

# Pelican Lake Association Annual Members Meeting

June 1, 2014 10 a.m. Pelican Lake Firehouse 737 Wausau St. Pelican Lake WI

**Draft** minutes taken by: Julie Carriveau

1. The 2024 PLA Annual Members meeting was called to order at 10:03 by President Kerry Romsa.
  - a. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
  - b. Board members were introduced. (Dave Carriveau, Brian Schell, Kelly Kraetsch, Kerry Romsa, Jim Frymark, Steve Tripp present (Scott Sankey on Zoom - observational)
2. Ten paid proxies were registered, 59 paid members present - a quorum confirmed.
3. Proof of Notice confirmed as being sent initially April 29<sup>th</sup> in the Annual Newsletter.
4. Agenda Approval - Motion Rick Steiner, second Bob Kraetsch. Motion passed. No opposition.
5. Review/Approval of the 2023 Annual Members Meeting Minutes- Motion Laurel Kniech, second Deb Fedel. Motion passed. No opposition.
6. Executive Officer Reports including Current Financial Report
  - a. President Kerry Romsa.
    - i. 2023 was a very successful year
    - ii. The 10-year Water Quality Plan is in progress and very in-depth. It will be completed by year end
    - iii. A meeting is scheduled for 9:00am on Saturday, August 10, 2024 at the Fire Hall with Onterra LLC. All are welcome to learn about Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) issues on the lake and treatment
    - iv. Thank you to membership for all you do for the lake. The support of members is what makes it happen!
    - v. There are five openings for board of directors that will be addressed later this morning
  - b. Treasurer Kelly Kraetsch.
    - i. 2023 Financial status was already shared with membership in the 2024 Newsletter. Hard copies of the **Current Financial Report**, Jan 1st - May 31st 2024 were available for membership to reference at this time. (Attachment 1) Hard copies of Proposed budget discussion spreadsheet, to be discussed later, were also handed out. (Attachment 2)
    - ii. Motion to accept the **Current Financial Report** by Rick Steiner, second Mike Warpinski. Motion passed. No opposition
7. Guest Speaker
  - a. Ted J. Rulseh
    - i. Gave a slide presentation "Protecting Our Lakes: The Ultimate People Business." It explained a lake stewardship program of the Gull Chain of Lakes Association MN (gcola.org). The message was that people are the single greatest threat to clean water/healthy habitat and striving to maintain a natural shoreline is very important for lake health. Water quality begins on the land by decreasing water run-off
    - ii. Oneida County is looking into starting a lake stewardship program
    - iii. Randy Van Asten wanted to know if salt/binders on the road affect lake health. The issue was discussed with WDOT to modify diversion to a retention pond on the east of Hwy 45. This was deemed too costly by WDOT and the water essentially runs off to the lake. Membership advised to write to government representatives to advocate for better road treatments/voice concerns

## 8. Committee Reports

### a. **Bylaws/Taz Kraetsch**

- i. Please Read Article 10 of Bylaws, they describe Committee responsibilities. See Taz with any questions/concerns.

### b. **Membership/Suz Romsa**

- i. 200 memberships are paid (227 outstanding). Total membership is 427
- ii. Jim Frymark reported that Kerry Romas on behalf of the PLA, received a Lake Stewardship Award at the State Lakes & Rivers Conference recently held in Stevens Point. Four awards are given annually. Membership with the leadership of Kerry have done a tremendous job establishing community partnerships. Congratulations Kerry! Kerry stated this achievement belongs to all those who work hard to better Pelican Lake

### c. **Financial Review/Ed Rueckl**

- i. Report read and copies are available for members. Review of PLA Inc. was through December 2023. This is not an audit but a review using accounting principles – using receipts, documentation of transactions etc. No modifications need to be made to the financial statement which was a tremendous compliment
- ii. Ed noted the policies, procedures, and controls are much improved from three years ago
- iii. PLA is a not for profit organization

### d. **Grants/Bob Mott (excused). Per Kerry:**

- i. 2025 grant applications will enhance the 10-year lake plan goals
- ii. Clean Boat Clean Water grant is only grant we have in 2024.

