Pleasant Lake Association
Membership Meeting
Minutes - May 31, 2014

Present: Chairperson Sedey, Vice Chairperson Hogberg, Treasurer Harkman, Secretary Peterson, Directors Miller, Boie, Olson, Mader, Arfsten

Chair Sedey welcomed all. Introduction of board members & attendees.

Speaker: Dennis Loewen from the Clearwater River Watershed District shared programs underway dealing with fertilizer reduction in sensitive river locations. The District is able to secure grants from Minnesota Legacy Foundation for some of the projects taking some of the burden off of our tax district. The reading on the Grass Lake dam was low enough to allow the valve on our runoff culvert to be opened this morning. The other culvert maintained by the MN Dept. of Transportation is flowing under Hwy 24 however anyone with time and a shovel is encouraged to check on the level of ditch running into the culvert to be sure we are sending as much water downstream as possible.

Speaker: Chad Hadler of Lake Restoration shared some of the history & services their company offers. He explained the application devices used by the company for our large treatment areas for curly-leaf pondweeds along with private property procedures when dealing with various aquatic plants. It has been suggested that we may want to look into hiring a firm to come and survey our lake for future treatment areas. The board will research this topic and determine any further action. The Zebra mussel topic is being addressed by the DNR. New products are being tested.

Speaker: Joe Jacobs of Wright County Soil & Water was unable to attend this meeting. He will be rescheduled.

Membership: We currently have 83 paid members. Last year we ended the year with 90. The committee will contact past members who have not yet joined.

Treasures Report: Treasurer Harkman presented report showing a current balance of $8,665. We will have payments going out to the DNR $750, Lake Restoration $5,510, Clock Tower paver $150, Water Quality $250, New homeowner baskets $53, Meeting door prizes $37. Boat parade $100, Picnic $500, Misc mailing $50

501c3: Vice-Chair Hogberg reported that he has heard from the IRS and we have been granted official nonprofit organizational status. The process took 17 months with a budget of $1,500. and a new yearly cost of $300 in tax preparation.
No Wake:  Because of the CRWD valve being opened this morning the NO WAKE restrictions are lifted.  Director Boie will post the new status.

Zebra Mussel:  New program offered by St. Cloud State University.  Equipment provided and recommended to be placed in hard bottom location.  Jill Bishop volunteered to monitor project.

Water Quality:  Chair Sedey takes a monthly water sample and delivers it to Buffalo who then sends it to Detroit Lakes along with samples from area lakes. The testing in Detroit Lakes labs cost us $250 annually.  Sedey & Peterson also take Secchi Disk reading weekly in two location and this is sent in each fall to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in St. Paul. There is no cost for this service. These programs will assure us that any change in our water quality will be addressed immediately.

Boat parade:  Annual lake parade will take place July 3rd, 7 pm. The winners of this event have been invited to be in the city July 4th parade the following day.  Budget for prizes and awards set at $100.  Parade will start at Dave and Penny Hogberg home, please contact them for additional information.

Picnic:  The annual picnic will be held in the city park open-shelter on Aug 16th, and will run from 2:30 to 5:30. This years theme is BACK TO THE 50’S. The music will be COOL and everyone, young and old, is encouraged to find something from that era to slip on.  Being HIP will once again be COOL. Check with Ed and Jenifer Mader for more information or if you are able to help. A flyer will be coming around in July with everything you’ll need to know about this fun event.  The annual fishing contest will take place at 8 AM and will begin at Dave & Gloria Warner’s home this same day.  Watch for more details.

Newsletter:  Addresses continue to be a concern when letters are sent.  The next issue will be in September so please forward stories and pictures of your summer on the lake to Editor Amy Miller or Publisher Gloria Warner.  All newsletters can be found on the lake website edited by Maggie Nilson. Go to http://www.pliamn.com/

Clock tower paver:  The Pleasant Lake Imp. Assoc. will now have a personalized paver in the corner clock park.  This will be installed this coming week.
Election of Officers: The Board has three positions open this summer with Sedey, Peterson, and Arfsten’s three year terms ending. If you wish to serve on the board please contact Chair Sedey. The Board meets quarterly and holds 2 general membership meeting yearly. Election will be held at the Aug Picnic/Meeting.

Chamber Survey: A questionnaire from the Annandale Chamber of Commerce was distributed relating to local businesses. Please forward your responses to the local Chamber office.

Drawing: Gifts purchased and donated by Annandale Embroidery.

Board Meeting: The Board will meet at 9 am, July 12th at Chair Sedey’s home.