

## **Pelican Lake Association Annual 2021 Membership Meeting.**

**March 12, 2022, Pelican Lake Fire District Building.**

### **Meeting Minutes.**

**Call Meeting to Order:** President Kerry Romsa called the meeting to order at 10:12 am.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all in attendance.

**Roll Call:** President, Kerry Romsa, present, Vice President, Larry Burkhart, absent, Treasurer, Joy Herman, present, Secretary, Todd Van Langen, present, Board Member, Jim Fedel, present, Board Member, Edwin Miller, absent. The meeting was attended by 60 people with 43 voting members present at the meeting, with an additional 43 voting members via signed proxies for a total of 86 voting members. 21 individuals were able to view the Meeting on a non interactive Zoom broadcast.

**Accept Agenda:** Motion to accept Agenda made by Bob Mott, seconded by Ed Rickel, Motion carried, unanimously.

**Accept Meeting Minutes from 01-15-2022:** Motion to accept 1-15-2022 Meeting Minutes made by Paul Tomczak, seconded by Dennis Van Heuvel. Motion carried, unanimously. Robert Kraetsch initiated a change of Motion for acceptance of 01-15-2022 Meeting Minutes. Kerry Romsa explained that there were three changes made to the 01-15-2022 Meeting Minutes. The three changes were changing the word appoint or appointed with the word elect or elected. Motion to accept the 01-15-2022 Meeting Minutes with those three changes was made by Paul Tomczak, seconded by Rick Brzezinski. Motion carried, unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:** Joy Herman reported on 2021 Revenue and Expenses. Joy answered several questions on the 2021 Budget from the Membership, all questions answered and resolved.

Joy presented the 2022 Budget.

2022 PLA anticipated General Finances.

2022 Anticipated Income:

-PLA Membership Dues - \$6,900.00.

-Summerfest, Lake Protection Raffle, Ski Show - \$9,100.00.

-PLA Members Donations – (for Lake Health, Buoy Maintenance, Fish cribs, In Memoriam) \$7,300.00.

-CBCW DNR Grant – (Clean Boats Clean Waters) \$12,000.00.

-AIS(Aquatic Invasive Species)/EWM(Eurasian Milfoil) Suick Family 501c3 Donation/Grant - \$11,000.00.

-Interest Income - \$1,000.00.

**-2022 Anticipated Total Income - \$47,300.00.**

2022 Anticipated Expenses.

-Buoy Maintenance - \$200.00.

-Insurance - \$1700.00.

-Professional Organization Dues - \$950.00.

-Website/Constant Contact - \$1000.00.

-Office/Postage/PO Box/Printing - \$850.00.

-Education - \$1300.00.

-Equipment (laptop and printer) - \$1500.00

-By-Laws, Legal Review, Filing - \$1,550.00.

-State Registration - \$74.00.

-Shoreline Restoration/Upkeep - \$250.00.

-Fish Crib Project - \$800.00.

-I-LIDS(Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor) Service - \$2,530.00.

-CBCW(Clean Boats Clean Waters) - \$23,650.00

-AIS/EWM(Aquatic Invasive Species/Eurasian Milfoil) - \$24,480.00

**-2022 Anticipated Total Expenses - \$60,834.00**

## -2022 Budget disconnect is -\$13,534.00 (shortfall)

Kerry Romsa added several remarks on the 2022 Budget, on how some of the financial figures were obtained. Joy answered several questions from the Membership on the 2022 Budget, all questions answered and resolved. Suggestion from Membership to contact the Sokaogon Chippewa Community Mole Lake Band looking to secure Grant Monies. Motion to accept the 2022 Budget made by Kelly Kraetsch, seconded by Paul Tomczak. Motion carried, unanimously.

Report on CoVantage Accounts – Joy Herman reported that the new Board co-signatories on the CoVantage checking account are Joy Herman, Kerry Romsa, and Todd Van Langen. Joy reported there is now one credit card on account and Joy has possession of the card.

