

MINUTES OF THE PAW PAW LAKE ASSOCIATION

JULY 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM at the Watervliet Public Library. Board members present were Ken Kregel, Ray Lechner, Len Metheny, Lou Presta, Joe Stepich, Barbara Van Hout, and Kip Wright. Scott Hoadley and Charlie Pater were not present.

The **MINUTES** of the June 6 meeting were not available at this meeting, but will be brought to the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Len presented the financial reports as of June 30, 2009. He reported that the General Operating Account had \$319.07; the Money Market Account balance was \$98,853.54; and the Restricted Savings Account \$25,941.06. Revenue for June totaled \$3,349.30 and year-to-date \$66,445.03. Weed treatment funds received in June were \$2,540.44 and year-to-date \$44,874.19. Expenditures for June included \$26,751.25 for weed treatment, and other newsletter, postage & administrative expenses brought total expenditures for June to \$27,852.97. The treasurer's report was approved.

Len questioned a bill from Pinecrest Industries for an additional \$27,000 in weed treatment charges. It was agreed that this appeared to be too high, and Barb said that she would check her records and report this to Len.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Weed Treatment: Barb reported that a second weed treatment was done on June 25. There were two new treatments and 42 retreatments on the lake this year, compared to 16 properties retreated last summer. She received about 10 requests after June 25, so possibly there will be a third treatment in late July.

Boat Parade: The annual Boat Parade will be held next Saturday, July 18, starting at 1:00 PM from the Waterfront Restaurant. Rosemary Wilbur will chair this event. The committee decided to purchase a travelling trophy with space for 24 names and the year.

Dinner Dance: Kip will chair the annual Dinner Dance, to be held on Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Yacht Club. She promised good food & music and a good time for all.

Ecology Dive: Len reported that the Mud Club ecology dive will occur on Sunday, Sept. 13. He will advertise and send out information. The waivers got approved, and the divers need docks on the lake to place their equipment. Barb offered their dock on Sherwood Bay. Also judges are needed to keep boats away from the divers.

Rain Gardens: No report.

Clean boats/clean lakes: Ken reported that there were no young people from the high schools who were interested in staffing the boat launches for their community service. He has shirts for the volunteers to wear and the program set up, but no people. Possible sources of volunteers for next year might come from private or charter schools, the senior center or churches.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Joe gave these areas for follow up. Frank Jurenka will report on Lake Quality. Chairmen are needed for Health & Safety, Government (both local and federal policies & ordinances)—Michigan Lakes & Streams meetings are good for this. Scott Hoadley will chair membership growth. The revenue stream from weed treatment may need to be replaced in the future.

Joe checked on whether our meetings could be held at the Coloma Library, but since the building doesn't open until 10 AM and meeting rooms are not reserved for groups, Joe recommends that the PPLA meetings remain at the Watervliet Library.

Del and Jean will work on implementing address signs for houses on the lake, as some homes have no visible house numbers.

The Paw Paw Lake Association logo has been redesigned and colors changed. Kip made a motion, and Ray seconded to accept the new logo. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken will be in charge of finding replacements for retiring board members. Barb will not be returning, and he will check with Scott to find out his plans.

Glad Peach Festival: Discussion was held on whether the PPLA should enter a float, auto, or boat in the annual Glad Peach Festival in Coloma. Ken said that this needed to be planned well ahead, as we were asked quite late by Watervliet for their July 4 parade. Kip said that it would give the association more visibility. Len made a motion to participate in the Glad Peach parade, and Lou seconded. Kip will call Don Deem about a boat to use and will let Watervliet know why we didn't enter a float in their parade.

Bob suggested selling Paw Paw Lake shirts to bring both townships into ownership of the lake. Other items with the lake logo could also be sold. Discussion was tabled until the committee reports.

Joe, Ken, and Scott will make plans for community involvement and present to the board.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Bill Beddow began a discussion on the weir, which is in the domain of the Drain Commission. The plates are gone, and extensions are in storage. Nothing is different this year from last year. It was noted that we had much rain and high water in the past year.

Rick Rasmussen reported that the Lake Restoration Initiative was discussed in June at the Coloma Township Hall and would be presented on July 25 at the Watervliet Township Hall. Rick asked the PPLA board for a resolution to support the effort of the LRI. Len made a motion, which Lou seconded that the PPLA supports the work of the Lake Restoration Initiative and that it be sent to the two townships. All voted to approve and Joe will write the letter.

Joe will have new signs made with time and place of our PPLA meetings, and Rick will put out the signs each month.

NEXT MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held on August 1 at 9:00 AM at the Watervliet Public Library.

Today's meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Van Hout
Secretary