

# Pickereel-Kimball Lakes Association Meeting – Minutes (Pending Approval)

May 27, 2013: Taken by Jen Simpson, Secretary

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

## Agenda:

1. Welcome- Camp Henry
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 and Larry Lethorn
8. Fireworks Update: Carl McCloud
9. July 6<sup>th</sup> celebration activities - Jen Simpson
  - a. Boat Parade "your favorite sports team"
  - b. Fishing Contest
  - c. Poker Run

## New Business

1. Treasurer's Election – John Schorr
2. Camp Newaygo – Chinese Lanterns – July 4th – Christa
3. New Directory for the Lakes – Jen Simpson
4. Open Questions and Answer Time – John Schorr

**John Schorr (President):** Started meeting at 9:05 a.m. Introduced Ashleigh from Camp Henry.

**Ashleigh Munch, Program Director for Camp Henry:** They are excited to be a part of association, 900 campers registered this year which is many more than typically register. Church services occur here at 10:00 every Sunday from Memorial day to Labor Day Community picnic at Camp Henry on the August 4<sup>th</sup> after the church service, and few other activities.

**Schorr:** Introduced the PKLA board members and term end (listed after each name): Jim Linkfield our Treasurer (retiring) and served for 9 years with the association. Robert Derck (2013), Steve Plank (not here today, traveling to CA for his job), Jen Simpson, Secretary (2013), Jim Chase (2014), Trudy Norlin (2014), and John Schorr our President (2014).

Asked new residents to stand and introduce themselves and to see Jen Simpson and Kay Chase after the meeting. New residents all from Kimball are: Carl and Tiffini Wiegand, Mark and Kim Dahmer and Bob ???.

**Treasurers Report by Jim Linkfield:** (Confidential for Web posting version).

**Secretary Report: Jen Simpson:** Fall Meeting Minutes handed out. Member: Motion to accept, seconded by member. Minutes accepted.

**Kay Chase:** Introduced the zone reps and asked them to stand for round of applause for their help. Dues are \$40 and get a new phone directory this year when you pay dues. Look for your zone rep to come to your place.

**Schorr:** Weed control update. Lynn Norlin and Larry Lethorn (county commissioner, district 5).

**Lynn Norlin:** New company, Savin Lake Services for weed control were out last week Tuesday and came back Thursday late afternoon to finish up on Pickereel. Did algae control, and milfoil and used a systemic weed control which will take a few weeks to see it knock it down. This will last longer and give us a better looking lake. Still can't do the eel grass, rakes and wheel barrels will still need to be used. It is way too expensive to take care of that. New sprayer Savin Lake Services is out of Hale, Michigan, and do about 5-6 Lakes in Newaygo and do a lot in Northern part of state, Fisk lake etc... All of research on people we contacted was happy with their service. Lakes are a little cloudy yet, Pickereel is 8-10 feet down and Kimball a little cloudier than Pickereel and lucky to see 7 feet.

**Member:** PLM, any reason why not considered?

**Lynn:** Way our charter is we have to do the lowest bid, and Savin was lowest bid and proven to do a good job and so we had to take them. Proof will be in about 6 weeks if we notice there isn't any milfoil going up.

**Member:** Questions on putting signs up. Should be more lake side.

**Lynn:** They put them up Monday night and have seen some out by the roads. We'll ask them to put closer to the lake side.

**Robert Derck:** When we have the wind blowing like it was, soon as they spray it's gone.

**Lynn:** Yeah, once wind gets going it's difficult, and they do spot spray and will do more in June, July, August and working with Camps to "hit" when not a lot of activities in the water. They are working around it and most are 24 hour water contact.

**Joseph Knol (member):** Lake phosphate on Kimball was highest from any tested (Dan Johnson water testing volunteer). Pickerel is about 15 ft clear, and Kimball 5 ft.