**Committee Reports:** Kerry Romsa spoke about the committees that have been formed since the January 15, 2022 Membership Meeting. These committees are intended to keep our Association moving in a positive direction. Kerry named the committee members and stated that the Association is looking for any members to participate in any committee that may interest them.

By-Laws Committee – Chairperson, Joy Herman, Vice Chairperson, Robert Kraetsch, other members, Dick Dvorak, Bob Mott, Suz Romsa, Gladys Miller. Robert Kraetsch spoke of how the Committee is working on combining our current By-laws and Constitution into one document. By-laws will have legal review prior to enactment. Current By-laws should be ready for Membership review thirty days prior to PLA 2022 Annual Meeting, Membership should be able to vote on the new By-laws at that meeting.

Membership Committee – Chairperson, Kerry Romsa, Vice Chairperson Larry Burkhart. Kerry Romsa spoke about recruitment and retention of Members for our Association.

Public Relations/Marketing/Fundraising Committee – Chairperson, Kerry Romsa, Vice Chairperson, Kelly Kraetsch, other members, Beth Reinemann, Jeff Griffey, Eddie Miller. Kelly Kraetsch spoke about the different forms of communication that will be used to share information with the Membership. Kelly spoke about working on putting out the Annual Membership Newsletter for 2022. Kerry Romsa spoke about having fund raising events throughout the year for our Association.

Finance Committee – Chairperson, Joy Herman, Vice Chairperson, Suz Romsa, other members, Rick and Beth Steiner, Kelly Kraetsch. Joy Herman spoke about budgeting guidelines that have been developed to be used by each Committee for planning an Annual Budget. Joy spoke about an Audit for our Association and the different options available. Due to the Audit costs, and on the recommendations of the CPA's contacted for Audit costs an Audit Committee will be formed from the PLA members. Joy answered several questions from the membership on financial

controls/budgeting guidelines for the Association monies, and about an Audit for the Association. All questions were answered and resolved.

Fish/Wildlife Committee – Chairperson, Larry Burkhart, Vice Chairperson, Jeff Griffey, other members, Jim Fedel, Ed Ruekel, Todd Van Langen. Ed Rueckel explained the two resolutions that he has written for the upcoming Conservation Congress Fish and Game Meeting on April 11, 2022. The Resolutions pertain to the size and possession limit on large and smallmouth bass on our lake, and the reduction in possession limit for panfish from 25 to 10. The Fish Committee has worked with Ed on writing the resolutions and has been working closely with the DNR for their input. With the feedback our Fish Committee has received from the DNR it is looking positive that the resolutions will pass. There were discussions and questions about the Resolutions from the Membership that were answered and resolved by members of the committee. Committee members explained that there will be fyke netting and shocking done on the lake this Spring(2022) to try and get a better idea of the panfish population in our lake. Membership had questions about stocking fish in our lake, there was a brief history presented by some of the member on prior stocking efforts on our lake. Fish Committee members explained that any stocking of fish in our lake needs DNR approval. DNR believes that our lake has a healthy population of walleyes, at this time they are only stocking muskie fingerlings every three years.

-Water Quality Committee – Chairperson, Jim Fedel, Vice Chairperson, Todd Van Langen, other members, Kerry Romsa, Bob Mott, Scott Sankey. Jim Fedel spoke about the upcoming Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention in Stevens Point that will offer a wide range of topics that can directly relate to the health of our lake, three committee members will be attending this Convention. Jim Spoke about Onterra LLC a Lake Management Planning Company who our Association has been working with for several years. Onterra LLC has been providing lake surveys and other science based information pertaining to the health of our lake. Jim spoke about the increasing presence of Eurasian Milfoil in our lake which looks to be at this time at a critical point. Efforts have been made in the past to hand pull the Eurasian Milfoil using scuba divers. The Committee will be looking at all options that could be used to control the spread of Eurasian Milfoil. Our Association has purchased a GPS device which could be used for hand pullers to find identified colonies of Eurasian Milfoil. Questions came up about Wisconsin Valley Improvement Corporation(WVIC) and the control of the Dam on the North end of the lake, there have been numerous complaints on the water levels on the lake. The Association Board is attempting to meet with representatives from WVIC on this issue. Jim spoke about the Grant Monies we receive for our Clean Boats/Clean Waters(CBCW) and the I-LIDS(internet Landing Installed Device Sensor) and the importance of these programs for our lake.

