

Pretty Lake Conservation Club July 9, 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: Ron Kantorak, Cathy Kantorak, Pat Mitchell, Nancy Wetli, Butch Vaughn, Ken Butler, Michael Perry, Jim Zuber, Beth Pusti, Ken Hensch, Sue Mertz, Denny Rorick.
Absent Board Members: Les Rockwell, John Hensch

NEW BUSINESS

June 2019 Minutes: Motion to approve by Denny Rorick, 2nd motion by Michael Perry. All approved. June Minutes are posted to display board at clubhouse as well as the PLCC.org website.

Treasurers Report: Ken Butler handed out financial statements for May & June. The big expenditure for May was \$2,295.00 for the new trees. May began with a balance of \$40,081.11 and ended with a balance of \$41,989.25. June began with the same balance and ended with a balance of \$41,222.35. Biggest expenditures for June were the annual lawn care and new merchandise. The \$1,516.46 spent in merchandise, however has been recovered by double that amount in merchandise sold.

There were 12 more paid memberships for July. Ken reported a deposit for July 4 weekend events of \$2,605.45 that will be included in next month's statement. There has also been \$3,000.00 in Directory Ads sold, Sue Mertz made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Michael Perry 2nd the motion and all approved.

Clubhouse Report: Cathy Kantorak reported two more rentals for the year. She reminded the board that ongoing maintenance is done throughout every month. The broken window was repaired, a leak fixed in plumbing, florescent lighting and ballasts changed out. There is always something that needs done. These expenses were on the treasurers report with the work being completed by Board members. We appreciate the work done by all those who take on these monthly chores without fanfare.

Firepit Update: Cathy Kantorak had no new information so we will wait for the presentation. Ken Hensch suggested it be at least 4 feet in diameter.

Concrete Pad for Shed: Ron reported on the bid status for the proposed 10x24 concrete pad in front of the shed. Three bids were requested. Chuck's Custom Concrete did not get back to us. The other two bids were 1.) G&F Construction a local company from Stroh bid \$1,880.00. 2.) Lehman Concrete \$2,600.00. Denny Rorick made a motion to accept the bid from G&F Construction at a cost of \$1,880.00 for a 10x24 concrete pad. Ron Kanotarak 2nd the motion. All voted to accept.

Membership Report: In the absence of Les Rockwell, Ron Kantorak reported membership at 60%. Ron updated the paid membership lists for the zone directors.

2nd Application of stone to PLCC drive: Pat Mitchell said we would need a 2nd application of stone either this fall or in the spring to give the base needed on the drive. After discussion of which would be better it was decided that a 2nd top coat this fall would make it more stable and give it time to settle over the winter. Pat Mitchell made a motion to approve spending up to \$300.00 for a 2nd coat on the drive. Ken Butler 2nd the motion. All voted to approve.

Spring on the South side of 890E at the corner where it turns from West to North draining into West channel. Drain appears to be blocked. Do we want to do anything about it?

The drain line is blocked between the driveway and the inlet into the lake. Ron called the Sewer district who came out and checked it. They said it was not sewer. Bruce Bowman checked with the county who said it was the homeowner's responsibility. The home was recently sold. Discussion led to keeping an eye on it for now.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vicki Linder has accepted taking over Gary Linders zone directorship.

Lights and ballasts were replaces by Les Rockwell w/ Ron assisting

Surveillance Warning signs purchased by Jim Zuber & installed by Ron.

Pretty Lake History Book- Status of orders? Nancy Wetli reported 7 books have been ordered, with 2 paid . One free one will go to Mrs. Smith and one to Ken Hensch. Ken had to use his old one in the process of making the new ones so we will replace his old one. Sue Mertz gave Beth Pusti (PLCC Secretary) the original signed permission to print by copyright guidelines. She also gave everyone on the Board a copy of the signed permission. Sue Mertz made a motion to print 10 copies of the History Book. Michael Perry 2nd her motion. Ken Hensch abstained the rest of the Board approved,

LARE Grant status: Ron reported we still have not heard anything as far as the 3 Cardno projects. Award or denial expected by the end of July.

Ron added the Public landing asphalt on one side of the entrance road is eroding and needs grading to drain properly through the conduit rather than around it. He has pictures. The water is bypassing the culvert that goes under the entrance road.

Conservation Fair: Cathy Kantorak chaired this successful event. The budget was \$500.00 and she came in under budget. There were many Community Services represented and family events that were interesting and fun. Attendance was good and there were many compliments for this event.

Fish a Rama: (July 6.) Sue Mertz reported 31 kids participated and all seemed to have a good time. Sue had obtained \$350.00 in donations for prizes not including coupons.

