

PRETTY LAKE CONSERVATION CLUB

Minutes – Meeting: June 2, 2020

Ron Kantorak called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Prayer led by Sue Mertz followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes: Approved through email

Treasurers Report: Ken Butler handed out cash flow statements from October, 2019 through May, 2020. After the last payment to Cardno, the balance in the account will be \$42,045.46.

Due to the corona virus, we will be losing some of the income usually collected in May and June:

2019 Net for Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast \$795.00

Merchandise 1,981.00

Pasta Dinner 244.00

Ken thanked Les Rockwell for tending to the checkbook while Ken was gone for the winter.

A motion was made by Les to unanimously approve the treasurers report and seconded by Nancy Wetli.

Clubhouse Report: Cathy Kantorak reported that there was much less to do at the Spring cleanup because the sassafrass trees had been taken down. When the water was turned on there was a leak in the copper piping. Thanks to Gary Metzger for repairing it but we will have to consider getting new plumbing in the Fall. The kitchen floor is starting to peel. There was discussion on remodeling the whole kitchen. The maple tree between the tennis courts and building was taken down to keep roots from damaging the foundation. Dick Pusti will cut the stump to ground level. The firepit will be completed this summer. Jim Hensel and his Grandson Gabriel are still working on details. 4 rentals at the clubhouse have been canceled due to the virus and 4 rentals are still scheduled. The windows in the building are rotting and some are beyond repair. Cathy had 3 quotes to replace the windows. Pat Mitchell made a motion to spend not more than \$14,000 to replace the windows as soon as possible. Ken Hensch seconded this motion. This was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

Membership Report: Les Rockwell handed out unpaid membership list to all zone directors.

Zone 1 76% paid

Zone 2 48.15% paid

Zone 3 64% paid

Zone 4 83.33% paid

Zone 5 65.52% paid

Zone 6 54.84% paid

Zone 7 63.64% paid

Zone 8 72.73% paid

65.64% paid over all, which is higher than last year at this time. Thanks to all PLCC residents!

Republic Service Contract: Ron has been in contact with Republic regarding PLCC's contract to have a fee of \$48/quarter. They are currently charging \$52/quarter. Ron will continue working on this.

LARE Grants: Final reports have been received on the rain garden and public landing drain projects. Katie and Bruce Bowman (both master gardeners) have graciously agreed to take care of the maintenance at the rain garden until the roots take hold. (with help if needed). The lake discharge channel improvement to the dam has been submitted for LARE approval. A decision is expected by September, 2020.

Lake Weeds: Rod Bergstedt sent an update. PLCC has received a LARE grant to provide treatment to up to 20 acres of the lake with a combination of 2,4-D and ProCellacor EC herbicides on an 80/20 cost share basis. (DNR pays 80%). The area around Job's Hole will again be avoided at the request of some of our lake fishermen. The herbicides are meant to reduce the population of invasive, non-native weeds; particularly, **Eurasian Water Milfoil** and **Curly Leaf Pondweed**. Although the contract provides for treating up to 20 acres we only treated about 3.5 acres in each of the past two years. Aquatic Weed Control, Inc will again be our contractor for this project.

Deal Ditch: Butch Vaughn is our go to person regarding this area. He told us he found out the ditch, all the way to the lake, is the responsibility of Lagrange County. In December of 2019, the Lagrange County Surveyor, Department of Soil and Water and the Army Corp of Engineers walked the ditch. All agreed the ditch needs cleaned and dredged north of CR 400. This could be done in 2021. They have still not decided what they will do from CR 400 to the lake but the surveyor's office is looking into this. The Lagrange County Health Department had testing done regarding the Ecoli issue and found it was 70% human and 30% animal. Many issues have been slowed down or put on hold due to the corona virus.

Goose Roundup will be held June 13th. There are at least 5 families with 25 babies this year. If you are available to help be in your boat by 8 am.

2020 FISH-A-RAMA, BINGO AND ROOT BEER FLOATS HAVE BEEN CANCELED DUE TO CORONA VIRUS

The only activities we will have July 4th will be the Flotilla and the Ring of Fire.

Nancy Wetli and Natalie McLaughlin are in charge of the flotilla. The flotilla will be Saturday, July 4th at 2:00 pm. Please contact Nancy at 260-403-8943 to get you boat number. Rain date is Sunday, July 5th at 12:00 Noon. First prize \$150, Second prize \$100, 3rd prize \$50. Prizes given out at Public Access at 4:00.

There are 572 flares to be sold for the ring of fire. Please contact your zone director or any board member.

Merchandise: T-shirts, sweatshirts and other Pretty lake merchandise will be handled via a website where Pretty Lake logo items you select can be purchased. Once the website is established it will be communicated via the PLCC web page and via email. The items will be delivered to Nancy Wetli and then she will distribute the items to those who purchased them.

2020 GENERAL MEETING 9:00 AM SATURDAY, JULY 18.

This meeting will be held outside due to the virus. There will be NO official speakers. The Board will give an overview of what has been done in the past 12 months and what is coming up. The main purpose of the meeting will be to determine nominations for the PLCC Board of Directors for 2021.

Four current board members will be leaving at the end of this year. We will need replacement for these 4 people. Please contact Denny Rorick, Pat Mitchell or Ron Kantorak if you are interested in being on the PLCC Board in 2021.

The **CAR CRUISE-IN** is still scheduled for Saturday, August 8th from 11 – 2. Hot dogs will be provided.

It was agreed that all Pretty Lake residents should receive flyers regardless of whether they have paid their dues or not.

Ron announced there are buds on all the arborvitae planted last year so none have been lost. He also put fertilizer stakes around them.

Butch Vaughn will talk to Lakes Council regarding the water readings and whether we should pay the extra \$200 to have additional readings taken.

ROUND TABLE: Ken Butler asked all board members to be mindful of our spending since we are not having the usual money making events due to the corona virus.

Questions from residents: Could the walking path be paved and could a practice backstop be put up at the tennis courts. Ken Hensch is going to follow up with Mike Todd about the walking path. There was no interest in spending money to put up a backstop.

Natalie McLaughlin asked if the lily pads on the lake are protected because they are disappearing by her house. She was told to contact Allyson Oliger from DNR.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 with a motion from Pat Mitchell and second from Jim Zuber.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Kantorak, acting secretary

