

**Pretty Lake Conservation Club
Pretty Lake, LaGrange County, Indiana
Minutes of the August 2, 2022 Board Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting of the Pretty Lake Conservation Club was held on Tuesday, August 2, 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, Cary Fries, Cathy Kantorak, Natalie McLaughlin, Sue Mertz, Beth Pusti, Andy Scheidler, John Stemmler, and Tom Tassler. No members were absent.

Board Minutes:

The Minutes of the July 5, 2022 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer 's Report: Sue reported no unusual expenses or income. See her report made at the 2022 General Meeting. Cathy moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Barb seconded; the report was unanimously approved.

Membership Committee: Barb reported 81% of our Pretty Lake owners are members of the PLCC this year. This is a very good percentage for our voluntary association. She estimated that about 85 of the 217 home owners are permanent lake residents. She and Cathy are working on the new PLCC Directory, due to be published this fall.

Clubhouse Committee: Cathy reported we have 11 rentals this year. This should produce about \$1,900 in income for the PLCC. John asked and received permission to spend up to \$250 to purchase a mechanical striping machine and paint for the tennis/pickle ball court. (Tom made the motion; Barb second; all approved.)

Merchandise Committee: John reported an additional \$140 in sales for July. More beach towels will be offered for sale next year. He will sell merch at the Cruise-in.

Communication (newsletter, website, Facebook): Scott reported no decision has yet been made to replace the reader board. Chris said the final newsletter will focus on more non-event related matters. The board thanked Chris for the excellent newsletters that she is publishing. Andy said he continues to update the website. Chris suggested the website include a history page, and all agreed this was a good idea. The board discussed its recent practice of sending notices concerning matters such as the proposed development and easement proposals, without advocating for or against the measures. The board's consensus was that this was a good practice.

Events Reports:

· Cruise-in: Cary asked for volunteers for the upcoming Cruise-in. The event will include selling hotdogs, drinks, and chips, as well as a 50/50 raffle.

· Rummage Sale: Barb reported all plans are coming along as usual, and that volunteers are needed.

- Walk for the Water: Craig reported this low-key, and low-effort event has a new shirt design this year.
- Golf Outing: Tom is seeking foursomes for this event.

Other:

- Aluminum collection: This has not been a PLCC sponsored effort, but board members recently put in a lot of work to haul the scrap. Barb stated that this realizes meager income given the recent efforts involved. The board thanked Steve Johnson for his efforts, as he is no longer interested in collecting the scrap. If someone wants to step up to do this, the PLCC will spread the word through its communication channels.

- Republic Services trash collection: Republic Services will no longer be serving our area. Scott has contacted other service providers to check on rates. He will report when he has more information.

- General meeting input: Scott reported that the 2022 PLCC General Meeting went well. Three items raised there are worthy of further PLCC action: 1- invasive swan management, 2- the inlet where the Deal Ditch meets the lake needs improvement, and 3- behavior expected of lake residents. Craig said he would contact the Indiana DNR to see if there is anything that the PLCC can do about managing the invasive swan population on the lake. We expect Butch Vaughn's work with local officials about the Deal Ditch will result in recommendations on improving the area where the ditch empties into the lake. After receiving that report, the board will consider further action. Chris suggested that another Conservation Fair could be held next year to address areas such as boat speed, noise, etc. She handed out a draft of a common-sense manners notice that might be shared with lake residents, and she asked for input before it would be distributed.

- Lake laws: Craig handed out and discussed a sheet containing the Indiana laws governing lakes, which is known as the Lakes Preservation Act, Indiana Code §14-26-2. The Lakes Preservation Act states that State of Indiana has full power and control of all of the public freshwater lakes (like Pretty Lake), and controls all the lakes in trust for the use of all citizens for recreational purposes. The Act states that people who own land on the lakes do not have the exclusive right to the use of the waters of the lake or any part of the lake. Indiana boating laws state that a person may not operate a motorboat within 200 feet of the shore line of a lake at a speed greater than idle speed (Ind. Code §14-15-3-17) (idle speed is no more than 5 mph); and that for a lake the size of Pretty Lake, a person may not operate a motorboat at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour. Ind. Code §14-15-3-10. At night, the speed on all lakes is 10 mph. Ind. Code §14-15-3-8. The board agreed that this information would be helpful for all lake residents to know.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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

Prepared by Craig J. Bobay