

Pretty Lake Conservation Club

Minutes- Meeting: Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Opening prayer by Sue Mertz, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm by Vice President Cynthia Rockwell.

Final Board meeting for the 2017-18 board. Leaving the board after tonight are President Barb Butler, Vice President Cynthia Rockwell, Members at Large Bill Morr, Mary Pusti, Gary & Karen Metzger. Thank you for your service and dedication.

Attending Board members: Ron & Cathy Kantorak, Ken Hensch, Les Rockwell, Beth Pusti, Sue Mertz, Denny Rorick, John Hensch, Mike Perry, Jim Zuber, Nancy Wetli, Butch Vaughn.

Absent Board members: Ken & Barb Butler, Dave Grant, Mary Pusti

Board members attending but leaving after election of new officers: Bill Morr, Cynthia Rockwell, Gary & Karen Metzger.

Minutes Approval: August 7, 2018 meeting minutes. Les Rockwell motioned to approve, Sue Mertz second. All were in favor.

Treasurers report: Treasurer Ken Butler is out of the State attending a family funeral. Ken will catch the board up when he returns. Cynthia Rockwell reported what she knew.

Root beer floats brought in \$130.75

Bingo \$ 23.00

Breakfast donations \$645.00

5 card fundraiser \$875.00

Merchandise \$150.75

Cynthia also estimated that the Rummage sale was close to \$2000.00

Clubhouse Report: Cathy Kantorak reported there are two rentals left. Sept 15, and Oct.13 for the year. Cathy confirmed with Jim Croy that the new well will be put in after the last rental at the end of October. Quotes were given and accepted earlier in the year. Cathy asked for approval of at least \$4400.00 for the new well. Beth Pusti motioned to accept. Second by Mike Perry. Cathy asked all board members to check to make sure their keys to the clubhouse worked. She also needs to know who on the board needs keys. Sue Mertz and Nancy Wetli need keys. Cathy Kantorak also reported the tennis posts were repaired for \$135.00. Thank you to Ron Kantorak, Les Rockwell, Chris and Benjamin Niemchick for repairing posts.

Membership Report: Cynthia Rockwell reported that we are at 76% membership.

Comments to the Board from Barb: Barb is out of the State with Ken at a family funeral. Our sympathy's to their family on the loss of Ken's Sister. On behalf of Barb, Cynthia Rockwell thanked all board members. At this point Bill Morr, Gary & Karen Metzger were dismissed from the meeting. We look forward to their help in a volunteer capacity and thank them for their service.

We welcome our new Board Members: Michael Perry, Jim Zuber, Nancy Wetli, Butch Vaughn, Dave Grant, Pat Mitchell.

5 Card fundraiser: \$875 net, 47 chances bought @ \$25.00 each, \$300.00 cash was delivered to Leroy Carcione for the winning hand.

Election of Officers for Sept 2018-Sept 2019 Board:

Les Rockwell and Denny Rorick each nominated Ron Kantorak for President. There were no other nominations. Ron accepted the nomination. Cynthia Rockwell counted the vote taken confirming the nomination and announced our new President as Ron Kantorak.

Cynthia Rockwell left the meeting, her term being fulfilled. We thank her for her service and look forward to working with her again on a volunteer basis.

New President Ron Kantorak took over with the election of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Denny Rorick nominated Les Rockwell Vice President. Sue Mertz nominated Beth Pusti Secretary. Both were voted in and accepted. Les Rockwell nominated Ken Butler to Treasurer. Ken was voted to retain his position at Treasurer. Treasurer position is pending Ken Butler's acceptance.

New Items:

Social Night/Wednesday cards: Ron Kantorak addressed a couple of issues with the twice monthly Wednesday night cards. He questioned whether it was set up to charge participants \$5.00 each for clubhouse use but wondered whether it should be lowered since most paid less. Ron also stated that several times the bathrooms have been left a mess and the windows left open. Ken Hensch commented that it was originally set up as a 50/50 with half going to pay for clubhouse use. Ken also said that instead of poker there may be more interest in a Euchre night. The clubhouse should never be left a mess and it was agreed that participants should be told they need to do a better job of cleaning up after themselves and making sure the clubhouse is closed up tight before leaving. We do not want to discourage folks from using the clubhouse for social activities. If they are now collecting \$1.00 per participant for card night it might be better to ask for a goodwill offering in the hope of a bit more generosity.

Address of lake rumors: Cathy Kantorak asked to address some lake rumors that have upset her and others because they reflect poorly on the board and the good we are trying to do for the residents and community of the lake. The first rumor to address is one where evidently some people are telling others that Barb & Ken Butler are paid. Barb and Ken Butler are not paid. No board member or officer is paid for being on the board. As clubhouse manager, Cathy Kantorak receives a minimal amount for managing and scheduling events for the clubhouse, as well as cleaning before and after each event. Cathy does not receive any money in her role as a board member. No board member is ever paid for their voluntary service to Pretty Lake Conservation Club.

Second Rumor- For the last 3 years there have been no audits. Annual audits are conducted every year without fail. The audits include a member of the PLCC who is not presently on the board, The PLCC Treasurer, and a board member. The annual audit is completed and filed at the end of the Fiscal year December 31. The audits have been completed and filed annually.

Third Rumor - Ken Hensch said he was told Ron Kantorak was elected President at the August meeting. The answer to this is that no election was held. There were no nominations, no votes and no one mentioned or discussed as possible officers. The minutes from the August PLCC meeting can be viewed on the website.

