

PLPOA Board Meeting Agenda – July 24, 2012

1. Read and approve meeting minutes from last meeting- BobE
The Board Meeting minutes from the June 19 meeting were read, and motion was made and carried to accept these minutes
2. Treasurer's report and membership update – Gordon M.
It was reported that the Association has a total of 45 members at this date and the total balance of funds is \$4,559.80 A motion was made a carried to accept the Treasurers report as presented
3. By-Laws Revision Committee – Tom T. and Bob E. - PLPOA By-Law suggested revisions were passed out at the June 19th meeting and Board members we asked to review prior to the July meeting and offer any suggested additions, deletions, or changes. Once all changes are reviewed and changes made for final by-law revisions, board members will decide to offer for a vote at the next general association meeting.
*Tom and Bob led a discussion of proposed by-law changes. In general, the proposed changes were accepted as written with a few exceptions. The first bulleted item under the Association purpose was changed to read **“conserving and protecting Pleasant Lake’s water and its watershed”**. The second change was under the section titled Membership. Item #4 in that section was changed to read **“membership shall be from April 1 through March 30 of the following calendar year”**. The final change was made to the section titled ‘Meetings’, item #6 which outlines Rules of Order. Item letter ‘I’ was changed to read ‘Lake Fellowship’, instead of ‘Good and Welfare’.*
Overall the board felt the updating of the by-laws made the document clearer and easier to read and updated the wording to be gender appropriate. In addition the inclusion of a Purpose statement more clearly sets course for the focus of the Association. Finally, it was felt that the original document wording which had not been revised since the 1980’s, severely needed updating and that the addition of sections made the proposed new document easier to read and understand. Bob will make these agreed upon changes and distribute the final proposal to the Board members at the next meeting. One final review will be conducted at the time and then the changes will be presented for a vote by Association members at the next general Association members meeting.
4. Lake Management Committee – Lon N. - This committee will report on its findings and recommendations for our next steps in this area.

-Lon reported that Secchi disk readings have gone from 13' in the spring to 8' last week. This is a fairly normal reading for later in the summer season. Lon will amalgamate all the secchi disk readings from past years into one document so that we can make better comparison of readings throughout the year and more clearly identify changes and trends.

- Lon and Catherine are in the process of finding and documenting all the drains that enter into Pleasant Lake

-Lon's contact at the county for lake testing advice and information is believed to be out of the country. He will continue to try to make contact with him. Lon still believes it may be possible to have the testing conducted late summer or fall. The need for a timeline of activities and an estimated cost of those activities was discussed and Lon agreed to put that together for the board. Since the initial lake testing will cost in the range of \$3 - \$5,000, we began a discussion on different methods to raise funds for this step and other steps that will be necessary. A yard sale or spaghetti dinner was discussed as possible fund raising possibilities.

It was noted that having a proposed timeline and budget for all the steps necessary to help us make an educated and informed recommendation to Pleasant Lake residents regarding short term and long term lake management practices would be important prior to engaging in any fund raising activity.

5. July 4th Boat Parade Update – Board members attending/participating in the Boat Parade will review what went well and offer suggestions for improvements/changes

-Only six participants this year probably due to July 4th being on Wednesday

-Tom put together some nice thank you notes to send to our gift sponsors. Although some of the donations were smaller than in years past they still are greatly appreciated by all

-It was felt that the new theme seemed to work ok and that we would continue it next year

6. PLPOA Membership Follow Up – What action does the board recommend for increasing Association membership for this year?

-An updated list of paid residents will be distributed to Board member. The Board members will then contact neighbors who have not paid yet and encourage them to do so

-Gordon will begin to send notices through the mail out to residents who haven't paid yet

7. Old Business (What's bugging you??)

-Pleasant Lake Inn – Beth mentioned that she sees boats being launched from the Inn still, usually three or four a week at least. There is no boat sanitation station there which increases the possibility of introducing invasive plant and animal species in the lake. Lon said he will take clean boat stickers to the inn and see if they will post these at the launch.

-Gas Plant – There are conflicting stories from different sources regarding whether the gas plant continues to take water from the lake. Lon has a contact there and will try to get a definitive answer.

-Beth brought up a lake resident's complaint regarding a specific pontoon boat that anchored on the east end of the lake for about three hours and played loud music while they were fishing. Several of the board members also witnessed this activity. Bob asked if other board members felt it was the board's responsibility to 'police' this type of activity and all the board members agreed that we are not 'Lake Police'. The discussion on this settled on the fact that if a resident is annoyed by a 'legal' activity then that resident should raise the issue with the party creating the nuisance. And, if a resident observes an illegal activity, that resident should contact the proper authorities so they can remedy the situation. Bob recounted an e-mail he recently received from a resident complaining about neighbors barking dogs. He recommended that the resident contact the Township since they have an ordinance that covers that issue. The board can set behavioral rules and suggested procedures for lake activity (counter clockwise direction, keep noise down, etc.) but these are not laws that can be enforced legally. It is up to each person using the lake to choose to observe these suggestions.

-A resident raised an issue about the bright lights from the gas plant. It was recommended that the board will suggest that the gas plant put some shields on those lights to limit the light pollution from them.