

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
PELICAN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

**June 24, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President, Jean Roach. In attendance were Vice President, Cathy Cyrs; Acting Secretary, Rhonda Bell; Board Members, Gordon Bell, Bob Brautigam, Lud Lodholz, Vicki Smith; and 47 members. Treasurer, Joy Herman, and Board Members, Ann Clark, Barb Groeger, and Dave Hardt were absent. After an introduction of each of the Board Members, new members were welcomed.

**PRESENTATION BY MIKE PREUL, FISHERIES BIOLOGIST FOR THE SOKAOGON (MOLE LAKE) CHIPPEWA COMMUNITY**

Mike presented information on fish in Pelican Lake. He stated that the lake has great habitat for the walleye because of its forage base, offshore reefs, sand flats, and trout/perch presence. He also reported that the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Committee (GLFWC) analyzes and monitors the Tribal declaration of the walleye harvest each spring. At this time, based upon annual fall and periodic spring fish counts, Pelican has a naturally reproducing walleye population with a healthy diversity of other fish. The program included a spirited and lengthy question-and-answer session. Mike invited everyone to call, e-mail, or visit the Tribal Community for further discussion. He left cards with his contact information.

**PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES**

Minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting were made available and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report was given and accepted.

**BROADBAND INTERNET PRESENTATION BY DAVE NOEL FROM SUGAR CAMP**

Dave Noel addressed the need for high-speed, fixed wireless broadband for the Pelican Lake area. He and a group of other volunteers are writing a state grant to bring high-speed broadband to underserved areas in WI. The grant requires matching funding. The Town of Schoepke, Oneida County, and various local businesses have pledged funding. He requested that our Association consider making a pledge of \$5,000 to support this effort. A motion was made and discussion ensued. The question was called and a vote taken. The majority in attendance voted to approve a \$5,000 donation, if the grant is approved. The grant will provide funding for Northwoods Connect to add equipment to the tower adjacent to the Pelican Lake Fire Department and erect a second tower east of town. The two towers will provide service to an expanded area, covering people who have no Internet access, and will provide another choice for those who currently have access.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AIS/EWM:** Onterra's June survey gave us the good news that hand-harvesting is not needed this year.

**CBCW/AIS:** Landing-monitor program report given by Lud Lodholz. Five paid monitors and a few volunteers are working at three landings every weekend and all holidays to educate people and help protect the lake from invasive species.

**CBCW GRANT UPDATE:** Applied yearly: 3 boat landings, 200 hours per landing, \$4,000 per landing; 75% funded by the state, 25% for in-kind work. Local volunteers were encouraged to work the landings so that their hours could help defray PLPOA's matching portion of the grant.

**SHORELINE RESTORATION GARDEN:** \$10,000 grant money was used for plants, the sign, and brochures.

The garden's purpose is to encourage lake residents to create a smaller version of the garden on their near-shore areas to protect the lake from runoff from their properties.

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY:** Dan Miller and Jim Brust were thanked for organizing this cleanup done twice yearly. Twelve cleanups have occurred in the past. All the past volunteers were thanked and encouragement was given to others to participate. The suggestion was made for members to sign up to clean up a specific section of a highway.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RE-ELECTION:** Bob Brautigam, Cathy Cyrs, and Vicki Smith were re-elected to the Board of Directors for a 2-year term.

**2018 ANNUAL MEETING DATE:** June 23, 2018.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Randy Van Asten discussed a safety concern with high-powered boats on the lake during the evening hours. Since the Board does not have the authority to enforce, it was suggested that he obtain the violator's license and contact the DNR hotline (1-800-847-9367).

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

