

**Pretty Lake Conservation Club  
Pretty Lake, LaGrange County, Indiana  
Minutes of the June 7, 2022 Board Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting of the Pretty Lake Conservation Club was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse of the Pretty Lake Conservation Club.

Board members present were: Chris Alexander, Scott Alexander, Craig Bobay, Barb Butler, Cathy Kantorak, Natalie McLaughlin, Sue Mertz, Beth Pusti, Andy Scheidler, John Stemmler, and Tom Tassler. Board member absent was: Cary Fries.

Agenda changes: Discussion of PLCC Constitution and By-Laws.

**Board Minutes:**

The Minutes of the May 3, 2022 meeting were read and approved, as corrected on Beth's motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue reported the PLCC balance is healthy, with cash holdings of \$65,260.87. A good profit was made at the Memorial Day breakfast, bingo/floats, and merchandise sales. Chris moved to approve the Treasurer's report; Beth seconded; the report was unanimously approved.

**Membership Committee:** Barb reported that 67% of the 211 cottages have paid membership fees for this year. Presently, we have 148 members in good standing. 69 cottages have not yet paid. Sue and Barb will be working with Zone Directors to reach out to those who have not yet paid.

**Clubhouse Committee:** Cathy reported 2 rentals of the Clubhouse have taken place, with 8 more scheduled. The plumbing problem in the rest rooms was recently remedied by PLCC member Larry Spatt. The kitchen area was recently painted by Barb, Cathy, and Sue. The Board thanked them for their efforts.

**Clubhouse Renovations Subcommittee:** John reported that the subcommittee (Scott, Cathy, John, and Chris Sluyter) recently met, and tentatively recommended the PLCC install vertical siding, specifically reverse board & batten siding on the exterior. This features an extra thick panel that is reinforced with a foam backer to create the rigidity and durability of hardboard cladding. It is lighter, easier to handle, and more weather-resistant than real wood, and composite siding. The Board's consensus was to go with a sable brown color. Three bids are being sought for installation, and the subcommittee's final recommendation will be sent out, with a remote vote seeking approval of the Board to be taken in the next few weeks.

**Merchandise Committee:** John reported sales of \$1600 at the Memorial Day breakfast. Towels are on order, and are expected to sell well.

Communications (newsletter, website, Facebook): Andy reported that he continues to make progress towards updating the PLCC website. The Board approved another email blast to be sent regarding the next June 27<sup>th</sup> LaGrange County Plan Commission meeting on the proposed housing development. Chris reported that the next newsletter will go out in mid-June, with a final summer newsletter to be issued in late July.

Directories: Cathy and Barb are working on publishing a new Pretty Lake directory. Ad sales are going well. Residents need to update their contact information for the directory. The new directory should be published later this summer.

Rain garden: Chris reported that Dan Martin informed her that some work was done this Spring as needed to place large rocks in run off areas in the rain garden. Erosion is being controlled, and the rain garden is functioning as planned.

Deal Ditch: Scott spoke to Butch Vaughn, who informed Scott that E.coli levels are down, Spring tests were within acceptable limits. DNA tests are planned for July.

Goose Roundup: Craig reported that the DNR permit has been issued, and the roundup of the approximately 14 geese on the lake is planned for June 11, with Doug Crawford taking charge.

Fourth of July Events: The PLCC events will be on Saturday, July 2 this year. Natalie is preparing for the fish-a-rama and flotilla. The Board discussed possible Grand Marshall candidates. The Board approved the same prizes for the flotilla as 2021. Lake residents are encouraged to contribute to the fireworks by donating to Craig or to the Venmo account set up by Todd Klopfenstein. All residents are also encouraged to enter a boat in the flotilla, and to purchase flares for the Ring of Fire, distributed by the Zone Directors.

Election / PLCC Constitution and By-Laws: In advance of the planned July 16 General Meeting, Craig led a discussion on Board member selection and voting, as set out in the PLCC Constitution and By-Laws. After discussing who is leaving or staying on the Board, it appears we will likely need 4 new members for 2022-23. Scott appointed a Nominating Committee, chaired by Craig, including Scott and a non-board member. The Board discussed the apparent vagueness regarding when terms of Board members and Officers begin and end, and how in recent years, there has been no Annual Meeting that occurs after the PLCC General Meeting, since the only typical reason to conduct an Annual Meeting is if there is a contested election of Board members. On the motion of Tom, with a second by John, the Board unanimously voted to amend Article VIII (Section 4) and Article X (Sections 1, 2, and 3) of the PLCC Constitution and By-Laws as set out below. (New language is underlined, deleted language is stricken through).

#### **ARTICLE VIII – ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Section 4. Term of Office. Directors shall serve until such time as the Director resigns, loses an election or is removed by Board action. There

shall be no limit on the number of terms a Director may serve. Terms of departing Directors end at the start of the October meeting of the Board; and terms of new Directors begin at the start of the October meeting of the Board.

#### **ARTICLE X - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

Section 1. Officers. The Officers of the PLCC shall be a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and such other Officers as the Board may create. The Officers must be members of the Board of Directors ~~at the time of the first meeting of the Board immediately following the Annual Meeting.~~

Section 2. Terms of Office. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board and shall hold office for one (1) year unless the Officer shall sooner resign or be removed. ~~Terms of office begin at the conclusion of the first meeting of the Board following the Annual Meeting.~~ The terms of office for departing Officers end at the October meeting of the Board upon the election of the new Officers; and the terms of office for new Officers begin upon their election at the October meeting of the Board.

Section 3. Election of Officers. The election of Officers shall take place at the October ~~first-regular~~ meeting of the Board of Directors ~~following the Annual Meeting~~ as follows:

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting is July 5, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Prepared by Craig J. Bobay