

Pretty Lake Conservation Club June 4, 2019 ~ Minutes

President Ron Kantorak called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
Prayer was led by Sue Mertz, followed by
Pledge of Allegiance

Attending Board Members: Les Rockwell, Pat Mitchell, Nancy Wetli, Ron Kantorak, Cathy Kantorak, Butch Vaughn, Denny Rorick, Sue Mertz, Ken Hensch, John Hensch, Beth Pusti, Jim Zuber, Michael Perry.

Absent Board Member: Ken Butler

NEW BUSINESS:

May 2019 Minutes: Motion to approve by Cathy Kantorak, 2nd the motion by Les Rockwell. May Minutes are posted to display board at the clubhouse as well as on the PLCC.org website.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Ken Butler was not at the meeting. Les Rockwell did report a deposit of \$4,200.00 from activities over Memorial Day weekend.

Clubhouse Report: Cathy Kantorak told the board there had been a rental last weekend and two rentals coming up soon. The Board all agreed the florescent lighting needs to be changed out to all the same type of bright florescent bulbs.

There are several Pheasants Forever pictures for which there is no wall space in the clubhouse. Les will put them on the PLCC.org website for sale; if they do not sell we will possibly put them in the PLCC garage sale.

Les Rockwell asked for thoughts on putting in a concrete pad about 10 feet out and the length of the shed to better able support the grills. Les will get some quotes as to cost and we will review this topic later.

Les also brought up the idea of an internet connection for continuous real time monitoring of the clubhouse. Monthly cost to the clubhouse would be in the range of \$49.95 for Zip spider and \$65.00 for Century link. The clubhouse property is already monitored by surveillance cameras, although an internet connection would make them easier to access it was decided at this time to post warning signs to let the community/public know that the property does have cameras in place to be used if necessary to identify vandals or people coming and going from the property. Cathy Kantorak told the board she has been approached by Jim Hensel's grandson Luke who is preparing to do an Eagle Scout project, which would be a planning and building a Fire Pit for the PLCC grounds. He will present the Board with plans, and a cost analysis. The club would pay for materials if approved. Michael Perry made a motion to approve the idea and presentation request. Jim Zuber 2nd the motion. All voted in favor.

Pretty Lake History Book: Ron Kantorak signed a release that allows PLCC to print up to 50 new copies of the Book "An Entertaining History of Pretty Lake and Northeastern Indiana". One copy will be given to Mrs. Miller. The book was put together by Richard Smith and printed in 2000. Richard tried to get people to write down their memories of Pretty Lake. Those that he

received are in the book just as they were sent. There are a lot of old maps and documents in the book. It is an interesting history of the lake and the area. Please contact any Board member to prepay an order. The cost has not changed and is \$59.00.

Board Member opening: Dave Grant resigned from the Board of Directors last month. Ron Kantorak wondered if we wanted to replace his position right away or wait until the next Board is elected which is coming up soon. Taking into consideration that the present Board of Directors have good attendance and we are over ½ way through the season, Sue Mertz made a motion to keep the Board of Directors as is until the new election July 20, 2019. Les Rockwell 2nd the motion. All voted in favor.

Zone 5 Director: Gary Linder who was Director for Zone 5 passed away this spring. Sue Mertz said his wife Vicki was willing to take over Zone 5. Ron Kantorak will talk to her and confirm.

Membership Report: Les Rockwell handed out a spread sheet showing current dues paid by zone. There are 218 homes we can collect dues from on lake. Currently we have 122 paid cottages. We are at 53.04% paid for 2019. Zone 1 @ 56.00%, Zone 2 @ 28.57%, Zone 3 @ 48.15%, Zone 4 @ 64.00%, Zone 5 @ 58.62%, Zone 6 @ 31.25%, Zone 7 @ 65.63%, and Zone 8 @ 71.88%.

Zone directors were given paid and unpaid membership lists. The PLCC sincerely thanks all those who help to maintain the clubhouse and Pretty Lake through continuous conservation efforts, maintenance, and social interaction. Your dues and donations do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated.

July News flyer: A few subjects to cover in the news flyer will be Book Sales, Flotilla, See your Zone Director or any Board member for Flare purchases for July 4th Ring of Fire. Upcoming events.

Ron Kantorak asked the board if we should address gossip or just let it go? The problem with ignoring gossip is it usually grows into more problems. The hope is for open honest communication. The latest gossip is that The PLCC has something to do with property tax increases. Ron pointed out that the PLCC has nothing to do with property evaluations or property tax assessments and will state so in the next newsletter.

Rake n Seed: Wednesday, June 12 at 10 am is the date for grounds maintenance to the clubhouse area. We need volunteers with rakes, wheelbarrows, pick axes to finish out the area around the arborvitae. In addition we need a chain saw to cut up tree branches that fell near the south end of the arborvitae. The last 7 tree stumps have been removed. We greatly appreciate any helping hands. A text message will go out to announce this call for volunteer help.

Special Thank You: Ron called and left messages of appreciation to the top 5 cash givers to the conservation club for 2019. Although many people pay over and above their yearly dues, some people who wish to remain anonymous go above any expectations. You know who you are and on behalf of the club we are grateful.

Alternatives to plastic straws, plates, cups, forks & spoons: Rachel Scheidler, cottage 105 brought to the attention of the board that we should look into replacing whatever plastic we use

with something more environmentally sound. Sue Mertz made a motion that as we run out of plastic we need to switch where possible with bio degradable materials. Nancy Wetli 2nd the motion. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of email votes since May meeting: A.) Cruise-In Signs – 9 votes for not this year, 4 voted in favor of weather proof signs. B.) Removal of hanging “swag” lights which were shown to be a safety issue. – all voted in favor of removal.

