

Pickereel-Kimball Lakes Association Meeting – Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2012, Taken by Jen Simpson, Secretary

John Schorr:

Welcomed all to meeting and thanks to Camp Henry for facility, coffee and cookies. Thanks to Vonnie for putting out the signs.

Introduced Board members: John Schorr, President, Jen Simpson, Secretary, Jim Chase, Robert Derk, Steve Plank, Jim Linkfield, Trudy Norlin, John Schorr (7 board of electors). Serve for a 3 year term, we'd have to elect new board of directors all time so we decide to stagger the terms, Jim & Robert 1 year, 2 year – Steve & Jen, Trudy, Jim Chase, John Schorr

Handed out Agenda, Budget, Minutes from last year.

Jim Linkfield: Income \$8,630, checks Issued \$6,098.07, Bank Balance \$7,439.43

Jen Simpson: Minutes from last Meeting: Motion to accept minutes, motion seconded

John Schorr: Introduced Jim and Kay Chase.

Jim and Kay Chase: Zone Rep report: Zone Report: Listed the zone reps for standing and recognition.

Lost 2 very special zone reps: Kathy Mercer and Carol Shaffer lost those zone reps and our deepest sympathy.

Olds Manor area in the dugout canal area. Steve Plank volunteered to collect for that area.

Last year first year we handed out to packets to new residents, Carole Blair, and Marilyn Cox handed out new packets and volunteered to put packets together. Any other volunteers? If change of heart let us know.

New Phone directories will become available this season in the fall. A little different format so taking some time to put together. Just ask Jennifer or Kay for X # of phone directories, if they pay the \$40 dues then get the phone directory.

If you'd like to provide you email address, let us know after the meeting.

Out of 312 association members, predict 219 to join this year. Leaves 93 homes that don't join our association. If anyone is interested in Michigan Lake and Stream association, info how to do that, and info up here after the meeting. Also, when you do join that 4 publications a year and one called Riparian which informative. "Nuts and Bolts" by Cliff Bloom, and "buying and selling waterfront property in Michigan" is new one by Cliff Bloom. Good in regards to legal news, if you're interested it will be up here.

John Schorr- Went to meeting in GR, and "rules" on old laws stuck around on some lakes, and don't think we have it on Pickereel/Kimball but good book.

Also, any complaints contact John Schorr, and will get directory has his info.

Going back to PLM to go back to weed control company from 1 year prior versus company that did it last year that did a poor job prior.

Jason Broekstra from PLM is here to discuss weed control.

Lynn Norlin: PLM sprayed for algae last Monday, milfoil next Tuesday and also algae control. If any comments at all about weed control issue, we need it in writing, please email comments: lakelandhardwood@earthlink.net He will take comments and forward to Pat Baker and Warren Bender. Only for "this year" comments.

Comment by member: Live on Kimball, weeds are bad on the side. Jason from PLM will answer those questions.

Dan Johnson: Doing Michigan Stream and Lake Association: Lake clarity is less that year before, may have more to do with warm weather and water temperature.

Jason form PLM: Vice President of PLM Lake Management, and Biologist with degree from Grand Valley and Bri (locally on lake) and her crew are experienced and knowledgeable about lake, get things on track. Some of the milfoil is like an evergreen and with light winter makes it challenging and with warm weather early, algae will pop and weed treatment shoreline will be Tuesday (tomorrow) and primary is Eurasian Milfoil, has ability to spread by fragmentation they sprout roots, done by boat prop chop, or even raking. Evergreen so grows all year round, some that other native species don't do. There is a lot of milfoil, more than what we've seen in past years. Diquat Dibromine works very well with our lake. Within about 7 days or so, see progress after treatment, 10 days full potential. Plants do have nature to grow back in late July/Aug and eel grass later in year, spaghetti noodle up. Exotic is first priority, and then native plants focus (eel grass). Once Milfoil under control, go ahead and rake beaches etc... Even take ash out of burn pits so it doesn't go back into the Lake. Did the first algae treatment, overall doesn't look too bad, overall worked well. Monthly take look at lake, and treat it and may do spot treatment just in different areas that need treatment. Green signs, no restrictions, yellow signs 1 day swimming restriction, but neither have any fishing consumption restrictions.

