

Pleasant Lake Protective Association

Annual Meeting

July 6, 2024

Slope n Shore Annex

9AM

President Fred Pierce welcomed everyone to the 55th Annual Meeting.

There was a moment of silence in memory of long-time lake resident Ed Gerwig.

It was moved and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Doug and Charlene Baxter introduced the lake hosts for the summer of 2024 and presented them with some gifts.

Treasurer's Report: Peter Winship reported that as of December of 2023, we had an additional \$22,000 in the treasury. The biggest expense is the Lake Host program which costs us about \$10,000. We also receive money from the town and the state for this program. Dues are coming in as usual. We will be spending some money this summer to pay three CSC students to continue to monitor the lake tributaries.

There will be LED flares for sale at the store outside after the meeting.

CSC Internship Program: Craig Williamson reported that all the different committees are important to keep up the health of the lake.

Cyanobacteria or Blue Green Algae needs light, water and nutrients to grow. Phosphorus often comes from fertilizers on lawns or failing septic systems. Boat wakes can also stir up sediment and there can be up to 1000 times the nutrients in sediment than from other sources.

The CSC program collected a lot of data about the watershed including information on chloride from road salt. Chloride can kill the zooplankton which eat the algae.

There were some questions, but the conclusions were that people need to eliminate fertilizer completely, pump their septic systems and keep the wakes from boats to a minimum.

Nick Baer reported that there are some conversations with the town about septic system regulations.

Jon Waage stated that the shoreline needs weeds in the water for a healthy lake. Keeping the lake level high enough so that turtle cove doesn't freeze over when it is dry is important. There was discussion about how to encourage the growth of mussels.

There was discussion about water management and impervious surfaces being a problem.

Craig stated that we need a watershed management plan and the work the CSC interns are doing is a first step.

Water Quality Report: Doug Bent reported that it is not all "doom and bloom"! Our water quality is quite good and he thanked the committee that monitors it once a month. There are some hot spots after a heavy rain. He also said that if you can't see your feet, then get out of the water. He explained the use of a Secchi disk which measures water clarity, or conversely, turbidity.

Activity Report: Will Kidder stated that the parade starts at 2 pm and Peter and Kathy Bianchi are grand marshals. There will be the Summer Social on August 25th at the Ice House Museum.

Weed Watcher Report: John Wilson reported that there are no invasive weeds!

Wildlife Committee: Jen Esten spoke about the loons. Our male did not return this year. He was about 23 years old. The female came back and laid one egg which did not hatch. She mated with a unbanded male.

Pleasant Lake loons have been very successful over the years. From 2007 – 2023 we have had 29 chicks hatched and 22 fledged.

Lead tackle will kill the loons. Please take your lead tackle to Rocky's and get a \$10 gift certificate.

Jon Waage reported that there is a beaver dam in Turtle Cove and this can be a good thing. It helps to regulate the water by slowing it down. Turtle Cove is continuing to improve from the freezing a few years ago.

Fish Committee: John Ryan suggested that the lake hosts question fisherman as they come off the lake to get some information about fish. 4000 brook trout were put in the lake in May. There is no Rock Bass Derby anymore.

Awards: The Kittie Wilson Good Neighbor Award was awarded to Tom Stark for his 28 years of service as Treasurer and to Don Sheffield for his 8 years of service as a Lake Host.

Nominations: The nominating committee presented a slate of officers and board members. President – Doug Baxter, Vice President – Will Kidder, Treasurer – Peter Winship,

Secretary – Sue Andrews, Board members for 2 years – Fred Pierce, Doug Bent, Jen Esten, John Ryan, John Wilson and Tilea Toy. It was moved and seconded to approve the slate. The motion was approved.

Judy Oates was thanked for all her years of work on the board.

Membership: Jen Esten reported that the membership was about the same this year and she had 875 people on the email list. She also encouraged people to use LED flares this year.

Ron P. spoke about traffic issues on Bunker Rd and Elkins Rd. Please drive slowly and carefully.

Water Safety Committee: Jamie Hess and Jamie Malinger have been working to keep wake boats in the middle of the lake. Please remember to keep 150 feet from shore and buoys at all times.

New Business: Bill Hopwood spoke about paddle smart, a Coast Guard program and reminded people they need to have a PFD on a paddle board.

There was discussion about a jet ski type watercraft on the lake recently. It is a 3 person watercraft which is allowed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Andrews

Secretary.