Rumors are divisive and go a long way in creating friction that is contrary to the mission statement and goals of the PLCC. Please help in our efforts to make the lake a healthy community where neighbors are friends.

The board discussed the rumors and how to deal with them. Apart from the publication in this transcript of Minutes, Les Rockwell will address these rumors in a short email to residents in an effort to stop the rumors from creating more division. When an email is sent out it is also posted to the website.

Cost effectiveness of the square? Square is a device that works in conjunction with an ipad to swipe charge/debit cards for purchases. PLCC used a square when selling merchandise or memberships. The ipad is the property of Barb & Ken. There is a \$10.00 monthly fee for this square along with a 3% per swipe charge. Motion was made to discontinue use and cancel the Square by Sue Mertz with a second by Cathy Kantorak. Vote to approve the motion and second to discontinue use of the square was unanimous.

Second Signature on checking account: Les Rockwell is now the second signature.

Should we discontinue family picnic? Question of the family picnic was raised. Participation is down. Picnic is a lot of work. We have scratched the family picnic from the 2019 calendar for now. The annual meeting will still take place on Saturday, August 3, 2019.

Conservation Fair: A Conservation Fair has not been done since 2013. The board discussed since our mission is in part the environmental impact, past, present and

future of the lake that holding a fair and inviting professionals to answer questions and provide insight would be beneficial. Les Rockwell motioned for a Conservation Fair on Saturday, June 22, 2019. Beth Pusti Second the motion.

Pasta Dinner: Although not well attended last year the pasta dinner made about \$225.00. Sue reported that it was dropped from the schedule for a while but as a social activity it was worthwhile. Ken Hensch suggested combining the pasta dinner with a car show. This idea was well received. July 20, 2019 will begin with the 9am. General meeting, 3pm car show followed by the pasta dinner as a social event. Denny Rorick will chair the pasta dinner. Someone will ask Steve Yahn if he is interested in chairing the car show.

July 4th activities will be on July 6, 2019

Goose round-up: On the tentative schedule the goose round-up will be moved up a week, however Butch Vaughn will check on the best time to move the geese- to be determined.

Paddle Run versus Golf Outing next year: Paddle run that was planned for this year was canceled due to time constraints and ability to staff. The idea of a golf outing has been presented to take place on or about September 7, 2019. Ron has agreed to put together information and ask residents if there is enough interest.

Cardno Recommendations: Ron asked everyone on the board to look at the recommendations of the Cardno report,. We will review and have a follow up discussion at a later date. Cardno report is online. Board of Directors will tour all recommendation sites October 13, 2018 beginning 10 am. at Ron Kantorak's. E-Coli from Deal ditch would seem to be the highest priority, but we need a focal point for follow up discussion.

2019 Directory: Barb Butler will chair, Cathy Kantorak will co-chair

Merchandise: Peggy Jones will continue to chair, Cathy Kantorak will co-chair

Membership: Cynthia Rockwell will chair, Les Rockwell will co-chair

Cardno: Tom Syndram will continue with Ron Kanorak as co-chair

Weeds: Rod Bergstedt will continue with Ron Kantorak as backup

Dam: Jim Mertz will continue with Ken Hensch as backup

Bill Morr resignation letter: A job change and family responsibilities has prompted Bill to resign from the board. We appreciate all the time and hard work Bill has given to PLCC and look forward to his volunteer work as time allows in the future. New Board member suggestions had been made out of which Ron Kantorak contacted Pat Mitchell and he agreed if elected to be on the board. Pat has lived on the lake many years and has been involved with PLCC in the past. Cathy nominated Pat Mitchell to the board in which Jim Zuber second the nomination followed by a unanimous vote. Welcome to the Board Pat Mitchell.

Boat Launch: Erosion at the boat launch prompted Ron Kantorak to contact the DNR. He left a message about the entrance to the parking lot being dangerous. Butch Vaughn will follow up with a second call to the DNR.

Zone Directors: 2019 Zone Directors Tentative list

- 1.) Bill Morr
- 2.) Pat Mitchell
- 3.) Ken Butler
- 4.) Sue Mertz
- 5.) Gary Linder
- 6.) Pending
- 7.) Denny Rorick
- 8.) Michael Perry

North Shore issue update: Denny Rorick updated the PLCC board on the details with respect to the North Shore issues.

Ken Hensch added to the discussion by submitting an email from Bill Cunningham. The email from Bill claims that he represents over 30 angry property owners on the North side who would like PLCC to rescind the letter of August 9, 2018 that was sent to residents. Bill also wanted PLCC to submit a public apology to the North shore land owners and agree not to get involved in neighborhood and property owner conflicts and disputes. In discussion of the Bill Cunningham email the board decided no apology was necessary since it is the responsibility of PLCC to inform and protect as much as possible- per our Mission Statement.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Pretty Lake Conservation Club, Inc. is dedicated to provide a unified voice for the concerns of members of the Pretty Lake Community; to insure that their rights and interests are protected; and to protect and enhance the environment and our natural resources.

The PLCC letter of August 9, 2018 was not meant to divide or cause conflict. We appreciate Bill's email, especially because he opened lines of communication. As the board decides how to proceed, Ron Kantorak will try to further open lines of communication and talk with Bill or any of the other 30 residents he may represent.

Round Table comments:

Michael Perry: asked if Board members could get a copy of the PLCC members and ask that we think about and be able to discuss financial goals of the club.

Les Rockwell: would like to tap into propane lines to add two outdoor grills to the Conservation Club.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ken Hensch with a second by Les Rockwell.