

## **Pretty Lake Conservation Club**

**Minutes ~ October 1, 2019**

**President Ron Kantorak called the meeting to order 6:30 pm**

**Prayer was led by Sue Mertz**

**Pledge of Allegiance by all**

**Board Members Present:** Ron Kantorak, Cathy Kantorak, Sue Mertz, Nancy Wetli, Michael Perry, Natalie McLaughlin, Les Rockwell, Beth Pusti, Denny Rorick, Ken Butler, Pat Mitchell, Ken Hensch, Jim Zuber **Absent:** John Hensch, Butch Vaughn

**September Minutes Approval:** Motion to approve Minutes from September 3, 2019 was made by Sue Mertz, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Les Rockwell. All approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Ken Butler passed out a September 2019 Cash Flow statement to the Board. The end of month balance was \$44,650.00. A donation was made to the Stroh Fire Department of \$250.00. Total inflow of cash for September was \$4126.38 which included Labor day events, golf scramble, clubhouse rental, and merchandise sales. Outflows of cash in September included utility bills, Labor day events and golf scramble expenses, as well as clubhouse repairs, and supplies and directory printing. Total outflow of September cash was \$2,929.51 which made the overall total in September \$1,196.87. Ken will be paying the annual insurance liability in October of \$1600.00. Motion to Approve the September Treasurers report came from Jim Zuber, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Nancy Wetli. All approved.

**Clubhouse Report:** Cathy Kantorak reported eight rentals for the year with the last one being last weekend. There was a report of a small leak in the ceiling by the renters. No damage is visible to shingles or the clubhouse interior. We will keep an eye on the situation and look for further confirmation and sources.

**Fall Clean-Up: November 9:** We will need anyone available for fall clean up, bring friends and family, rakes, and shovels. Included with the normal fall cleanup of the grounds and clubhouse we will add soil, seed, and straw to level out the concrete slab edge for ease of access to the clubhouse for all.

**Membership Report:** Les Rockwell reported nothing new from last month. Membership remains at 69% total. Cathy Kantorak pointed out that membership is down from last year which was 75.3% at this same time.

**PLCC Sign at 500:** The sign installed in 2000 is in need of repair. Sign can be refurbished as a winter project. Michael Perry volunteered to take care of the sign. The plants that had grown up around it have been removed. PLCC will take care of the maintenance going forward.

**LARE Grant Status:** Ron was happy to report we have final approval for the two projects, The Milford School raingarden and the drain that exits the boat launch area.

Ron will be working on job specifications and bids. Depending on the bid process, projects will most likely not start until after the first of the year. These projects must be completed by December 21, 2021.

**PLCC 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Scramble:** This first time event was held on September 7. \$873.00 of the \$1200.00 collected from teams went to pay Cobblestone Golf Club. \$175.00 of prize money was divided between the first-place team, longest putt, and closest to the pin. \$260.00 was collected in mulligans. PLCC saw a net profit of \$412.00. Everyone seemed happy with this event which has been scheduled for next year on September 12, 2020.

**NON-Member liaison, Peggy Jones:** Ron reported that Peggy Jones received a list of non-members. She has asked to be a liaison to talk to non-members in an effort to learn more about their ideas and concerns.

**Should we stain and seal the porch before winter?** Ron reported that Les has two gallons of Thompsons seal for use of preserving the porch. Denny Rorick will donate a sprayer and has offered to spray and seal the wood porch before winter.

**2020 Zone Director change:** Rod Knox has offered to pick up Zone 1 as zone director after Bill Morr resigned that post. Bill will continue to monitor the PLCC Facebook page.

**LaGrange County Lakes Council-Membership?** Butch Vaughn is looking into this organization. Butch was absent from the meeting. We will revisit this topic as we have more information.

**E-Coli issue update:** Butch will update us at a later time as he was unavailable. Ron did report on a short update from Butch he learned that what they thought was the origin of the e-coli is probably not. The home that they suspected was tested and there was no leakage, however the septic is 1/2 the size the home needs. The Board of Health is handling this issue as the house is for sale. There are no other homes upstream from that house. The investigation is continuing.