### e. **Fish-Wildlife/Scott Sankey (excused). Per Kerry:**

- i. "FUNRaiser" is set for July 27, 2024. Nathan Lederman, Oneida County fish biologist will give a talk from 11:30-12:30pm.
- ii. Muskies fingerlings were released with a chip in them for data collection. A gift of \$1000 from the Suick Family was earmarked for Muskie stocking in Pelican Lake. Gary Storm reported Phyllis Suick recently passed away.
- iii. Ed Rueckl reported several fish limit proposals to appear in the 2026-2027 Wisconsin Fishing Regulations. These proposals have to pass through many governmental agencies including the DNR, Oneida County, Conservation Congress, the Governor, and Special Species Team. These changes are:

1. Bass from 1 > 18" to 5 < 14" with only 1>18"
2. Pan fish from 25/day to 10/day

Gerard Janikowski asked if the limit is per species or total pan fish. Answer: total

#### iv. Netting revealed abundant pan fish

v. There are 40 fish cribs. Camera's show there is a safe haven for small fish. This is a good project

vi. Chip readers in the Muskies collect data for the DNR. 80% are chipped, 20% noted are from natural reproduction

#### vii. Projects to consider:

1. Fish sticks
2. Restore old cribs
3. Fishing tournament on "free fishing" weekend
4. Tour the Mole Lake hatchery which have tanks that can raise fish up to 16"
5. Tour the mobile hatchery in Shawano by "Walleyes for Tomorrow." Pelican Lake does not need stocking of Walleye as the lake does fine on its own

6. There will be a Board meeting on June 17, 2024 as a new Fish Committee Chair is needed

f. **Water Quality**/Bob Mott (excused) Per Dave Carriveau:

- i. 10-year plan is in progress. When completed, it will go through a 45 day review by the DNR and the Tribes. The PLA members will have a 21 day review during that same time period
- ii. Kerry stated the stake holders survey results will be included in the 10-year plan
- iii. Bob is working hard on receiving grants. This a very competitive process for monies.
- iv. So much is happening with gathering data, reviewing research, and learning about lake treatment techniques in relation to the lake's own unique ecosystem
- v. Copies of Bob Mott's comprehensive report was available for members. Thank you Bob (Attachment 3)
- vi. Dave will be doing the water quality sampling. Will meet with the DNR June 18, 2024 on the lake regarding sampling information
- vii. Much work has been done and is being done with developing working relationships with stakeholders, including those that control the dam/water level, Onterra, the DNR, and APM (Aquatic Plant Management) to name a few
- viii. There are tight timelines for this plan completion. This year 25 acres will be done per the study by Onterra; 8.8 through mechanical harvesting, and 16.2 through DASH (diver assisted suction harvest).
- ix. Per Kerry, in answer to Mike Young's question; a channel will be marked and signed at Keeler's boat landing in order to guide boat traffic through
- x. Per Kerry in answer to another question; Pelican Lake does not need Zebra Muscle prevention as the water has low calcium that doesn't support their growth. Let Stephanie at Oneida County know however if any are found. Bob Kraetsch stated to check and clean any bought/relocated boat-lifts to prevent any introduction of Zebra Muscles
- xi. The committee is learning how to best support Pelican Lake's particular ecosystem. All are encouraged to become aware of what impacts the lake and how best to preserve and improve the water quality
- xii. Per Steve Tripp, the plan will need membership review when it is done, encouraged members to educate themselves as everyone will need to understand the plan. This is a big deal. Steve complimented the committee on all the long hours that have been put in and to thank Bob Mott when you see him

g. **Boating Safety**/Jim Frymark

- i. Last year had brochures from the DNR at the annual fundraiser. This year, will have a safety kit as part of the raffle. Please voice any concerns about lake safety to Jim
- ii. Paul Tomczak reports some buoys have been replaced. The Keeler's landing boat lane will be marked this month. There are 45 markers in the lake. Location map needs updating. Some buoys are hard to see and need improved graphics. The average cost of one buoy is approximately \$250. Lights are present on Memorial buoys

h. **Marketing-Fundraising**/Kelly Kraetsch

- i. Many volunteers are needed for all events. Help is needed for the July 6th waterski show
- ii. Raffle tickets raise a lot of funds and are a very important source of income
- iii. The "FUNRaiser" (new name) is a work in progress. The same band will return for entertainment. Constant Contact messages will be coming.

i. **Land**/Todd Van Langen

- i. Todd and Dave Carriveau are working on landing signs improvement
- ii. Mary Schmitzer is working on the Shoreline Garden at the Schoepke Town Hall using best lake stewardship practices in mind. Please help as able.

iii. Bob Kraetsch reports that water is currently flowing over the dam gates and he continues working with the DNR and WVIC. The high-water mark is 3-4" below the top of the dam. Coordinating to keep it there.

