

**PELICAN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 9, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order @ 9:30 a.m. by President, Jean Roach. Vice-President, Cathy Cyr; Secretary, Vicki Smith; and Board members Don Oremus, Bob Brautigam, Lud Lodholz, and David Hard were in attendance. Treasurer, Ann Clark, and Board member, Dave Groeger, were absent. Board members introduced themselves and welcomed the good turnout (61) of members.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting on July 18, 2015; the Board Meeting on June 11, 2016; and the Summerfest Organizational Meeting on June 25, 2016; were distributed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

President Jean Roach read Treasurer Ann Clark's annual report. Jean explained that this year PLPOA had not been issued a grant for covering lakeshore monitoring. A motion for PLPOA to use funds to cover cost-sharing of the program with the Sokaogon Chippewa Community and the Town of Schoepke was made, seconded, and passed by voice vote. It was noted that the Town of Enterprise refused the Association's request for extra funding to cover the grant shortfall. Discussion ensued about members attending the Town of Enterprise's budget meeting in November to secure funds for 2017.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership and Telephone Directory** – Vicki thanked all for responding to update the PLPOA membership phone directory. She asked that members support the numerous advertisements in the back of the book and buy local.

**CBCW/AIS Landing Monitoring Program** – Lud Lodholz stated that there are 5 people monitoring the State and Keeler's Boat Landings on the lake, and that education was provided for approximately 4,000 people and 1,776 boats. He reminded members that at the State Landing, on the west side, some of the concrete has sunk and suggested that they exercise caution when using the landing until the DNR can make the repair.

**AIS/EWM Hand-Harvesting Project** – Jean reported that the harvest was positive for plant removal, and that invasive plant removal will continue for the third year, paid for with the grant money. The size of infected areas in the lake has decreased, although small spots remain and are manageable with hand-harvesting.

**Fish Report** – Cathy read the fish report and encouraged members to refer to the PLPOA website for details and more regarding numbers and kinds of fish in Pelican Lake.

**Loon Count Report** - Jean introduced Rhonda and Gordon Bell, who assisted with the last count in 2015. That count revealed a good population of loons who make Pelican Lake their home. Suggestions to help the loons be successful are: stop using lead fish bait, remove any broken fishing line from the water, and stay clear of the loons while boating.

**Grant Update** – Bob Mott represented PLPOA at the Lakes Convention to ask why PLPOA did not get a grant this year. The DNR budget has been cut and there is less money for lake maintenance. Suggestions were made to find new ways to obtain grant money. Bob will follow up on these.

**Conservation Congress Report** – Ed Rueckl provided information and research regarding a proposal to return Pelican Lake to the state bass-limit rule of 5 per day of 14" bass, rather than 1 per day and 18". A statement by Mike Kubisiak, the DNR Regional Fisheries Biologist who has studied our lake for over 15 years, was read to the members. Kubisiak is opposed to changing the current, more-restrictive limit because he believes the invasive Rusty Crawfish will re-populate the lake. Members spoke up to express their opinions during the discussion phase. A motion to support Ed's proposal was made, seconded, and a secret ballot vote taken and passed. Results were: 51 YES,

12 NO, and 3 ABSTAINED. PLPOA will support changing the bass limits. Ed reported that this will most likely not go into effect until some time in 2020 since there are several steps that require approval before a change is made.

**Lakes Convention Report** – Dave Hardt attended this conference and presented his observations about the value of this activity. His presentation on a session he attended was the program for this annual meeting.

**Shoreline Restoration** – Bob and Jean recommended that members should consider restoring part of their shoreline property to a more natural state using native plants. It's the single best thing members can do to preserve the water and fishing quality of the lake. Members were directed to check out our demonstration native-plant garden north of the Schoepke Town Hall, and pick up booklets from the back table with directions and information about how to do a shoreline restoration garden.

## **PROGRAM**

Dave Hardt attended sessions at the annual Lakes Convention in Stevens Point. He presented a powerpoint program on the State's Healthy Lakes Initiative. The presentation included information about how lake bloom and increased algae from rain runoff create cloudy lake water that decreases property value. He demonstrated different ways that homeowners can divert the runoff so that it doesn't go directly into the lake. He provided education about how easily the invasive plants spread. At the conference he learned how to identify the different plants and will help anyone who wants more information on this. He spoke about Act 55 that allows the state of Wisconsin to override county shoreline zoning. Much more information was shared and members expressed their ideas, as well.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Volunteers needed for Summerfest:** see Jean.

**New Member Recruitment Committee:** see Jean.

**Welcome Packet Committee:** see Jean.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Shoreline Buffer Zone at Shoepke Town Hall** – volunteers needed to assist with upkeep: see Jean.

**Newsletter article writers:** see Jean and/or Vicki.

PLPOA member encouraged people to **use proper lighting on boats after dark.**

**Dates for 2017 Annual Meeting and Summerfest** – motion made and seconded to hold the Annual Meeting on June 24 and Summerfest on July 15 Motion passed.

**Board elections:** Re-elected to third term: Jean Roach. Re-elected to second term: Ann Clark, Dave Hardt, Lud Lodholz, and Don Oremus. Elected to first term: Barb Groeger, Joy Herman, Rhonda Bell, and Gordon Bell.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned @ 11:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Groeger, Acting Secretary, PLPOA