

Pleasant Lake Association

General Meeting

Minutes - August 20, 2016

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Present: Chair Sedey, Vice Chair Hogberg, Treasure Harkman, Secretary Peterson, Directors S Miller, Mader, Honsey, Boie

Not present: A Miller, Bergstrom

Treasurers Report: Jeff Harkman reported we have a current balance of \$18,000. 36% of this total comes from dues while 64% comes from donations. We receive financial support from the city of Annandale, Wright County, Triathlon Club, DNR, and special member donations. 77% of our funds go towards the 15 acres we treat for curly leaf pondweed. Other expenses include insurance, water testing, postage, welcome baskets, and the annual picnic. We expected to purchase two banners this year and were pleasantly surprised when Dave and Nancy Haugland donated both. We also expected bills for the parade entry from the parade committee and our U of M Gopher firetruck but no charge from either. Thank You's have been sent to the Hauglands and the Mega's.

Membership: We have 92 paid members as of this date. This is approx 78% of total homes on the lake. Director Boie has welcomed new homeowners and a number of those have joined the association. Reminders are sent to past members. Notices go out in January. Dues are \$40 per year.

Speaker: Jefferson Bishop of Bishop AIS services informed the membership of how the current boat inspection county program operates. Of the 40 some lakes in the county 28 are being staffed at landings looking for aquatic invasive species. Our lake receives approx. 45 days, 70 hours per landing over the summer months. AIS services employs 30 trained inspectors who rotate among the lake landings. The cost to the county is approx \$17 per hour. The decontamination boat cleaning station, located behind Rods & Rides, is staffed from 10 am to 7 pm 7 days a week. Boats can be cleaned free of charge. If landing inspectors feel a boat is in need of cleaning they can send boat owners to the station before allowing them on the lake. If zebra mussels or Eurasian water milfoil is detected on a boat pictures are taken and sent to the DNR. Questions concerning Bass fishing clubs were addressed and Jefferson feels this group is very conscious of what must be done to keep our lakes healthy. Our association will be looking at increasing the landing inspection hours in the future.

Water sampling: Chair Sedey Explained the monthly sampling we take from the lake and what chemicals we are looking for. This testing cost \$250 and is run through the county Info can be gained thru: <http://www.rmbel.info/Reports/ReportsQuery.aspx> Water clarity Secchi readings are taken at different sites weekly by Sedey, Warner, & Peterson and this information is forwarded to the Minn. Pollution Control Agency each fall. Pleasant Lake has received a healthy report over the past 10 years. The DNR feels our efforts to control the curly leaf pondweed and invasive species is productive and commendable.

Treatment: We are treating 15 acres of approx 20 acres we are allowed to by the DNR The areas are on the west end, city landing, and county park/landing. Approx 25 individual home owners treat in front of their property as well. Surveys will be conducted to determine the effectiveness of this treatment.

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Zebra Mussels: Director Boie is heading up the monitoring stations on the lake. If you would like to be involved please contact him for testing tubes. Tubes have been turned in for testing at landing sites and we have no zebra mussels. This is a pilot program run by Wright County Soil and Water.

Watershed: The Clearwater River Watershed Dist tour info was shared by Director S Miller. The District has many projects which include farms, creeks, businesses & lakes and this years tour was conducted in the Kimball area. The watershed covers all water that flows into the Clearwater River. Our lake level is determined by the level flowing out of Clearwater Lake. Measurement are taken on Grass Lake. Controlled culverts are located on the NE end of the lake flowing under Hwy 24. We are currently visiting with the district about sampling runoff reaching our lake from various sources. This project would run over the summer months with weekly reading at approx 6 locations. We feel the District has the expertise to get an accurate assessment of these waters flowing into our lake.

Boat Parade: Director Honsey reported on the July 3rd evening parade. She was able to count 12 boats that took part. There may have been more so next year she hopes to get everyone registered. Because of the concert in the park the parade will begin 15 minutes later. Judging by the queen candidates will be assisted by lakeshore judges next year. A big Thank You to everyone who participates.

Picnic: Director Ed Mader and wife Jenifer once again chaired this event. We had 75 in attendance for the burger, hotdog, corn, & potluck picnic. The basement of the pavilion was full of people and food. It was nice to see so many neighbors and meet so many of the new homeowners..

Newsletter: Shoreline Ramblings, Maggie Nilson, Gloria Warner, & Amy Miller collect, layout, and proof all that makes it into the paper. Any idea, history, picture, or suggestions should be forwarded to one of the three. A Fall publication will be coming. The paper is printed free of charge by Dave and Nancy Haugland. Please send any e-mail address change to the committee.

Board of Directors: New directors are always needed. The board meets every other month at the most. We welcomed Kevin Bergstrom to the board this year, he lives on the north side of the lake. Our next meeting is set for October 15th. If you would like to attend but not ready to be a Director you are welcome as well. If you would like to learn more you can also e-mail Chairman Sedey at johnsedey@gmail.com