant covers 2 landings – Keelers and State. Each landing needs to be monitored for 200 hours to be reimbursed at \$4,000/landing.
- f. Fish/Wildlife-Burkhart
 - i. Meeting with new area Fish Biologist went well. He quickly responded to questions asked at the meeting and provided good detail.
 - ii. A total fish survey will be done on Pelican Lake in 2024 using fyke nets.
 - iii. Discussion on PLA buying readers for the tags inserted in musky when they are taken from fyke nets. Fish travel, survival and other data. Value to PLA? Data collection
 - iv. Idea of having a slot for northerns possibly 24"-35' to protect spawners and increase population – discuss at annual meeting.
 - v. Suick family donated \$ 1,000 earmarked for musky work Readers cost \$ 300 or so.
 - vi. Ed Rueckl donated \$ 1,000 to Fish Committee
- g. Water Quality
 - i. Discussion – Burkhart What amount of EWM is acceptable?
Need to decide so we can budget correctly.



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- Romsa- not economical to DASH Musky Bay Try to contain in other bays. What is nuisance and what is disruptive? Will be part of discussion with Onterra.
- h. Land Committee – VanLangen
 - i. County Conservationist- Michele Sadauskas will meet with landowners in May to see property, take pictures, and discuss shoreland plantings called a buffer zone. She will also present at the Annual Meeting
 - ii. Pelican River Forest – keeping updated. Joint Finance Committee rejected Knowles-Nelson funding in November 2022 and were supposed to have a meeting by November 18,2022 and have public input. That did not happen. Recently the Rhinelander City Council supported the project.
Senator Felzkowski supports mining all over the state. Green Lite Company purchased Badger Minerals which explored just east of Pelican Lake in 2020. The new company is looking to recover gold and copper from northern Wisconsin deposits. Many investors and worldwide reach.
 - iii. Much misinformation regarding the project.
 - iv. Kelly- believes the PLA should go on record in favor of the PRF as it meets PLA Mission Statement as project protects the watershed of Pelican Lake
 - v. Romsa against taking position as it might divide membership
Loggers not backing as no clear forest management plan currently
Audience suggests that many have little information on the project, want to know the facts, and feel the BOD is knowledgeable and can make an informed decision
 - vi. Motion Mott 2nd Kraetsch Provide the BOD with available information on the project and have BOD discussion at the next meeting Passed 4-2
 - i. Boating Safety – Frymark
 - i. Jim will have boater safety information at Summerfest. Larry will help getting materials
 - ii. Wake boats and concerns discussed briefly
 - j. Marketing/Fundraising
 - i. Looking for donations from the Packers and Brewers; WalMart Foundation; other donations for Summerfest
 - ii. Fundraiser Committee meeting in May
10. Public Comment – none
11. Next BOD meeting May 11
- a. Pelican River Forest
 - b. 2024 Budget
 - c. Finance Committee meeting in early May
 - i. Committee budgets due by May 1. If no budget submitted the 2024 budget will be the same as 2023 with 10% added
12. Adjourn 8:28 Motion Mott 2nd Romsa Passed with no opposition