

Pickereel-Kimball Lakes Association Meeting – Minutes

August 31, 2013: Taken by Jen Simpson, Secretary

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

Agenda:

1. Welcome- Camp Newaygo- Christa
2. Introduction of the PKLA Officers
3. Introduction of New Owners on the lakes
4. Treasurers Report – Leanne Krystiniak
5. Secretary's Report- Jen Simpson
6. Zone Representative Update- Jim & Kay Chase
7. Weed Control Update- Lynn Norlin and Larry Lethorn
8. Boat Parade Update – Jen Simpson
 - a. Boat Parade Theme for 2014 - voting
 - b. Date for 2014 Fireworks Celebration – July 5, 2014, make-up date July 12, 2014

New Business

1. Fireworks Discussion
2. Natural Shoreline Project
3. Open Question and answer Time
4. Date for Spring Meeting – Memorial Day – May 26, 2014

John Schorr (President): Started meeting at 9:05 a.m. Introduced Christa from Camp Newaygo.

Christa: Resident camp increased by 33% and day camp by 12% so very happy. Ridge Dinners quite successful, and 120 guests for Seafood boil. And thanked all of us.

Schorr: Green t-shirt folks, the wedding weekend. They arrived yesterday and marrying tomorrow. New Zealand, Australia, Whales, bride from Detroit and Groom from Chicago and this is an in between location.

Schorr: Introduced the PKLA board members and term end (listed after each name): Jen Simpson, Secretary (2013), Jim Chase (2014), Trudy Norlin (2014), and John Schorr our President (2014). Bob Derck has decided to step down, and Jen Simpson and Steve Plank have agreed to stay on for 3 more years. Asked new residents to stand and introduce themselves and to see Jen Simpson and Kay Chase after the meeting. - No new residents.

Treasurers Report by Leanne Krystiniak: Deposits \$XXX. June 1st \$XXXX Carl McCloud, \$XXX 4th July Kristy Brokaw, \$XXX pay Jen for directories. \$XXX for Fishing Contest Bill. Motion to Accept, motion seconded.

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

Kay Chase: 2012 year we have 205 residents become members. Present year we are in, we have 196 members. We stay around 73-75% of the residents of 2 lakes that are paying members. We have a list of all the paying members, and make sure your name is on there. Marilyn Cox, Carole Blair and myself have been giving out packets to new people on the 2 lakes. If you're new and haven't received a packet, we'll get you one. We have given out 5 of the packets on the 2 lakes. We have a new Zone coordinator and it will be Bill Allsover.

Schorr: Jim and Kay will stay as zone rep, but Bill Allsover will be coordinator.

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

Lynn Norlin: Send to Lynn emails on weed control. Our first application wasn't very good, but 2nd treatment was better with good lake clarity. Send him emails with issues. We have problem now with eel grass and gentlemen from Savin is here and too expensive to take care of that. Only way to remove it is to rake.

Member: Harvesting it and sell as fertilizer.

Member: Through the channel, has been weeds thick and worse. Not happy with the weed control.

Lynn: talking about the eel grass which looks like regular grass?

Member: the green algae are an issue.

Member: Been on lake for 6 summers, this is the worst it has ever been. Revisit the by-laws so we don't have the good groups back, and get crummy treatment.

Schorr: We used to be in charge of contracting for that. Garfield Township would collect the money. 3 families would sue Garfield. And Garfield township set-up up lake board and government agencies run by Newaygo County. We lost contract. When they tax, those 3 people don't pay and if don't goes as a lien on your property. There are township representative. We have 1 that represents Brooks and 1 that Garfield and 3 from county,

and we have very little say unfortunately right now. We have very little choice at this time. There is a clause that says the Weed Board can disqualify the low bidder, but reasons behind doing that.

Member: Would it help if residents attended the Board Meeting: Does our website show October 10th Meeting?

Bob Derck: Can you write the specifications that are tighter?

Lynn: Yes, that is a possibility.

Schorr: We have 2 out of 5 representatives.