Flotilla: (July 6) Nancy Wetli /Beth Pusti wanted to thank all who participated. There were originally 9 participants, three dropped out due to weather. We had a forecast that included thunderstorms with lightning. Flotilla time was postponed a day and was held 11 am on Sunday. A suggestion was made to put in a rain date as a rule for future flotillas. Nancy said a write up was done on the Grand Marshalls but many did not see it. It would be nice to include the write up in the planning process. Another suggestion was made that after the floats circle the lake twice they then go to the center of the lake and surround the Grand Marshall float to announce the winners. 2019 winning floats were 1st Place- ABE Lincoln float, 2nd Place – The Pizza Float, and 3rd Place- Shark Attack. There were a lot of compliments from Lake residents and we hope all participants had a lot of fun.

Bingo / Root beer float: July 6, Pat Mitchell handled this well attended event. Between Bingo, The root beer floats and the 50/50 drawing the PLCC saw a \$340.00 profit. All the volunteer help was appreciated and did a great job.

Flares: Ron reported that we started with 101 flares from last year. He purchased 720 new flares. We have 214 flares left to get us started next year. There was a \$190.00 profit on flares.

General Meeting: (July 20) Ron said he does not know what kind of questions to expect but wants to be prepared for any questions PLCC members may have, He confirmed that representatives from the DNR and Aquatic weed Control will be present. You must be a PLCC member to speak at the general meeting. Memberships will be checked at the door. We have one opening to the PLCC Board of Directors for the 2019-20 season and are taking nominations at the general meeting. The Board is all volunteer from PLCC paid members. We are dedicated to the betterment of the lake through conservation and family focused social events. It is a rewarding service to your community. Anyone interested in joining the board should contact Denny Rorick 260-484-9595. Nominations will close at the general meeting however an email will go out well in advance to announce this opening.

Pasta Dinner: (July 20) Denny Rorick and Jim Zuber are at the helm of this event. Denny is planning four entrees accompanied by green beans and applesauce. He is planning for about 90 people. Nancy will sell remaining merchandise. Ken Butler and Sue Mertz will help. A good clean up crew is required as there is a clubhouse rental the next day.

Annual meeting: (Aug 3) If needed. The only reason to hold this meeting is if we have more than 15 people interested in becoming Board members. Presently we have 14 with one opening.

Rummage Sale Drop Off: August 11 – 15 drop offs welcome noon until 3pm.

Rummage Sale (August 17) Butch Vaughn and Barb Butler are heading this annual event and Butch says they are ready. Anyone with anything to donate for this PLCC fundraiser can drop off items through the week- Sunday to Thursday from noon until 3pm at the clubhouse. We will need several volunteers throughout the day of the rummage sale.

Bingo / Root Beer floats: (Aug 31) Nancy Wetli and Beth Pusti have this event. Pat Mitchell handed over the information to help in planning. Beth is looking into purchasing biodegradable cups and spoons as our supply is now depleted. Last time they bought 230 cups, 10 gallons of ice cream, 9 12 packs of root beer. Michael, Ron and Jim said they would help and we hope to get Stan to again announce numbers. Nancy will also sell remaining merchandise at this event. Nancy will also call Betsy Batesole to help.

E-Coli Update: Butch Vaughn reported testing again took place, on June 20. Weather conditions were not ideal. There was a lot of rain the night before and the day of testing. The committee did not know if results would be affected by the rain. 8 sites were tested. In every site the e-coli readings were so high they were off the charts. Butch feels after talking with Martin Franke that it may take sewer lines to fix this issue which is very expensive to the home owners and sewer district. Another idea may be to divert the ditch away from the lake which would obviously need further study and expert planning. Although the Cardno report showed the e-coli as human, the LaGrange Sewer district does not have the ability to test between human and animal. Butch reported 4 more testings by October should have the E-coli narrowed to the sources. The next testing is scheduled for July 25.

Merchandise: Nancy Wetli reported all sales from here on out are profits. Of the new inventory 70% is sold. There are 40 shirts left from last year. Nancy has done a great job with this and we appreciate all of her work.

Special thank you this month to Michael Perry for the newly painted lines on the tennis court. Nancy Wetli for all her work with merchandising, Butch Vaughn for taking on this E-Coli issue. Pat, Ron, Les and all those who help maintain the clubhouse and grounds. We truly appreciate your dedication.

Round Table Discussion:

Butch- Between new arborvitae and the corn field, Sassafras, poison Ivy and weeds are a problem. He has sprayed the area but can't get close to the corn or new trees. Butch wanted to know what we are going to do about this area long term. Ron has also worked on this area to keep it clear. Further discussion is necessary as no decision was made.

Jim Zuber- PLCC sign on 500 E is an eyesore. Lillie's and weeds have grown higher than the sign. We will need to address this at some point and make the sign area presentable.

Ken Butler- Reminded the board that part of a tree is down in the inlet. Sue was told the county would take care of it. She will make a call to check on the issue.

Move to Adjourn made by: Ken Hensch with a 2nd by Denny Rorick. All approved.