**Member:** Are we doing anything to monitor flow from the inlet?

**Schorr:** Creek that comes in from the farm fields and part of the watershed and not much we can do about it.

**Member:** When they did the testing, any ecoli results?

**Knol:** He didn't test of Ecoli

**Member:** The way we do the bidding for weed control, is it feasible that we could have a new company every year?

**Schorr:** Theoretically yes. Garfield township forced us to go through Lake Board and can give a 3 year project, and right now we will try to change the bid process to make it clearer.

**Larry Lethron:** Proof will be as we go through this summer, we'll have a good read on it. Lower bid wins and because of authority handles the money we have to go with low bid. Everything we've heard on this company was very good. Lynn and I were out 3 hours following them watched what they were doing, and came back out Friday and took a trip and looked at shoreline so we could say looks good, looks bad. We're going to watch it very closely.

**Schorr:** Lynn and Larry will be here after the meeting. Dale E. Twing is the new drain commissioner for Newaygo County if you have any complaints as the governmental authority. Feel free to call him, or John Schorr and he can put you in contact.

**Schorr:** July 6<sup>th</sup> fireworks display topic: Carl McCloud did 850 shells on lake after our 'show' last year, so we are combining two fireworks into one. Will be on a barge, and if on Kimball you should be able to see from your area. Our first year of trying this, and hopefully this works well. It's about 20 minutes of fireworks.

**Carl:** Barge that will be used he built and Wolverine fireworks donated the money to build a future 40 foot barge. We'll use the 24 foot barge, somewhere around 700 shells (typically was 250 shells on lake and they were making about \$3500 profit for shells). 280 3 shells, qty 144 4", qty 36 6" and qty 4, 8" shells. After 8:00 can't be on that side of the lake after the parade and keep everyone off that side of the lake. I want to put on a good a show, this is his thing. He has a class B license so can kick it up a notch. If he builds the barge, he gets it one time a year and Wolverine will let him use their device. First main rack 200 shells, every 3 sec, 2<sup>nd</sup> rack, every 3 sec but 2 shots. After 20 minutes, then grand finale around 400 shots. It will be a really nice show, and good weather we'll have some fun.

**Member:** What's the line?

**Carl:** from the point (where new homes built right across to public access). Tim Cronk sitting by our house with a fire truck. Carl is passing out fliers at Little Swiss so they know to stay back and getting with Rick and Marcia at Little Swiss. If you're in front of water for Camp Henry you'll see the fireworks. As a safety reason can't really put it in the road so lake middle is best option. We're 650 from culvert and 620 feet from each end and really close to seeing from everyone.

**Schorr:** We cut down last year to 3 and 4 inch and Carl has 6's and 8's and it lit the whole lake up. Carl lives in Florida and comes up every year just to put the show on, and money is strictly going just for fireworks supplies.

**Carl:** Shells are made to design to break up when they go over the water. About 80% of shells are US made. Next year we would have 40 ft. barge. Would cost 7-8K if someone was to do it.

**Member:** What happens if it's raining?

**Schorr:** In the fall, I said "Sunday" and someone asked me if that makes sense for two reasons. 1. Some have religious reasons and 2. Many people would be coming home. What would we like to do? We have a choice of Sunday (next day), or Saturday the next week. How many like on Sunday: 7 How many following: Majority. Association decided make-up date is On July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Jen Simpson:** Boat Parade will be run by Mark and Joan Malewitz, and Kristy and Dale Browkaw who have historically each year helped Nina. Mark Malewitz is here to describe the boat parade.

**Mark Malewitz:** Hard to fill Nina's shoes but we're going to try. Theme this year is "your favorite sports team". Parade registration is 6:30 – 7 on both lakes, and on Pickerel around the Channel, and Kimball around Camp Henry. There will be trophies for the winners, and we have registration forms printed out at the front of the room here if you want to register your boat early. Jim Linkfield's boat always leads the parade.