Stan: Disadvantage of the people that are coming in to treat lake. Takes consistency, and time to treat the lake. When Lake Association did it with same company, it progressively improved quality and shifted in and out of lake and hasn't had time to establish pattern of treatment to be completely effective. If given a period of time to develop that. Can't come in 1 year and do wonders. Unfortunately unless we can get ruling changed on low bid, maybe need to give company a longer period of time to work with situation.

Bob Derck: List the complaints and bring up during specifications.

Lynn: If have concerns please email to: lakelandhardwood@earthlink.net. They are forwarded to other board members, and have in writing.

Schorr: \$25K or \$30K extra above what we're doing now to treat eel grass in everyone's assessment.

Member: Not to level that we had before eel grass. Why is it so thick?

Lynn: eliminated Milfoil but takes new roots of eel grass.

Member: Zebra Mussels make water clearer, and further light comes in, and makes room for more growth.

Lynn: We put the schedule on the website for when going to spray. And it was adjusted over year, and updated.

Member: A weed-o-mat has no chemicals, and lay it down and weeds are gone. Best way to get rid of weeds without chemicals in our swimming area.

Member: how long is bid for? PLM did a great job, and sorry to see we lost them, and maybe we give over 5 year period a certain amount of money. Designate what we expect to be done in 5 year period. Does it have to set-up as every year bid? Have to be penalty if we don't get results.

Schorr: Trying to get standardized way for people to respond to bid.

Lynn: We can word bid for different period. And.. if treatment not up to standard could avoid contract, but then would have to put out to bid again.

Bob: I think wind can be a factor and not sure if can settle that fast to do any good. I think that would have a factor. Should specify in there again on keeping material on the shoreline.

Schorr: Try to stay neutral, but do know Brooks had same problem we had on first spraying.

Member: Weed control Board holds that contract.

Schorr: When Garfield Township set-up lake board. Meeting is October 10th, at 10:00 in White Cloud with drain commissioner.

Lynn: Eel grass would be re-occurring problem.

Schorr: paraphrased: We need to move on from weed control topic.

Simpson: Boat Parade: American History voted in as the theme by members. About 10 boats on each lake, trophies were handed out and goodies.

Schorr: Fireworks discussion. Carl has bought his new firing system.

Plank: suggest that we have Carl do his thing on his own, or pay him a little, and continue with the other show.

Stan: Win Win, situation having Carl fire, plus the fact that we'd have to pay of insurance that Carl took care of himself. We got 750 shells instead of 250 shells. For Carl to be able to do it and have it go off the way programmed to go off.

Member: basic safety problem, with the way he is rigging it. Been all over and watch it, and basic knowledge and safety. I don't want someone to get hurt. Need education, knowledge on the high explosives. Wasn't rigged right or even close to being safe. Would like to see Carl with contract but safety.

Member: think we owe it to Carl to give another chance.

Bob Derck: If we say if not successful we wouldn't pay out. And if any doubt at all, we wouldn't pay him.

Stan: There wasn't one more person disappointed than Carl himself, and put a lot of time into and really felt bad.

Mark: Go with Carl again, or for safety reasons, is there another for safety reason, we should have someone else look at it?

Member: There are experienced people.

Schorr: Carl is insured, and gets permit from Garfield before we do. Not sure 40 foot would make that much difference.

Jim Chase: support going with him, if we had 2nd opinion on review of procedures.

Stan: The previous company, hand fired all fireworks we had before. They were all lit fuses. And... they have had some misfiring's over the course of time. It's a very touchy situation. There are safety procedures involved. In terms of general public. Firing in front of road, we were too close to people watching it, and homes in area. There is advantage of having it in middle of the lake.

Carole Blair: If don't give person chance won't get any experience.

Member: motion for Carl with another licensed person with him

Member: 2nd on that.

Judy Norlin: Will it cost more if have extra person?

Member: It will cost a lot he'd expect

Member: Dennis Peterson, yes, I could help him. Would be happy to help him.

Member: Don't have to be there on the day he does it right?

Schorr: Can you fuse all that 24 hours in advance?

Dennis: You can look at it prior to fusing it.

Schorr: We can check with Wolverine to get a 2nd one.