-Boating Safety Committee – Chairperson, Larry Burkhart, no Vice Chairperson at this time, other members, Jeff Griffey, Edwin Miller. Kerry Romsa spoke about the Committee's responsibilities.

At the end of the Committee Reports President Kerry Romsa spoke to the Membership about the need for active volunteers for each Committee to keep our Association strong and moving forward.

**Old Business:** Lawyers Fee's – Joy Herman explained the action taken so far by the Association in regards to the two Invoices received from two different lawyers. The current Board is questioning the legality of the former Board's decision to hire the two lawyers. There was discussion between the Board and the Membership on how to handle the situation involving the two lawyers Invoices. Motion was made by Kelly Kraetsch, to not have the Association pay for either of the two Invoices received from the two lawyers, seconded by Rick Brzezinski. Motion was brought to a vote and was passed unanimously by the Membership.

-New By-Laws – discussed during By-Laws Committee report.

- Consider action, if any to be taken in accordance with Wisc. Ss 181.0620 in regards to Membership status of seven members as referenced during the 15, January, 2022 Special Membership Meeting. Kerry Romsa reported that two of the seven members said they were leaving the Association, two of the seven have returned properties belonging to the Association, and three of the seven who have not returned Association property are part of a current investigation into the matter. There was a discussion on the matter between the Board and the Membership. Motion made by Robert Kraetsch to hold a Special Meeting to resolve this issue, seconded by Paul Tomczak. The Motion was amended to give the seven Association Members thirty days notice prior to the Special Meeting by Brian Schell. Motion restated by Robert Kraetsch to give the seven Association members thirty days notice prior to the Special Meeting to resolve the issue, seconded by Paul Tomczak. The date for the Special Meeting will be set prior to the 2022 Annual Membership in June, 2022. There was a suggestion to change the lock on the Associations storage unit.

**New Business:** Association Memberships for Town of Schoepke and Town of Enterprise Town Chairpersons. Kerry Romsa stated that the Board did not want to give free Association Memberships to Town Chairpersons. Association Board Members have been attending the Town Of Enterprise and Schoepke Town Board Meetings to stay informed on Town issues. The Town Board Members from both Townships have been invited to attend the Pelican Lake Association Board Meetings as well.

-Keeler's Landing Pier Replacement – Board Members attended the Town of Enterprise Board Meeting on 03-11-2022, discussion on Keeler's Landing Pier replacement. At this time no action taken, more information will be available in the future. Our Association may be willing to assist with fundraiser(s) to help with the pier replacement.

-A laptop and printer has been approved in the 2022 Budget to be used by Board Members.

-Set Date and Time for Pelican Lake Association Annual 2022 Membership Meeting. Date is June, 11, 2022, 1000 am at the Pelican Lake Fire District building.

**Members Comments and Input:** Kerry Romsa spoke about continuing our Annual Newsletter, looking for input, ideas, and volunteers to help with this project. Question was asked on Zoom capability for Committee Meetings. At this time we have a capacity of one hundred people to be in a Zoom Meeting, Zoom is not interactive at this time, is something that will be worked on in future. Question was asked on updating the Pelican Lake Property Owners Association Phone Directory. Directory is updated every five years, Association will continue to send out updates with the Annual Newsletter that can be added to the current 2020 booklet until it is redone in 2025.

**Adjourn:** Motion to Adjourn made by Robert Kraetsch, seconded by Eric Burkhart, Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 12:21 pm.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by Todd Van Langen. Pelican Lake Association, Secretary.