

PRETTY LAKE CONSERVATION CLUB AUGUST 3, 2021 ~ MINUTES

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm by President, Scott Alexander
Prayer led by Sue Mertz, Followed by Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Board Members Present: Scott Alexander, Cary Fries, Sue Mertz, Beth Pusti, Chris Alexander, Natalie McLaughlin, Ken Hensch, Tom Tassler, Gregg Wattier, Nancy Wetli, Andy Scheilder, Dan Martin.
Board Member absent: Robert Burns

Guest: Judge Craig Bobay

By-Law Changes: Last Fall at the September 2020 meeting the Board voted in a couple of changes to the Constitution & By-Laws of the PLCC in an effort to make sure we stayed in compliance. Due to the pandemic we needed to make sure we were leaving room for good discussion on issues when we could not meet in person and had to vote by phone. Led by our President, Denny Rorick a change was voted on and made to Article IX, Section 3. Action taken without a meeting. We had also voted to add our Mission Statement to the beginning of the Constitution and By-Laws. After the Board passed these two changes, Denny passed away before the changes were actually made. Judge Craig Bobay, was gracious enough to make the changes for us this summer. Craig made the changes as voted on in Article IX, Section 3 in language easier to read, and added a sample ballot to show an example of the voting process either electronically or hand delivered if an in-person meeting is not possible. Craig explained that he added the Mission Statement to the end of our document instead of the beginning. The Constitution is the foundation of the document. The Mission Statement flows out of the Constitution. Craig came to our meeting to talk us through the changes and make sure we understood. After Discussion, Dan Martin motioned the PLCC Board approve the changes to Article IX, Section 3. Action taken without a meeting as written by Judge Bobay. Sue Mertz, second the motion. All unanimous vote to approve.

Sue Mertz pointed out another revision we needed to talk about to stay in compliance with By-Laws. "Article VI – PLCC Government, Section 3. Transition. The newly elected Officers and Members of the PLCC Board shall take office at the first meeting subsequent to their election." Our new PLCC Board is quite often, as was the case this year voted in at our General Meeting in July but will not actually take office until October. According to present rules they should have started in August which is the middle of our seasonal calendar year in planning and events. Our PLCC Board year is actually October to October. Revision would also need to be made in "Article X- Officers and their Duties, Section 1, 2, 3 to reflect the seasonal calendar year of the Board term to be October to October.

While we continued with the meeting, Judge Bobay worked on the changes needed to be more in compliance with the calendar year. When Craig was finished, he read back to us the new language of Article X, Section 1,2,3 with the recommendation to delete Section 3.1

After discussion, Sue Mertz made a Motion to accept changes of Article X, Section 1,2,3 and deleting section 3.1 as read by Judge Bobay. Tom Tassler second the Motion. All approved By-Law changes.

New 2022 PLCC Board are invited to the September meeting but will actually take office at our October meeting.

Minutes – Approval: Beth Pusti asked if everyone had a chance to review both the Minutes from our July 6 Meeting as well as our July 17, General Meeting Minutes. All had a chance to review the Minutes. Sue Mertz made a motion to approve July 6, meeting Minutes, Andy Scheidler second the Motion, all approved

Sue Mertz made a motion to approve July 17, General meeting minutes. A second came from Andy Scheidler. All approved. Both sets of Minutes in July were approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer, Sue Mertz handed out the PLCC Treasurer Report July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022. Which reflected the first month of our new financial year.

Net Income for July \$5,343.21 reflected \$400.00 added from dues. Merchandise sales were \$1,872.00. Clubhouse rental \$750.00, History book sales \$59.00. There was \$1,318.00 in flare sales. July 4th root beer floats/bingo brought in \$493.75.

Total expenses for July were \$7,477.97 Expenses included electric, sewer utilities. Clubhouse supplies of \$165.30, Aquatic weed control \$6,245.40, returned rental deposits of \$150.00 and event expenses of \$297.78.

A refund of money left from 2020 weed control is still to come in. Three history books were sold with one yet that needs to be paid for.

There are 2 full boxes of flares left with a partial box of 4 flares to start off next season. One box of flares went missing the first week we had them. They were locked in PLCC.

Beth Pusti made a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Nancy Wetli second the motion. PLCC vote was unanimous to accept Treasurers Report. Thank you, Sue.

Membership Report: Chris Alexander reported two more people from Zone 2 were added to membership. There were no other changes.

Clubhouse Report: Natalie McLaughlin reported 4 events went well in July. There are 4 events left. Two each in September and October, none in August. Yoga is still going strong.

- Natalie is giving up her position as Clubhouse manager due to work obligations. If you know anyone interested, please talk to your Zone director or a Board Member. It does pay \$50.00 per event.

Natalie would like the Board to determine specific wants and needs of the Clubhouse and come up with a plan of action for the 2022 year, as well as Goals over the next several years. Scott Alexander said we have identified needs such as plumbing repairs, and new siding as examples of projects to talk about. Some things that exceed our current budget need to be planned for while other projects can be completed once identified and bids can be obtained and voted on.

One small item on the list is a new tennis net. The Tennis courts are used quite a bit with the net being worn out. A member did offer to replace the net as a donation but if this falls through the Club will put it on our list to replace for the spring opening of 2022.

Cruise-In: Ken Hensch brought in the 2021 Cruise-In t- shirts. He found that if they added 3 shirts to their 47 shirt order they could get a \$100.00 discount, which was a very good deal. Ken had a map of the pavilion set up for the car show and volunteer list. Lake City Bank was added to the Donor list. Natalie ordered 3 colors of double raffle tickets. Jack Landers is providing a tent. Ken still needed volunteers to greet and handle the raffle tickets. Complete list of donors will be available on September Minutes.

