

Pickereel-Kimball Lakes Association Meeting – Minutes

September 1, 2012: Taken by Jen Simpson, Secretary

Location: Camp Newaygo at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda:

1. Welcome- Camp Newaygo
2. Introduction of the PKLA Officers
3. Introduction of New Owners on the lakes
4. Treasurers Report – Jim Linkfield
5. Secretary's Report- Jen Simpson
6. Zone Representative Update- Jim & Kay Chase
7. Weed Control Update- Lynn Norlin
8. Boat Parade & poker run update – Nina Fox
 - a. Boat Parade Theme for 2013
 - b. Date for 2013 Fireworks Celebration

New Business

1. Fireworks Discussion
2. Open Question & Answer Time
3. Date for Spring Meeting

John Schorr: John began meeting at 9:02 a.m. and introduced all Lake Board Officers by name and they stood. He then asked for any new residents to stand up and introduce themselves. Cheryl and Steve Brant stated they are from Pickereel and next to Schaeffer's on Pickereel Lake and will connect with Kay Chase after the meeting for membership info.

Treasurers Report done by John Schorr as Jim Linkfield is at a funeral.

Report: Dollar Amounts Confidential for Website published version. Motion to accept, treasures report accepted.

Secretary Report: Minutes handed out. Motion to accept minutes accepted.

Camp Newaygo: Kristy from the camp talked briefly. She is the day camp person in the summer. Day Camp increased 40% this year, been a very busy year. They have a wedding there tonight with about 200 guests, and welcome to view the set-up after our meeting.

Kay Chase: 20 zone reps for our lakes. Kay asked them to stand and recognize via clapping. Kay getting updates of address, names phone # etc...for new folks. Waiting for 2 zone reps to turn money in from collecting and don't have total tally yet so we don't have the percentage yet but will have it calculated out very soon once reps have completed the collection. New owner packets have not been handed out yet, so this will be first welcome packet to the lake for the Brant family.

Schorr: John asked for the weed control update.

Lynn Norlin: Hope all happy with weed control. Milfoil taken care of, curly pond weed, algae taken care of. We don't treat eel grass approx \$365 per acre and we have over 100 acres so it would double assessment. DNQ and DNR are ok with raking it out of the lake, and take away from shoreline spread out and dry out and deteriorate. Hope to have same program again next year. There will be May treatment of algae and milfoil and back in June to do spot treatment. Chemicals that we use don't kill the milfoil completely but knocks it down then comes back in few months. Chemical used to kill milfoil would explain last spring, and how comes back in 3 years anyway so we do what we can to keep it down. Email is on the PKLA website for Lynn. Public meeting Sept 13th in White Cloud at 10:00 a.m. for public comment for weed control and answer questions if you want to attend.

Member: at the public meeting is there anyone from lake company?

Lynn: not sure if Jason from weed control company will be there but if you need him to we can ask him to come.

Member: weed mats will help. Mariell Camp and Cruise has them, and you move the mats every 2 weeks.

Member: roots for eel grass, and it just floats and has very short roots. Just going over with boat will pull them out.

Schorr: Some areas lilly pads are starting to spread, and can get rid of only 40X40 in a given year if those are a problem, talk with Lynn as only have limited amount of treatment.

Nina Fox: Boat Parade theme, how about "represent your favorite sport team". There were more boats on Kimball Lake than Pickereel Lake and great pictures on the website. Poker Run rained before but still was very fun.

Member: is there way to get date out sooner?

Nina Fox: We did dock drop, and on the website, and only other thing we could do would be an email.

Schorr: July 4th on a Thursday this year, and so Saturday, July 6th is the date.

Gary Ebels: Will post today the date for 2013 July 4th activities which will occur on July 6, 2013.

Schorr: New Business: Fireworks: Display is run by Carl McCloud, and he does the display every year, and typically larger than ours. This year our fireworks were 250 shells, typically 3" and 4" and means goes 300 ft, or 400 ft. Carl was 800 shells, and combination of sizes. Carl said he doesn't do holidays, but fireworks is his thing, and his passion. He is licensed in state of MI and is a pyrotechnician. We spend \$4500 to get 250 shells, and he spends own money. Carl approached us, would cover all insurance and permit costs. He would not charge us for the show, or fees and all \$4500 would go to fireworks and considerable more shells. Carl will have a display whether we go with him or not, and has a firework company building a 40 foot barge and it will happen anyway. If we don't go with him, there will be 2 shows. He can set off over lake and that is why he can do bigger shells. If we combine into display, it would be like GR display. Your board is in favor and Stan Fischer (our fireworks coordinator historically) is in favor of working with him in 2013. Today fireworks go off from road and in future would go off from barge a little further from the channel. We would try to keep in line for Kimball folks to see it and because it is Pickerel/Kimball board member concern. We would like a discussion about it.

Member: Sensitive to view as goes into middle of Kimball Lake to see them now anyway.

Nina Fox: Can we do an email to see their take on it?

Member: Can we see them from middle of Kimball Lake?

Steve Plank: Yes, you can see them.

Member: is this a 1 year commitment?

Schorr: yes, and Carl is going to do his own anyway. Yes, we could go back to the former display if needed.

Member: Thinks many people have had obstructed view anyway so might as well try it.

Member: Distance to be concerned with safe distance away from barges?

Schorr: Yes, consideration we'd have someone out there and just before fireworks. Show of hands that would be in favor of combining the 2 shows? Show of hands was unanimous. Money would go to Carl, and we would have to work that out and we would want to draw up some type of contract with him and association.

Nina: If it rains on the 6th, and do we do it the next Saturday or Sunday?

Schorr: We would move to the 7th as a rain date. Nina will put on dock drop these dates.

Member: if we come through channel how far in do we need to be?

Schorr: It will be about 800 feet further. Shouldn't have hard time finding it.

Nina: Should we create some sort of barrier to guide people in the dark?

Schorr: Yes, we need to figure that out. We'll proceed on that, and send letter in early spring with details worked out.

Schorr: Open questions and Answer time. Is there anything new or issues that we should address as a board?

Member: Rules of Lake: how do we address renters at Little Switzerland not following lake rules?

Member: I think you have to talk to DNR.

Member: Can we put a sign up at Little Swiss?

Member: We've stopped some people going fast after ours, or wrong way on lake.

Schorr: We'll put DNR # on the website. Gary Ebels was in attendance and agreed to put on the site.

Member: Any communication between Emerald and Sylvan board?

Schorr: We haven't had any with them, but we can give them the minutes. Their association mentioned it 2 times that they had vandalism. Only heard of a boat motor stolen on our lakes.

Member: Can we put link on website to Emerald/Sylvan Lake.

Schorr: yes, we can do that.

Member: Possible quiet time, and loud parties on lake after midnight in our area. Only thing township told us is association has to make a decision on that topic.

Jim Chase: We looked in that before, and the township doesn't have a noise ordinance.

Member: Introduced himself as Jack on Pickerel: recognized the board for their volunteering and round of applause.

Schorr: One last issue is terms on board. Jim Linkfield and Bob Derck. If anyone on Kimball and would like to serve let us know as we're trying to encourage having a Kimball member.

Member: Reminder to keep a filter in the lights not to obstruct night viewing of stars etc...

Schorr: May 27th is next Camp Henry Memorial Day meeting. **Motion to adjourn. Motion seconded. Aye from members to adjourn.**