**Simpson:** Fishing contest will be again this year at the Plank Cottage, 337 Pickerel Lake which is the third cottage east of the public launch, the blue cottage. There are 3 age brackets for biggest fish (0-7, 8-11, and 12-15), no adult entries. There are 2 other categories: Most Unusual catch, and a "mystery" category. One time the mystery was the "smallest fish" turned in. There are multiple gift certificates to hand out and Ron Parsley from Parsleys downtown Newaygo always contributes by donating half of the gift certificates. Weigh in is between 12-2 and prizes at 3:00.

**Member:** What is the date for fishing contest?

**Simpson:** July 6<sup>th</sup>, same as the rest of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities. Next, is Poker Run. In Nina's absence do we have any volunteers? Nobody volunteered so poker run will not happen this year.

**Schorr:** We will do a dock drop and put a handout on the dock, and will define the activities and the dates and if you see a rock on your dock, there will be a schedule. **New Business:** Jim Linkfield is retiring from the boards. We'd like to have someone to replace Jim from Kimball Lake. Leanne Krystiniak and she has agreed to come on the board and serve as treasurer. She and her husband have been zone repos. Motion to accept, aye, and seconded. Elected treasurer. Round of claps.

**Camp Newaygo, Chrysta:** trying to start a new tradition on the lake, and have all of us join them on the lake. Chrysta is representing Jane Vitek today and this is weather dependent. We have a lot of kids this summer (increased by 70%) and decided to do Chinese lanterns on a smaller scale and weather dependent. Selling them and order form, \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Ridge dinners will happen again this year, and they have an executive chef and from Double J Resort. If you want a flier we'll hand them out.

**Member:** What time will the lanterns be released?

**Chrysta:** Plan is to let them off about 10 p.m. They are doing 1 lantern per cabin. You can have them take off from your own docks.

**Member:** Like the lanterns but have done some research, and dangerous practice, and caused fires and some states have band them, and 800 acres in South Carolina, and a house fire, and one landed on road and person couldn't avoid it. Town invented them in China have now banded them. They may not be the best idea.

**Schorr:** Idea is that it's a donation to Camp Newaygo for lanterns, and they are an association member so wanted them to be able talk about their event.

**Member:** Doesn't sound like a good idea around a woods.

**Camp Newaygo, Chrysta:** We'll take that to the director and discuss.

**Simpson:** 2013 Phone Lake Directory is completed. Each dues paying member will receive the 2013 phone directory. They are in bright green so you can find them easily in a drawer, or in the dark. It started with the drain commissions property listing but they didn't have phone numbers. Therefore, I matched up to the 2008 directory for the phone #'s, then made all the changes the zone reps and Jim and Kay collected over the years. We kept it very simple based on lake residence feedback of the person's name, lake address, lake phone and alternate phone. Going forward, we'll do an

addendum each year to the directory as a 1 pager update, and provide a new full directory every 3 years. Let me know if you have any questions, or updates to the directory. You can also email [pklakes@gmail.com](mailto:pklakes@gmail.com).

**Schorr:** Gary Ebels runs the web, and we keep it up to date with things that are going on. Tentative spray dates, the break ins etc....

**Kay Chase:** We normally have 21 zone reps, we have 2 zones that we need to fill with a zone rep. One area is Pickerel where Jess Scott was a zone rep and other is Kimball Lake where Mike Duell was zone rep. Just come on up here after the meeting and we'll take your information if you're interested in being a zone rep. We have a party on Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> if you volunteer.

**Member:** Artificial light concern and scientists are finding out that too much artificial light is disrupting natural habitat life cycles. Encouraging turning off as many lights as can around bodies of water. Be aware of lights in yard and try to limit it to your property and some can be shielded so not shining out on water is appreciated.

**Lynn:** I forgot to mention on weed control, if any questions email [lakelandhardwood@earthlink.net](mailto:lakelandhardwood@earthlink.net). Email Lynn with questions so they can document, plus take all the comments to next board meeting.

**Schorr:** Give Jennifer or I a call if you have any questions let us know. You may not always like our answer, but we will respond. Remember that we have a website as well. (see below info).

**Member: Motion to adjourn. Motion seconded. Aye from members to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.**

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