Cruise In: June 8, 11 am-2pm. Ken and John Hensch have the brats, hot dogs and beverages under control Steve Yahn is getting buns from Kroger at .99 a package. Cynthia Rockwell will be there to collect free will donations for the food. As this is a first year event we have no idea how many entrants to expect. The weather will play an important part in whether or not people and cars come out. This event has been posted in the LaGrange paper twice, and the Kendallville paper once. Directional signs will be posted at the road entrance the day of the event. Steve Yahn said he needed volunteers to help direct traffic and parking. Michael Perry was able to have prizes donated which are much appreciated.

LARE Grant status: Ron Kantorak reported the weed control survey had been completed by Aquatic Weed Control on May 31st. 5.18 acres were approved by the DNR to be treated June 5 for Eurasian Milfoil. A letter was also sent to Ron from the DNR informing him that the DNR could be expected to make a decision on the 3 other LARE grant requested projects by the end of July.

Goose Round Up: June 15, 8 am. Ron received the DNR permit for geese capture and relocation and contacted Doug Crawford to assist. Heading up this effort is Ken Butler and Butch Vaughn. Appears we have 6 adult geese with 11 chicks that need removed. Ron will follow up with the required DNR paperwork concerning reporting the number of captured geese and where they were relocated, once completed.

Conservation Fair: 10 am-1 pm, June 22. Cathy Kantorak has quite a few organizations from the area represented to display or give demonstrations that show what they offer the community. There will be 50/50 tickets, hot dogs, chips, drinks, and a coloring contest among the many planned presentations.

Fish a Rama: July 6. Sue Mertz has everything under control for this annual event. There are quite a few prizes held over from the last picnic. She has Dicks Sporting Good coupons, two fishing poles along with the prizes..

Flotilla: July 6, 2 pm. Nancy Wetli and Beth Pusti head up this event. We have Plaques from last year to give to the top 3 Floats. Nancy will find 5 judges to represent each side of the lake. Ron will drive the pontoon carrying the Grand Marshalls. Sue Mertz made a motion to ask Terry and Susan Martin to be the 2019 Grand Marshalls. Les Rockwell 2nd the motion. All agreed. Terry and Susan Martins family have been on Pretty Lake for five generations and it will be an honor if they choose to accept.

In the past the Flotilla has been a popular event, however the numbers are declining in participation. We would like this to be a fun event for the whole family. One idea to encourage participation was to set a monetary prize. Michael Perry made a motion for Flotilla top three Floats to be given 1st Place-\$150.00, 2nd Place- \$100.00, and 3rd Place- \$50.00. Pat Mitchell 2nd the motion. All were in favor. The Newsletter will print this change as well as encourage this event as Fun for the whole family.

Root Beer/Bingo Night: June 6. Pat Mitchell is getting notes from Michael Perry. Michael will help as well as Stan Shopa, who will call numbers. They will get more cups and check supplies.

Flares: Flares are ready to be distributed for sale. Each Board member has a box of 36. Merchandising has 6 full boxes and 1 box of 29. Flares are again \$2.50 each.

General Meeting: July 20 Ron Kantorak reported that he has representatives from the DNR and Aquatic Weed Control lined up to be available for questions. Voting on Board members for 2020 will take place. We will have at least one vacancy to fill.

Pasta Dinner: July 20, 3 pm. Denny Rorick and Jim Zuber said they will have it under control.

E-Coli Update: Butch reported the latest testing was completed on May 20, with the same team of experts from LaGrange soil & water, & The Health Department. The team is still determined to see this problem through to a solution. Six sites were tested this time. Eight were tested in April. They were able to eliminate 2 sites as the testing narrows the field of study and will eventually pinpoint the areas to focus on. As expected e-coli numbers have really jumped. Butch said they are sure there is more than one septic system going into the stream. Butch reminded the Board how dangerous E-coli is and that it can only be killed at temperatures of 161.6 F. The water samples need to be tested within 6 hours so the next testing will take place toward the end of June. The e-coli levels in Deal Ditch are dangerous where it hits the lake. Once it hits the lake the e-coli really goes down, Where it leaves the lake it is clean. As the team begins to isolate the sites, Ron will contact Cardno to get a better explanation on how they differentiate between human and animal e-coli in the results of their study.

Merchandising: Nancy Wetli reported sales thus far of \$1,124.00 in shirts, towels, car stickers. All current costs have been covered. Everything we sell from this point on is profit. Nancy is looking into women's tanks, men's hats or visors, and golf shirts. There are still some discounted leftovers from last year.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Michael Perry noticed the PLCC sign on 500S has reflective tape that needs replaced.

Sue Mertz told the board that she has been told that the tree that fell in Deal ditch will be taken care of by the County.

Denny Rorick offered to fill the propane tanks for the clubhouse the next time they need filled.

Jim Zuber thanked all who helped at the pancake breakfast.

Pat Mitchell talked to Steve Johnson who did a scrap metal pickup last year. Steve would like to do it at least twice a year. Steve gives the scrap metal recycle money back to PLCC.

Information will be on the website.

Pat also said he was approached by someone who asked if they could volunteer. PLCC encourages anyone who would like to volunteer to contact their Zone director, and keep track of the events calendar. You can help with any event. Volunteering is also a great way to meet your neighbors from around the lake.

Cathy Kantorak announced ten people came to the euchre tournament. She said it was a lot of fun. Sandy Streeter won. They got to meet some new people which was nice.

Cathy also said the storm the week before the meeting caused some hail damage to a window.

Pat Mitchell said he will look into it.

Beth Pusti would like to see a community wide recycle program, but since we do not want the clubhouse or anywhere around the lake to be a recycle dumping ground, this issue is tabled until better resources for the area become available.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Les Rockwell, with a 2nd by Ron Kantorak. All voted in favor.