

PELICAN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2016

1. **Call to Order**. The meeting was called to order @ 10 a.m. by President, Jean Roach. In attendance were Cathy Cyrs, Vice-President; Vicki Smith, Secretary; Ann Clark, Treasurer; and Board members Bob Brautigam, Barb Groeger, Dave Hardt, Larold Lodholz, and Don Oremus. Absent were Gordon Bell, Rhonda Bell, and Joy Herman.
2. **Old Business/Committee Reports**.
Minutes from Annual Meeting reviewed and approved. (attach)
Treasurer's Report: Refer to formal report provided by Ann Clark. (attach)
3. **New Business**.
 - A. **CBCW** – 2016 was a good year: the number of contacts this year were similar to last season. Oneida County supports this program. They supplied ID badges for all monitors. **Lud Lodholz** announced that we have 3 more monitors for 2017. Recap Meeting at Holiday Acres: all monitors were invited to attend as guests. Motion made and seconded to purchase \$25 gift cards at Musky Mart for the 5 monitors in appreciation of their work for the PLPOA CBCW program. **Lud** will do this after Thanksgiving. Hard-copy reports were shared with the Board. (attach)
 - CBCW program runs from 1st Saturday in May through 2nd Saturday in September. **Lud** reported that his wife, **Yvonne**, enters the data for state reporting. All Board members expressed thanks for her part in assisting Lud.
 - **Lud** will remain in contact with DNR about repairing the State Boat Landing. One of the concrete slabs has lost its support due to power-loading of large fishing boats.
 - **Jean** reported that Town of Schoepke donated \$3,000 toward the CBCW project. She is drafting a letter and will meet with Karen Hagedorn to put this on the Town of Schoepke's November budget agenda.
 - Board members unanimously thanked and expressed appreciation to **Lud** for his attention to this project.
 - B. **2017 Raffle Tickets** – All agreed that sales went well. Members agreed to add, "No purchase required," to the printing on the tickets so that the tickets can be sent with the Winter Newsletter (3 tickets per member). **Bob Brautigam** will manage this project again in 2017. The Board unanimously thanked and expressed appreciation for **Bob's** attention to this project.
 - C. **Town of Schoepke** – PLPOA appreciates that the Town Board supports the Association in the following ways: Town Hall availability for Annual Meeting, Summerfest, and Board meetings; monetary donation for lake support (CBCW), use of an area to showcase the PLPOA's model shoreline restoration.
 - D. **Buoys** – Board discussed the effects of decreased grant monies for managing the EWM and CBCW. With more expenses to run these programs, the Board's June decision not to provide financial support to the townships for the buoys in 2017 was deemed a good idea.
 - Motion was made to donate the PLPOA's depth finder to Paul Tomczak, the buoy installer/remover. Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.
 - E. **Membership** – **Vicki Smith** reported that currently there are 284 members, all but 14 of whom have paid for 2016. **Vicki** has produced a most inclusive PLPOA membership phone directory that comes included with a paid membership. She was able to get financial support from the local businesses that chose to advertise in the back section of the directory.
 - Board discussed methods of making lake-property owners aware of the Association. Discussed creating a brochure explaining some of the history of the Association and its purpose to maintain a healthy lake. Brochure could be available in a weather-protected area/container by the shoreline restoration model. **Vicki, Dave Hardt, and Barb Groeger** will work together to initiate a plan in 2017.
 - F. **Grants** – PLPOA will continue to seek grant monies for lake projects. **Bob Mott** will write the grant for CBCW again this year. Board voted to support his efforts and donate \$400 to him.
 - Healthy Lakes program – **Dave** led a discussion promoting different actions that a property owner can take to contribute to the health of the lake, i.e., Fish Sticks, creating rain gardens, diverting water from driveway runoff, using downspout extensions, and planting shoreline areas with native plants. Proposed that PLPOA apply for grant money to assist property owners in obtaining individual grants. The PLPOA would offer to pay

for 10% of the cost. Further development of this plan to come. Motion made, seconded, and passed to earmark \$1,000 for this purpose (covering 5-10 grants). **Ann Clark** volunteered to plant the first shoreline-restoration area for this proposed project. Along with this, it was proposed that there be a “Good Steward” recognition plaque to display at the shoreline-restoration model at Schoepke Town Hall, listing the names of property owners who have created shoreline-restoration areas on their own property. Pictures could be included. It was suggested that **Gordon and Rhonda Bell** be approached to work on this project.

- G. Wisconsin Shoreland Initiative – **Jean** proposed that the PLPOA donate \$1,000 to this group. Their work on State legislation to protect lakes helps us in our mission to protect Pelican Lake. They worked this past year to prevent a bill that would have allowed dredging by lake property owners without permits. They also stopped a bill that would have opened shorelines to ATVs, thus destroying privacy and harming the shore area. Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously. **Lud** shared that he will attend the workshop at Holiday Acres on advocating for our lake, and report back to the Board. This workshop is co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Lakes Association and the Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Association.
- H. Tax Base for Lake Homes - **Lud and Cathy Cyrs** led a discussion and provided hard copy information that showed that most lake-property owners are considered “Seasonal,” yet more than 50% of the local tax base comes from these “Seasonal” residences. Discussed that seasonal owners could consider moving their voting registration to Pelican Lake for some input into tax spending. Suggested that this be addressed in the next newsletter.
- I. 2017 Projected Budget Outline:
- CBCW - \$12,000
 - AIS-EWM grant writing - \$400
 - Wisconsin Shoreland Initiative - \$1,000
 - Shoreline-Restoration Model -\$500
 - Hand-Harvesting of Milfoil - \$7,000
- J. Five-Year Plan – Hard copies were distributed and discussed. Wisconsin Shoreland Initiative will be added to the plan. (attach)

4. Election of Officers – 2017.

- President – **Jean Roach**, mentoring **Lud Lodholz** to become President in July of 2017.
- Vice President & CBCW– **Lud Lodholz**, mentoring **Bob Brautigam** to eventually take over CBCW.
- Secretary – **Barb Groeger**, mentored/assisted by **Vicki Smith**.
- Treasurer – **Joy Herman**, mentored/assisted by **Ann Clark**.
- Membership Coordinator (new position created) – **Vicki Smith**.
- CBCW Accountant (with permission to access our bank account at CoVantage Credit Union) - **Lori Regni**.

5. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Barb Groeger, Secretary, PLPOA