

## MINUTES OF THE PAW PAW LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Stepich at 9:04 a.m. Board members present were Joe Stepich, Len Metheny, Scott Hoadley, Kip Wright, Charlie Pater, and Barb Van Hout. Those absent were Ken Kregel, Ray Lechner, and Lou Presta.

The **Minutes** of the June 6 and July 11 meetings were presented. Charlie motioned to accept these Minutes, Scott seconded, and they were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Len's report for the month ended Aug. 31, 2009 shows \$121,202.47 in total assets. Revenue during August was \$20.00 in membership dues; \$1,775.00 from the Annual Dinner Dance; \$300.00 from PPLA merchandise sales; total interest of \$9.08 from the money market and savings accounts; and \$30.00 in general contributions, for a total income of \$2,134.08.

Expenditures in August were \$45.00 for Admin. Asst. services; \$1,666.00 for the insurance premium; \$84.00 for the annual Paw Paw Lake Boat Parade; \$2,243.32 for the annual Dinner Dance expenses; \$444.00 for the Paw Paw Lake Ecology Dive; \$249.95 for Paw Paw Lake Association merchandise expenses; \$20.00 for Organization filing fees; and \$467.78 for miscellaneous admin. expenses, which adds up to \$5,220.05.

Kip made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, which Scott seconded, and the report was approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Dinner Dance:** Joe thanked Kip for all of her work in organizing the Dinner Dance that was held on Aug. 22 and said that the food and music was excellent. Kip gave recognition to her committee: Co-chair Janie Staggers, Peg White, Kathy Myers, Allen and K C McKay, Don and Martha Garnett, and Len and Jan Metheny.

Kip said that it was easy to work with the Hot Spot Restaurant. Discussion was held on the late- in- the- summer date of the dinner dance, when families are getting their children back home and in school. It would be good to consider an earlier Saturday in the summer.

**Ecology Dive:** Len reported that everything was ready for the Ecology Dive on Sept. 13 by the Michigan Underwater Divers Club. All divers will meet at the Paw Paw Lake Yacht Club at 11:30 a.m. to register and be given the instructions for the dives which will take place from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Ten to twelve divers are expected on the lake. There will be judging and prizes at the Yacht Club for the diver who brings in the most items, the largest or most unique, etc.

**Clean Boats:** No report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Address signs:** Some homes need to have house numbers on their homes on the street side. Both townships have ordinances about address signage, and the Watervliet fire department has gone to homes to check on this. Follow up is needed on this issue.

**No Wake Signs:** Two signs have been purchased and installed, and two more will be ordered for placement next spring. The cost is \$75/sign.

Barb suggested Counter Clockwise signs to remind boaters of this rule for Michigan lakes. Joe will work with John to put this information on the PPLA website and in newsletters.

**Lake Improvement Project:** Joe reported that a spring and fall vegetation study has been completed, a sediment study was done, and the townships are waiting for the reports. The cost has been estimated to be up to \$46,600, and each township has agreed to pay \$23,300 for the studies.

There are two proposals for a ten year weed management plan for the lake. The cost of dredging depends on what will help the lake. It is hoped that recommendations for weed management will be presented in October and decisions can be made. There is a strong possibility that the Special Assessment District will be approved and lake wide treatment will be done in 2010.

Joe explained that Coloma and Watervliet Townships have to be in complete agreement on everything---who, how much, how long in regard to the weed treatment plan before it can be approved and implemented. Rod Krieger commended the boards on everything that has been done so far.

Joe reported a question that he had received from another Watervliet Township board member, on whether the PPL Association or the Foundation will help fund anything. Joe replied that they have not been asked, so he didn't know the answer. There was a general discussion of this issue among the board and the audience, with the conclusion that the majority would not volunteer to pay. Discussion was closed.

**De-Icers:** Charlie brought up an issue with permanent de-icers used in the winter on Paw Paw Lake to protect docks and sea walls from ice damage. Coloma Township is studying this issue, as home owners who use de-icers may be liable if people are hurt by falling through thin ice. Charlie will keep us updated on the possible Coloma ordinance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2010 Boat Parade:** Judy Paresi has formed a committee and will chair next year's boat parade. The date has not been chosen yet. Joe put forth an idea for discussion---could

the boat parade and the annual dinner dance be held on the same day? It could begin and end at the Paw Paw Lake Yacht Club. Several audience members agreed that this would be a good way to get more families involved with the PPLA. Scott suggested a triathlon on the lake.

**Barb Callaway pay raise:** Len reported that Barb Callaway, the administrative assistant, has been doing timely and accurate work, and suggested that she be given a pay raise. After discussion, Kip made a motion to pay Barb \$15/hour effective Oct. 1. Scott seconded, and the motion passed.

Bill Beddow is working on obtaining property sales to update our records. He would like a letter to send to new property owners, and Joe volunteered to write this letter.

Len stated that he would be out of town at the end of September and would not have financial statements ready for the Oct. 3 meeting.

Joe will check if the date of the PPLA meetings could be shown on the electronic signs in front of the two township buildings.

Len made a motion to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m. at the Watervliet Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Van Hout, Secretary