**Drainage at public landing:** Butch was looking into this issue as it is a real problem especially after a large rain. He will report at a later time.

**Bonfire/Hayride- October 26- \$400.00 for a band?** Ken Hensch asked Beth Pusti if she will co-chair this event with him since John is not available at this time. Ken has the ok from Rod Perkins for the hay wagon. Les will supply the needed red flashing light. Ron Kantorak will drive the haywagon. Sue Mertz made a motion to allow payments of \$50.00 for use of the straw bales to the Perkins family, and \$50.00 to the entertainment. Beth Pusti 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.

Beth will take care of the food, with Nancy Wetli who offered to help. Families can bring a side dish to share, and marshmallow roasting sticks if they have them. We will provide Chili, hotdogs, apple cider and hot chocolate and the fixings for S'mores. This is a family fun event where Halloween costumes are welcome. We will release reminders to facebook, and the email chain. Although we will guarantee the entertainer \$50.00 , a free will donation to his tip jar is encouraged.

### **Round table discussion:**

**Beth Pusti:** Beth asked if anyone knew the status of the tree that is came down last spring and is blocking the inlet. We were originally told the County was taking care of it. Sue Mertz said that Jim will check on this.

**Ken Hensch:** Ken brought up an issue with billing to PLCC for the directory. H & H Printing had originally quoted PLCC a price of \$848.00. After the work began there was a major change in the layout format in which his wife Diana incurred more hours and work than anticipated. The final invoice billed showed \$1619.15 . PLCC paid the \$848.00 as originally quoted. The remaining \$771.00 was shown as an In Kind donation by Ken Hensch to the company to offset the added costs associated with completing the directory. Ken asked PLCC for a receipt or letter for his records to show the donation. Denny Rorick made a motion that the PLCC accept the invoice of 1619.15 of which Pretty Lake Conservation Club paid \$848.00 from our treasury with the remaining balance of \$771.00 to be paid as an In Kind Donation from Ken Hensch. Ron Kantorak to provide a letter from PLCC to Ken Hensch for his donation as a receipt. Les Rockwell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed with two abstaining and two not in favor.

**Michael Perry:** Michael reported he was given a copy of an email sent out on September 23 to non-member property owners. The email sent from Peggy Jones to these non-members introduced herself, her profession, and was accompanied by a questionnaire to address reasons why they are not members of PLCC. Michael was given this information because at least one recipient of this email/questionnaire was upset by it. As a Zone Director who is available to bring members concerns to the Board, Michael brought the context of this letter to the attention of the PLCC Board. Michael read the email to the Board with the questionnaire. Up until this point the PLCC Board had no idea this email / questionnaire had gone out.

The PLCC Board of Directors believes Peggy Jones heart is in the right place. She is a professional and a longtime resident of the lake. When she sees division or problems she wants to be able to understand and help if she can. When she asked if she could act as a liaison and talk with non-member residents we thought it might be a good idea. We know that no matter what we do we will never make everyone happy but that since she volunteered we thought we might be able to get a better insight into how we can better serve the community as a whole and to develop lasting relationships. We did not see any harm in Peggy talking with people to get feedback.

This email / questionnaire as written was not the intent of the PLCC and we wish we had seen it in advance. Ron will talk to Peggy about how we can better reach out. Please be aware that all PLCC members and non-members can go to Zone Directors or any Board member with concerns. If you received this email, questionnaire from Peggy and feel comfortable we would welcome you speaking with her honestly about ways we can all be better. We do believe we are stronger together as a community.

**Les Rockwell:** Les had two items for the round table discussion. Les would like to update the picture on the website. Cathy will forward to Les the picture used for the directory cover. Les will update the website picture with it.

He would also like to change wording in the rental agreement to better reflect contract needs. Les will work on this with Cathy.

**Move to adjourn the October 1, 2019 meeting made by Pat Mitchell with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Kantorak. All were in favor.**