

**Pleasant Lake Association
Board Meeting
Minutes -May 21, 2011**

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Officers present: Chair Sedey, Vice Chair Hogberg, Treasurer Arfsten, Secretary Peterson, Directors Warner, Mader, Hable, Bayer, Lundeen

Officers not present: Froehlich

Treasurers Report: \$3,000 in donation plus \$3,000 in dues plus expenses of \$86 result in present balance of \$7,615.39. This includes a gift of \$2,000 from the Triathlon Club and \$750 from the City of Annandale.

Membership: Julie Sedey reports a total of 70 homeowners have joined the association out of a possible 125. A membership list was circulated to confirm or correct gathered information.

Newsletter: Editor Warner reported that the latest newsletter was provided free of charge by members Dave & Nancy Haugland. She expressed appreciation for all the time Tim Hable & Joe Bayer put in to get the newsletter out with informative lake history and current events. The next issue will be out in Aug and hopes to include introductions of new lake homeowners and projects being addressed by the association.

Water Patrol: Deputy Joel Mackereth of the Wright County Sheriff's Dept. explained what the local Water Patrol does & how the Sheriff's Dept. benefits from their service. Wright County has over 200 lakes and the current 30 assigned deputies rely on the eyes and ears of local patrols in making our waterways safe for the public. Deputy Mackereth reviewed the current DNR Boating Guide covering the following areas: License requirement, display stickers, life jackets, buoyant cushions, lights, fire extinguishers, whistles, drain plugs, no wake zones, personal watercraft restrictions, personal swimming areas, buoy restricted areas, Dennis Arfsten is our Water Patrol Captain & contact person and anyone interested in joining the patrol should contact him. 134 hours were put in by our local patrol last year. We currently have 5 members.

Clearwater River Watershed Dist: Managers Merle Anderson and Dennis Loewen addressed our group. Merle explained just how the determination is made to open or close the culvert on our lake. There are currently 5 inlets to the river and we happen to be the only one with a culvert they can control. It was closed 2 weeks ago and is reviewed daily. There is a dam on Grass Lake where measurements are taken to make this decision. The District has a annual budget of \$180,000 and funds many project within the district. Lakescaping programs to individual homeowners are funded often to slow runoff of chemicals. Merle spoke to the members making up the community affecting the waters of our lakes and what each can do to protect the quality and safety we hope to maintain. Merle explained how the 5 directors on the Watershed Board are appointed and their terms. Merle has been a close friend and advisor to our association for close to 10 years now. He has the background and knowledge and his recommendations are often followed.

Pleasant Lake Clothing: Director Warner presented clothing from Annandale Embroidery with our lake name and logos. Order forms were available and should be used in ordering to

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financially benefit our association. Drawings for shirts, bags, & hats resulted in following winners: Hogland, Mader, Peterson, Sedey, Schmidt

Loon Platform: ViceChair Hogberg reported that a 2nd platform-nest has been built and installed on the southeast side of the lake and awaits occupancy. The 1st platform-nest was built by Al Dubbeldee and installed by Kermit Lundeen and Bill Lauer back in 2002. Loons have been seen on the lake but it is yet to be determined if we have 2 families or just one.

Boat Parade: Penny and Dave Hogberg will coordinate the July 3rd Boat Parade set for 7 p.m. Ideas and help should be directed their way.

Newsletter: Look for next edition in early Aug.

Secchi reading: Water quality. Report including the monthly water sampling we take to monitor the lake for contaminants. We contract with RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc. and the current readings were shared with the group.

Curley Leaf Pond treatment program: Delayed due to lack of funds. DNR lakewide permit was funded this year.

Point intercept vegetation survey relating to the Legacy money discussed. We will work with either Wright County Soil and Water or Clearwater Watershed Dist. when the state decides which program to go with in our area. A committee of Sedey, Mader, & Hable will work with selecting a survey company and starting date for the mapping of our lake.

COLA: A group of lake associations are looking into the possibility of forming a combined association to lobby for future needs. We will be kept informed of that progress.

Cedar Lake: An invitation to an Open House at Camp Courage on Sat June 18th to any and all interested parties to hear a speaker address lake environment issues.

Initiative Grant: If there is anyone interested in grant writing and has time we are still eligible for a \$5,000 grant. This will expire in December.

New lake maps distributed. Maps are provided by Steve Bruggemen. Please contact any board member with corrections.

Next board meeting will be June 18th.

Next general meeting will be Aug 27th. Any ideas to help with attendance should be relayed to any board member.