

Pretty Lake Conservation Club
Pretty Lake, LaGrange County, Indiana
Minutes of the September 6, 2022 Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Pretty Lake Conservation Club was held on Tuesday, September 6, 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. Also present were recently elected 2023 Board members Andy Goodman, Chris Sluyter, and Annette Spatt.

Board Minutes:

The Minutes of the August 2, 2022 meeting were read and approved (Barb moved, Sue seconded.)

Treasurer 's Report: Sue reported the following highlights of the PLCC fiscal status: monthly income of \$9,667.12; monthly expenses of \$3,010.07; checking account balance of \$73,829.08; upcoming expense exceeding \$22,000 for the clubhouse siding, signage, and outlet work; \$791 profit from the cruise-in; \$3,667 profit from the rummage sale; \$147 profit from the Labor Day bingo & root beer float night; \$781 profit from the Labor Day breakfast. John moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Chris A. seconded; the report was unanimously approved.

Membership Committee: Barb reported that the new Pretty Lake directories are being distributed. The directories cost \$1.57 each to produce, and generated advertising income of approximately \$3,000. The Board thanked Barb and Cathy for their efforts in creating the new Pretty Lake directory.

Clubhouse Committee: Cathy reported 2 remaining rentals for 2022. The final rental will be Oct. 1. The window that was broken has been repaired. John reported that he has received the tennis / pickle ball court line painting machine, and that he will re-line the courts next spring. A discussion was held about the aging griddles. Barb volunteered to order 2 new Blackstone 36" griddles through Amazon. Barb moved that she be authorized to spend up to \$1,100 for that purchase, and Cathy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Clubhouse Repairs Subcommittee: John reported the siding project is ready to begin as soon as the last rental has occurred. The Board discussed adding insulation to the walls before the siding project would begin, as adding insulation later would be costly and unsightly. Cary reported that there is insulation in the ceiling. Without committing to eventually adding air conditioning or heating to the clubhouse, the consensus of the Board was that the subcommittee seek estimates for insulating the walls. Other items the subcommittee should be addressing include possible upgrades to the kitchen, and repair/replacement of the railing near the parking area. The subcommittee planned to

obtain the insulation estimate and seek Board approval for the work via email voting prior to the next meeting.

Merchandise Committee: John reported that he is looking into on-line sales for the holidays. The Board suggested having hoodies available for the cold weather months.

Communication (newsletter, website, Facebook, etc.): Chris A. reported a new reader board estimate of \$1,875, including letters. She would work with the new owners of the property where the sign is located to spruce up the sign area. Sue moved that a new reader board be purchased in an amount up to \$2,000. Tom seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Chris A. reported she is planning one more newsletter for this year. She also reported that the improvements to the public access ramp area are underway, by the DNR. The Pretty Lake community should know that these ramp improvements are solely the work of the DNR, and that the PLCC did not request, nor was consulted about the project. Andy lead a discussion regarding some comments/feedback about email notices the PLCC has sent out this year. The Board's consensus was that all the email efforts to advise the PLCC community about matters impacting the lake community this year were done well, and in the spirit of communication, not advocacy.

Events Reports:

Cruise-in: Cary reported we had about the same number of cars entered as 2021, and we realized a net profit of \$791. He noted that Ken and Diane Hensch helped a lot. About 200 people attended the event.

Rummage Sale: Barb reported that the rummage was a big success. A near-record profit of \$3,667 was realized, and many people volunteered to help.

Walk for the Water: Craig reported that this was the third annual Walk for the Water, featuring the Pretty Lake Walking Path. As before, the Walk was organized by Craig and Nancy Bobay, and their daughters (Beth, Mollie, and Annie) and son-in-law TJ. We had 170 paid Walk participants this year, which was held on Saturday of Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3. The weather was perfect. Participation increased over last year (135), and over the inaugural year (109). Everyone enjoyed the Walk, and we had many positive comments about the design and quality of the t-shirts. The heather-maroon colored shirts featured a "lake life" design. The only expense incurred was for the t-shirts that all participants received. All the income for the PLCC was from the registration fees. Total gross income: \$3,292. Total expenses: \$1,671. Profit to PLCC: \$1,621.

Golf Outing: Tom reported the event is set for Sept. 10. Ten teams are registered.

Bonfire: The event is set for Oct. 22.

Fall Clean up: Cathy reported the clubhouse clean-up is set for Nov. 12. Volunteers are needed.

Outlet Clean up: The date for the outlet clean-up is Dec. 3. Volunteers in waders, with rakes are needed.

Other:

Conservation Fair: Chris A. reported more about the planned June 10, 2023 Family Picnic and Conservation Fair. She is lining up Soaring Hawk, and ACRES Land Trust, among others. The Board discussed having a child-focused activity, such as an art project, possibly having an aquatic weed control representative, a Pretty Lake history presentation, and providing food. Sue moved, with Cathy's second, that a preliminary budget of up to \$2,000 be set aside for the event. The motion passed unanimously.

PLCC Officer Election: Craig lead a discussion regarding the upcoming Oct. 4 election of officers for the PLCC, as provided for in the PLCC Constitution and By-laws.

2023 Events: Sue suggested that all board members should consider the events they would like to be involved with for the 2023 season, which will be discussed at the October meeting.

Introductions and Reasons for Serving Pretty Lake: All present and recently elected Board members introduced themselves, and spoke of why they are serving the Pretty Lake community, and what they like about Pretty Lake. The discussion demonstrated that we have an active and pretty great community.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

The next PLCC Board meeting is Oct. 4, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Prepared by Craig J. Bobay