j. **Finance/Kelly Kraetsch**

- i. Proposed Budget Discussion (Attachment 2) was walked through with membership. Copies were available for membership to follow through.
- ii. Thanked Rick and Beth Steiner for guidance and Joy Herman for hours of quality control.
- iii. 2024 Adjusted budget was Walked through (see yellowed areas)
- iv. Lake study grant payment was moved to 2025, will not receive in 2024 as first expected.
- v. Scholarships income/expense postponed to 2025. Filed Schedule O in 2023 IRS Tax return with the Scholarship intent included.
- vi. Income estimates are conservative
- vii. Expenses were adjusted for Water Quality
  1. AIS was increased to 40K - increased days of removal (\$2,500/day)
  2. Also added cost of Sonar Mapping request
- viii. Comment from Brian Schell concerning Sonar Mapping cost. Lake Maps are outdated, DNR Maps are from 1940's, this is an outdated tool. New technology can provide better management of lake contours for milfoil harvesting as organic buildup has occurred. Updated mapping will also aide Boating Safety efforts with rock locations and shallow areas. Cost is estimated \$18K.
- ix. Motion to approve adjusted 2024 budget by Dick Clark, second Susan Bessa. Motion passed. No opposition
- x. 2025 Budget was walked through - Motion to approve by Gladys Miller, second Dick Clark Motion passed, No opposition.

9. Election of Financial Review Committee

- a. Motion by Kerry Romsa to nominate all three current committee members; Ed Rueckl, Sherry Aulik, Peg Broker. Second Dennis Vanden Heuvel. Motion passed. No opposition

10. Election of Directors

- a. Five needed. Three incumbents; Kelly Kraetsch, Bob Mott, and Jim Frymark. Bob and Kelly willing to stay on. Jim declines
  - i. Nominations
    1. Kelly Kraetsch. Motion 2 year commitment Kerry Romsa. Second Dave Carriveau. Kelly Declined. Motion for Kelly to fill one year commitment by Rick Steiner. Second Dennis Vanden Heuvel. Kelly accepted nomination.
    2. Pat Schenk. Motion Dennis Vanden Heuvel. Second Beth Steiner Pat accepted 2 year nomination.
    3. Rhonda Bell. Motion Bob Kraetsch. Second Rick Steiner. Rhonda accepted one year nomination
    4. Steve Tripp. Motion Judy Mixis. Second Kerry Romsa Steve accepted 2 year nomination
    5. Bob Mott. Motion Kathy Peiffer. Second Ed Rueckl Bob had submitted in writing to board 2 year nomination.
    6. Ted Nelson. Motion Amy Beyers. Second Sherry Nelson Ted accepted 2 year nomination
    7. Susan Bessa. Motion Kerry Romsa. Second Suz Romsa Susan accepted 2 year nomination.

8. Leif Christianson. Motion Judy Mixis. Second Randy Mixis. Leif not present and unable to confirm nomination in writing per bylaws, therefore nomination not accepted.
9. Motion to close nominations Rick Steiner, second Dennis Vanden Heuvel. Motion passed, no opposition.
10. Only 2 one year vacancies with only 2 one year nominations, Membership agreed to fill with no formal vote. Membership did vote to fill 3 two year vacancies from 5 nominations. Paper ballots issued.

ii. Top three: Ballot total results for two -year terms:

1. Bob Mott
2. Steve Tripp
3. Pat Schenk

- iii. Motion to accept ALL the new board members Kerry, Second Mike Warpinski. Motion passed. No opposition
- iv. Judy Mixis stated she did not understand voting procedures, but membership stated no opposition was voiced during the voting process, results stood.

11. Old Business-Scholarships/Kelly Kraetsch

- a. Question posed to members: Should one \$1000 or two \$500 scholarships be awarded?
  - i. Motion by Beth Steiner for one \$1000 award. Second Julie Hammond. Motion carried. No opposition
  - ii. Kelly read scholarship rules/requirements. They will be posted on Website.

12. New Business

- a. Jim Frymark proposed considering having a Strategic Capital Improvements Plan. A way for setting funds aside. Favorable comments were stated

13. Membership Comments

- a. Mark Pearson wondered if membership dues should be increased. Kerry stated that 90% of other lake associations are at the \$25 rate. Discussion sided with keeping rate the same to encourage membership and continue inclusivity of those residents on a fixed budget
- b. Jim Frymark stated the "Adopt a Highway" sign verbiage is being changed. Will remove "property owners" and keep "PLA."
- c. Brian Schell reported the webpage is completely rewritten. Future goal is provide membership renewal and donations on-line. He feels communication is adequate with having the webpage and "Constant Contact." Recently noted 774 visits to the webpage. Laurel Kniech stated her appreciation to allow Zoom access to Board meetings and observation to annual meeting for those unable to attend.
- d. Kerry Romsa again encouraged all to come to the August 10, 2024 meeting with Onterra. Membership INPUT is foundation to Organizational growth/strength.

14. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn Rick Steiner. Second Susan Bessa. Motion passed. No opposition at 12:59pm