- Need to fill propane tanks and do something about ground hornets.

Rummage Sale: Barb Butler is coordinating the Rummage Sale this summer from Texas. She is making a lot of phone calls and scheduling volunteers to make sure all aspects are covered. Beth Pusti is co-chair and will be in contact with Barb as needed. There are many volunteers who help out every year so we will be depending on their experience. The newspaper ad is ready to run August 12-14th in the Kendallville New Sun. Marvin Schrock is on schedule to be at the clubhouse on the 14th at 1:30pm to pick up the items that do not sell. Sue Mertz will make sure we have the correct banks ready. We will begin set up after the Cruise-In. Drop off of donated items will be Sunday thru Friday the 13th. Pat Mitchell will make sure the signs are placed on Sunday. Cathy Kantorak will take care of lunches for the volunteers. Typically, Barb has never had a budget for the rummage sale and turns in receipts when it is over. The expenses are usually the newspaper ad, paper supplies, and lunches. Sue looked into it and expenses for the last 3 years have been between \$190.00 - \$230.00. Beth motioned for rummage sale expenses not to exceed \$250.00. Nancy Wetli second the motion, all approved.

Assignments for Remaining Activities: Walk for the Water: Craig said registration numbers are down from last year. Deadline to order shirts in time for Labor is August 21. Craig thought that maybe earmarking proceeds from this event for a particular purpose might be something they will look into for next year, example he made was extending the walking path through PLCC wooded area Labor Day breakfast: Volunteers needed. Stan Shopa will help. Cary Fries, chairman, Tom Tassler will co-chair.

Bonfire and Music scheduled for October 23: Dan Martin and Beth Pusti are on the schedule for this event which is planned as a Chili cook off and wiener roast. We will talk about this again in September.

Merchandise Report: Nancy Wetli reported Merchandise is paid for, the rest should be profit. There has been \$696.00 in profit this year so far. Nancy will sell merchandise at the Cruise- In. She had 12 more towels and hats. Nancy said we made more profit last year with the online store. There were pros and cons. Some people really found it more convenient and others did not like it. Nancy is stepping down from handling the Merchandise for next year. If anyone is interested or has ideas for next year, please contact your Zone director or a Board Member. Thank you, Nancy.

General Meeting Discussion: General Meeting seemed to go well. We heard no complaints. DNR Officer did a good job reminding folks of safety issues and answering questions. Membership seems to understand weed control issues.

Comments from Dues Forms: There is a place on the Dues form sent out at the beginning of the year for people to make comments or suggestions. Sue Mertz went through the forms for discussion with the Board. We went through each comment and talked about several topics from folks concerned about clearly marking properties when spraying occurs to the idea of Community fireworks. Many of the comments were appreciation comments from members which is always nice.

Web Page Report, E-mail Blasts: Andy sent email blasts for the Cruise-In and Rummage Sale. He will put out a reminder for the Walk for the Lake.

Directors Nominations: New Board Members are welcome to watch for the September meeting. The first participation meeting is October 5. New Board members will need keys and Binders. If you are leaving the Board please be prepared to turn over your keys and binders to a new Board Member.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:

Scott Alexander: There are some current Board Members without keys and some keys that have never been turned in from former Board Members. We need a system to better keep track of the keys for the Clubhouse. Sue Mertz recommended a new deadbolt lock on clubhouse by the October meeting. We need a numbering and log system to track where they are and who has access. Cary Fries offered to take care of replacing the main lock. Andy Scheidler motioned to give Cary Fries authorization to change the key set. Beth Pusti Second the motion. Unanimous vote.

Sue Mertz: Republic trash is not being dependable. There are weeks they miss pickup due to employee shortage. She wanted to make sure trash is being picked up after events. Sue would also like to go through the treasury reports and make a budget for the PLCC to get a better idea annually what can be planned toward expenses. If events have a set budget it could eliminate a lot of the motions in allocating funds for events, we hold every year and give us a better way to plan for the year.

Ken Hensch: Brought up the walking path on the Todd property. Chris Alexander said she talked to Mike Todd and that they are not opposed to having the path on their property improved. She said Mike would talk to his wife and they will think about what their needs would be and what privacy issues we can make better for them.

Please remember the PLCC does not maintain or have an easement on any part of the walking path. Many areas of the path are private property. Please be respectful.

Cary Fries: How do we feel about a dishwasher in the clubhouse? He has one he can install next to the sink. After discussion of whether or not our plumbing could handle a dishwasher, they were not sure about draining the lines for winter or how much use it would get.

Greg Wattier: Looking forward to fall clean up and closing the clubhouse up for the winter. Greg said that many plumbing companies open and close waterlines for a relatively low cost.

Chris Alexander: When we close up the building in the Fall and open it in the Spring we need a file folder with a list of instructions.

Nancy Wetli: Denny Roricks memorial was lovely. Nancy said Cecily was very grateful for the help from the Board and she hoped it helped in giving her a bit of closure. Nancy said the Service for Denny was beautiful and that the clubhouse was a wonderful place to have it. Rest in Peace Denny Rorick, you are missed. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to Cecily and her family.

Ken Hensch: Passed around a thank you card from Cecily that she wrote to the PLCC Board.

Dan Martin: Arborvitae along the back of the property that we planted two years ago are still staked. He said they needed un-staked and are doing well. He will take care of this.

Beth Pusti made a Motion to adjourn. Cary Fries second the Motion. No one objected.