With Brooks township on Pickerel, and now with Lake Board, the Sonar product can be used (there was restriction before because of Brooks township) in part of lake. Now we can consider, expensive at first but more manageable. Doesn't work as fast, late April early May treatment, plants gone, and then incorporated in the program. Eel grass concerns, was brought up to him via a call, and "swimmer's itch" is 1 time treatment, and had 1 complaint on that. It isn't "perfect" and tries to kill organisms in the sediments, yes our lakes have swimmers itch from time to time, towel off after water, and some people don't have issue with it as every sensitive different.

Question: Irrigation restriction: On Tuesday, 5 days for gardens restriction.

Question: How often do survey the lake, and because of "other connections" on lake, survey at least 1 time a month, but open to others giving feedback, and work with them through channels of association.

Question: Any schedule? Tentative plan: June 18th Week, July 18th week of, Aug 14th. Looking at some potential management activities.

Question: How is service being paid for, it's through everyone's assessment? Bill by treatment? Cost associated within the "bid" and bill for that amount of treatment, and after service provided, then bill is sent out not a lump sum. Here, it is spot on by treatment.

Schorr: Technically we should have had an assessment on December bill, so not on Dec bill, but will see one in Summer bill, and in the fall bill. The \$69,000 is total approx for lake, and it can never exceed that.

Lynn Norlin: \$196 Pickerel, \$169 Kimball increase approx off top of his head. Everyone who gets a tax bill, everyone gets charged.

Dan Johnson: little booklet, and survey. Would be interested in seeing the survey.

Lynn Norlin: Progressive did survey and that was done.

Question: How was Garfield Township thing happen? Lynn said he would fill you in separately.

Question: Lost a lot of treatment in the "cove". Do those take a lot to reproduce? Jason said they should recover in time, and PLM is not using that product.

Question: Sonar: What does that treat? Jason said it affects the invasive species.

Question: Heath affects of treatment of kids? Even swimming restriction, it's an additional precaution they put on us but there is no warning label on the material itself, but we want them out of the water and stirring up water makes it "less effective".

John Schorr: We'll move meeting along. The area by the channel, go around the left side and help quality more if we could all do that.

Nina Fox: Boat Parade, Poker Run & theme for this year:

June 30th, and rain day is following Saturday:. Don't have anyone to manage Kimball Lake parade, and have separate trophies, just need to have start and finish line and will be organized, just looking for Kimball Lake resident to do it.

Dock Drop: basically drop the calendar of the events, and would like them to have a list of calendar, and Ridge Dinner Camp Newaygo on one side, and other PKLA on the other side. Zip Lock Bag, and rock with flowers. 3rd Sat in august Poker Run, thinking about a 4:4 volleyball tournament on sand bar. Ridge Dinner brochures, and the Progressive Paddle" not even there for 15 minutes and fun for them.

Schorr: Theme is "anything" you'd like to do and allows you to do what you want.

We'll get signs to remind you of June 30th of the 4th of July events. Fishing contest, and \$100 this year.

New Business:

Reminder of the "no wake" reminder after 7:30 and is disrespectful to the residents.

Live near island by Camp Newaygo and see the "island" and will it disappear.

Schorr: We can "post" a "no wake" but we also have to enforce it and also PKLA has to enforce it. Sherriff can "help" us, but it is up to us to enforce it.

Question: If get # off boat, and call and we'll call DNR, and give to John Schorr.

Question: Jim Echtenaw: Would the same hold true if posted as a wildlife sanctuary? Wouldn't take much to put sign on island, at least during nesting season? Could easily invest in that.

Kay: There is a loon association in the state of Michigan.

John Schorr- motion to adjourn, and seconded and accepted.

Jim Echtenaw: Make a motion from the floor as donation from floor. He was zone rep, and last time we did it was \$50.00.

Question: Where are swans? Schorr: They will be back.

Kay Chase: We saw 2 baby swans yesterday.

Question: Approach about natural gas around the lakes?

Schorr: Not sure if can get that? Assume Great Lakes, and assume township would have to do that. John to ask township on that.

Question: Centerline nicely repaved, are they going to put lines on it?

Schorr: County did it, and used GR engineering to redo it, and we don't know if they are going to repaint.

Question: Public access site, anything we can do to get it cleaned up, trees and so on. Have to get a hold of DNR. We just can't do it on our own.

Comment from another member: DNR hooked tree that had broken off, and chopped tree off and hauled away. It is an eyesore and hopefully that can be taken care of.

Schorr: Meeting adjourned.

