

Pickereel-Kimball Lakes Association Meeting – Minutes

May 26, 2014: Taken by Jen Simpson, Secretary

Location: Camp Henry 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- Bill Alsover**
7. **Weed Control Update- Lynn Norlin New Business**
 - a. **Wild Celery**
 - b. **DNR Bulletin – Fish Kills**
8. **National Shoreline Project**
9. **July 4th Activities (Boat Parade – July 5th (time change), Boat Parade Theme (American History), Fireworks, July 5 rain out date July 12, Camp Newaygo Chinese Lanterns July 4, 10 P.M.**
10. **New Business**
 - a. **Guidebook for Homeowners**
 - b. **Camp Newaygo – Dinners on the Ridge**
11. **Date for Spring Meeting – Labor Day – Saturday, August 30, 2014**

John Schorr (President): Started meeting at 9:03 a.m. Start with morning prayer for lady that drown on Kimball Lake yesterday.

Thank Camp Henry for hosting us again and help yourself to cookies and coffee. Camp will have church on Memorial Day and Labor Day no longer every Sunday and those interested in services will have to find one of the churches in town.

Officers were introduced by John. We are short 1 lake board member, and would like to get someone from Kimball Lake so come see John afterwards. New owners are Bob and Bonnie Clark

Leanne (Treasurer): Deposit: \$271.00 and she listed the checks issued. Balance \$XXX. Motion to accept, Aye.

Jen S (Secretary): brief summary on minutes, and noted 2 topics voted in last Fall Meeting.

Bill Alsover (Zone Rep Leader): Chases did a wonderful job, hopefully can do the same. If you’re zone rep that haven’t picked up packet come on up and get them.

Schorr (noted as S in minutes go forward): Weed Control. Savin will be back again this year. They’ll go back to posting on the shoreline, and had complaints on posting on road side, so posting on lake side if see someone walking on property, spray for Milfoil and Algae on Wednesday. Couple points on Wild Celery (eel grass), it’s spreading in the lake but there is not a herbicide to address it. You can get machine to harvest it, but grows back and floats and reseeds elsewhere. Probably have to live with eel grass. It’s going to have to be just cleaned from your beach until there is a herbicide to treat it. When you see a lot of it, don’t call him.

Member: If people cut it, make sure they harvest it as it floats instead of letting it reseed as it floats.

S: DNR bulletin on fish kills. Last sentence of first paragraph sums it up. Hard winter cause fish, toads etc.. to die. The ice was so thick this year, and fish had trouble getting oxygen, and weeds die decompose take more oxygen out. Pretty heavy fish kill, expect to be this weekend. Savin is going to spray for algae on Wed, and fish will start floating up about same time, need to know it’s not Savin killing fish, it’s the nature of the “fish kill” as cold weather.

Member (noted as M in minutes go forward): Will zone reps have the info to pass out?

S: They are on the website that is updated on regular time, and encourage you to go put in your email to get the updates via email.

S: Flog pit, looks like Lilly pads, and will crowd out other Lilly pads. XXXXX will crowd out other weeds. Ask that you wash your boat out pretty well before you put in. Muskegon Lake has both of them.

M: Comment around area of coverage?

S: For Savin, and they do a survey of map, and give Lake Board for Weed control and then they spray.

M: Didn’t see the put as much chemical in water.

S: Savin will spot treat it if they see it, and they are combining the treatments that the prior company did. You would have been in the majority of the fall meeting. Any questions for that group?

M: Can you contract with them to treat it in their own area if I hired them? Pond weed is really thick.

S: Lynn Norlin is our rep, and gets his email and he is the guy.

M: Weed mats work fantastic, and kill everything underneath them, and light doesn’t get the weeds, and they work fantastic. Can get at Camp and Cruise.

S: See Lynn afterword to get it addressed.

M: How much does fertilizer contribute towards the next issue?

S: Natural Shoreline Project is next topic and that's a nice lead in question. Fertilizer is a problem, and there is a group called Muskegon Group Watershed Assembly and based out of Ferris State, and they run seminars on how to run natural shoreline, and plant plants and keep run off, out of the lake. It would be about 3 to 4 hours seminar and keep run off from getting into the lake, and no obligation to do any planting. If you decide to go forward will provide you with 100 perennial natural flowers, and they get them for about \$0.35 cents each if you move forward with this as they get a discount. If you feel like you can't plant them, they will supply a Ferris State college kid to plant them for you. Brooks, Hess Lake have done it. Would need about 8-10 families to start the seminar. Afterwards come see me, we'll arrange to do something in July on a Sat to get a hold of you. (About 10 people raised their hands)

S: Where stream comes in they are going to try and get a grant to get a "wetland" to get the wetlands to filter the fertilizer chemicals.

S: Boat Parade: change of time to start at 7:30 so move back ½ hour to start parade at 7:30. We'll do the dock drop with the list of the activities for the July 4th, and we'll put 7:30 down for start time. American History and make it do whatever you want. Fireworks are July 5th, and rain out date July 12th, and Carl has bought a new barge and nice unit and excited about it. One requirement was the fireworks company to check his set-up, and that's been arranged (Dennis) and off and running. Barge will be on this end of Pickerel Lake and will be in dock drop. Chinese Lanterns and Camp Newaygo will do again this year. (Quite a few hands that did last year). They will offer for sale again, and 5 for \$20, Emerald and Sylvan will also participate.

M: Encourage people not to use them, and spoke up last year, and farmers hate them, cause a few fires locally and many fall into the lake. Even the town in China that invented them has banded them.

S: New Business: Several of the Lakes have guidebooks. Picture of the lake so they know where it is. Talks about watershed and where our water comes from, contour, how deep and aquatic plants, milfoil and recognize the evasive plants and what. Talked with Warren on Weed Lake Board, and it would cost us a little over \$1000.

M: Motion to make these brochures, Seconded, and all members said "aye", no "nays".

M: Gentleman that does aerial photographs of the lake that could have that in brochure

Jen: Fishing Contest: 12-2:30 for weigh in, just for kids (under 15)- Parsleys contributes to gift certificates. Prizes at 3:00.

S: Open for other topics now.

M: Open discussion item: Oak Wilt we environmentally need to be aware of. What happens is if oak tree, trim, cut, prune and open area there is fungus and can kill tree very quickly, and fungus finds the next oak, and next one. Several oaks will share it by roots. What is recommended, no pruning except when frost and cold, and if branch breaks off, sealant, or latex paint to push off open spot so fungus doesn't come. Don't take firewood from where you don't know where it is. There are some things that significant. Michigan State extension office has more info on their website.

M: Artificial light disrupts natural habitat, and pay attention to lights around the lake and fewer the better, better, to shine just down, can make shields. Joan has a handout of it.

M: Lost quite a few people on our lake this year, and would like to recognize them.

Carole Blair: Lost another aluminum canoe and wind picked it up, or not sure. These are personal canoes.

M's: Folks who passed away: Marge Castleton passed away (Castle Inn), Rick Werts, Dave Holmberg, John Kett at Indian Trails, Jerry Goering.

M: Orange swimming raft, is Bill Alsover's.

Gary: 10 foot wooden dock section, looks like a corner, see Gary Ebels

M: Dues are \$40 - How much goes to fireworks? S: \$20

M: Most violators of fast boating hours are fisherman with electric motors, and chain down your motors.

S: Motion to adjourn. All in favor say Aye. Aye

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

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