

**PAW PAW LAKE ASSOCIATION  
JUNE 6, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by President, Joe Stepich.

Present: Joe Stepich, Len Metheny, Scott Hoadley, Charlie Pater, Ray Lechner, Kip Wright.

Absent: Barb Van Hout, Ken Kregel, Lou Presta

**Approval of minutes:**

Motion made by Charlie Pater and seconded by Kip Wright to approve the May meeting minutes. There was no discussion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurers Report:**

Association finances were presented by Len Metheny. Len discussed the revenue and expenditures from the previous month, noting that revenues were slightly below budgeted expectations. This was explained as having fewer members taking weed treatment this year, possibly related to the economy. Total assets were reported at \$150,217. A motion was made to approve the financial report by Charlie Pater and seconded by Kip Wright. The financial report was unanimously approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Weed treatment:** The status of weed treatments was discussed, including the fact that fewer lake residents had registered for treatment this year. Overall the annual weed treatment process was being implemented as planned.

**Dinner Dance:** It was announced that the annual fundraiser was scheduled for August 22, 2009 and would be held at the Paw Paw Lake Yacht Club. Planning was well underway.

**Boat Parade:** The Board discussed the need for a chairperson to lead the annual event. Members talked about ways to solicit volunteers. It was decided that the Chair, once identified, would set the date for the boat parade. It was agreed that if a Chairperson was not identified by June 19, then the event would be cancelled for this year.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Fall Ecology Dive:** PPLA is partnering with the Mudd group, a local scuba diving association, to have a fall dive. Divers are going to pull garbage from the bottom of Paw Paw Lake. The association is providing piers from which the divers can leave their equipment. The date for the Ecology Dive is September 13, 2009. A motion was made by Kipp Wright, and seconded by Scott Hoadley, to provide funding for the Ecology Dive, not to exceed \$1,000. This was unanimously approved.

**Clean Boats/Clean Lake:** Ken Kregel was absent and there was no report. Joe Stepich did indicate that PPLA was seeking volunteers to staff the boat launches.

**Committees:** President Joe Stepich named each of the standing PPLA committees. He summarized the purpose and function of each committee. Volunteers are needed for each committee.

**PPLA Areas of Emphasis:** President Stepich presented a categorized list of items that members had indicated might be important for the Association to work on. He reviewed the list and discussed the need to prioritize the items according to theme. A special meeting to prioritize and organize the list was then established for the next day.

**Logo:** This item was added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. The need to revise the PPLA Logo was discussed. It was felt that the current logo was “too busy” and the Association might benefit from a simpler logo.

**New Business:**

**No wake signs:** The canvas on the floating signs, near Maple Island, are worn. Discussed costing new canvas “No Wake” signs to replace them.

**Address signage:** There was a discussion about the difficulty identifying property addresses from the water and the possibility of having addresses on piers. It was reported that this topic was originally discussed in 2002, when it was voted down. The estimated cost for each sign is \$7.50. The issue was tabled for a future discussion.

**July and September meetings:** During these months, the regular meeting falls on a holiday weekend. It was decided to move the meeting back one week during both months. The July meeting will be on July 11, 2009. The September meeting will be held on September 12, 2009. Meeting start times were also moved to 9 AM.

**Meeting location:** The possibility of moving the meeting to the Coloma Library was discussed. Joe Stepich will investigate.

**Audience Comments:**

Former Board Member Bob Becker, asked the Board to consider making a donation to the Gordon Knutson fundraiser benefitting the Watervliet Hospital Foundation. There was extensive discussion about the PPLA’s involvement with making donations to other charitable organization.

Charlie Pater motioned, seconded by Scott Hoadley, in support of making a financial donation. There was considerable discussion. The original motion was amended by Scott Hoadley, and seconded by Charlie Pater, to make the donation \$250. A row call vote was taken. Voting in favor of the motion, Joe Stepich, Scott Hoadley, Charlie Pater, Ray Lechner and Kip Wright. Len Metheny voted “nay” and the motion carried.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Lechner, PPLA Board Member