Jim: Still think need expert.

Schorr: Motion on floor to move forward with Carl with an expert.

Member: is it whole process or a few days ahead?

Schorr: We will check on that and see. Need to get it done on time, agreed.

Member: Why can't we do 2 barges, next to each other if can't get large barge?

Schorr: We would get started right away trying to coordinate that? All in favor go with Carl, with expert: Aye voted in.

Schorr: Other topics: Natural Shoreline Project: Terry Stilson email this summer from Ferris State and a project we have. We have nutrient rich lakes. They did 2 project on Brooks, 2 on Hess, and 2 on Fremont Lake. Would be interested in them having a workshop for us? They provide plants free, or minimal cost and had college kids from Ferris come in and plan most of the shoreline planning's. Any interest in doing that? Show of hands? Majority of hands, and come have them make presentation in Spring Meeting.

Schorr: Lost a canoe, and doesn't have Wisner written on it.

Schorr: Savin would like to spend a few minutes address group.

Guy Savin: President and owner of Savin Lake surfaces. 1995, integrated lakes company, upwards in size of 2000 acres, and have references checked. We came into a difficult situation, and concerned about it, and had to come in as a package with a bunch of others. We treated on May 20th, June 11th, and most recently on August 27th. And in that time, positive feedback on what we were contracted to do. Algae, Milfoil, but Algae not as effective on what we would like. We've been serving your lake; we know we dropped your Milfoil.

Plank: Don't think treat Milfoil well at all.

Guy: We can treat according to DEQ, and different depths depending on the time of year.

Plank: Are you allowed to use the Milfoil weevil?

Guy: We are one of 2 integrated companies, and we have integrated management with them before. It's a control mechanism, and super stock a lake with little bugs, and works well with large portions of undeveloped shoreline. There are opportunities for evaluation. Stand with tail between legs, and what you're saying I think what you are saying, and want to thank Stan because changing from year to year is problematic. What I'm hearing is the problems around eel grass and 8-10 inches deep worse than any other year. Different ways to treat the eel grass. One of the ways we can control it, is cutting it off. It's a late season blooming plant and typically stays until mid-August. We can manage it with harvesting, and herbicides by docks, but it is the single hardest plant to control. Even when treated with products about 50% efficacy. The granular version is a little better, but still not killing it off by root system. We aren't allowed in MI for native plant population, just contact herbicides as defined by DEQ. Products not very good, and kind of expensive and never kill off root system. We have good reference, and do good job and stand by it. Have done well to our knowledge based on what we were contracted to do, and we did it. I can't take to your history than years past. Kara is a macro algae on the bottom of Bliss because it's a good aquatic plant, and non-rooted, and if we treat it, run risk that you could get milfoil, and eel grass in there. Wanted you to just understand who we are and what we do. You got placed with a company that you really didn't want.

Carole: not happy with posting process, didn't get all postings.

Guy: different posting methodology.

Plank: Is there someone assigned to our lake?

Guy: Business operations manager, same crew each time and aquatic biologist all consistent. Tried to stay with 4 application plan, and rainy and crappy when 1st treatment. Still made plant management more effective, but algae management wasn't good, and then got under control on June 11th.

Jim: On positive side, our Milfoil control was good as ever been, and did good job.

Guy: One of things we heard consistently on water clarity, and positive comments for areas in clarity. All we can do is education on it.

Schorr: I'm a little over the 10:00. Both Lynn and Savin will be around. Encourage you to do 2 things. Email Lynn Norlin and got to be in writing when take to Gov't agency. Oct 10th, 10 a.m. Drain Commissioners and will take comments from our straw vote at that meeting.

Kay: anyone interested in receiving the riparian magazine, and also in past year working with zone reps, and lot of interest in the "loons" and they have lost some of their habitat areas. Any builders let us know.

Member: Noisy boats after 7:30? Anything we can do?

Schorr: There is one boat that is loud when slow out. Need to call Sherriff, Lake Association can't address.

Member: Motion to adjourn. Motion seconded. Aye from members to adjourn at 10:15 a.m.

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