

Minutes of the Pine Lake Association Regular Board Meeting 10/15/2009

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Don Harper.

Officers present: President, Don Harper; Ed Kornetti, Sergeant at Arms; Dianne DeYoung, Treasurer; Eric Hibma, Vice-President.

Absent: Jaci Dalke, Secretary

6 Directors present

Secretary report: Given by Lana Langone for Jaci Dalke. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. So moved by Ed, seconded by Dianne.

Treasurer report: Dianne had submitted a detailed report last meeting and summarized this report since there was little new to report: TOTAL: \$16,465.61 of which \$8,755.32 is in the General Fund.

Move to accept as reported by Kathy Burnham, seconded Dianne.

There being no formal agenda, discussion was had on number in attendance. It was decided that a quorum did not exist for business to be voted upon.

Newsletter: Kathy Burnham has done a wonderful job with advertising. Treasurer noted that she can invoice if coordinate this with Kathy. In other newsletter business, Pres. Harper introduced Penny who is at MCTI and put forward the possibility of working with the School in our printing needs. Lana got Penny's direct phone number of 664-9267 to contact in this regard.

Kathy further reported as a Point Director that she had used the letter she brought with her; has contacted all on her Point. Some positive response and three new paid memberships. Discussion regarding finding out why those who had a negative response did so and how to explain the membership dues are payable in June of each year. Kathy asked if we should send out "invoices" to all lake residents each year. This was met with a positive response and noted that it could be done less expensively with a post card. Don commented that a form was generated with the date on the letter in another instance and Jaci explained there is information on the labels used for PLA member mailing that show the date of membership. Lana will look at the membership form as is part of the newsletter.

Peg Warnez is the new Editor and Lana will be getting a meeting together with Kathy, Peggy and Dianne.

Don revisited the Lake Level issue from his previous term as President and noted that the organization at that time proceeded on the basis of a survey of the residents. Don gave his opinion regarding weed problems on Pine Lake. Further commented on his hope to build consensus or at least repair hard feelings on the weed issue by getting opinions other than from a source such as the firm previously hired to assess the lake weed problems and trying to help both sides of the issue come to some understanding. Don expressed his personal reservations regarding the Eurasian Milfoil Beetle (weevil) and chemical treatment. He would like to get a committee together as residents are asking him about the problem. Don stated very clearly that he would not, however be in the middle of a controversy but would like to get a dialogue going. Don is asking who would like to join to be part of that effort.

Eric reported on Zebra mussels. For the first time we have widespread reports of boats being pulled in for winter and heavily infested with the Zebra Mussel. Appear most concentrated in Lake 4 from the anecdotal reports of those present. The striped shelled variety is the most common and can stay alive 2 -3 weeks out of water. The best treatment to prevent spread is to fully clean boats when going from lake to lake and use bleach. Problem is that very tiny ones can be very hard to flush out. Recommended that the newsletter do an article on this for residents. Eric reported that the Pine Lake Boat and Motor Co. which has seen instances of the infestation, has reported to the DNR and they are charting the infestation. Unfortunately, there is no

“treatment” once they are in the lake. Don commented that he believed reports of Zebra mussels had been given as far back as several years ago. Don would like information gathered by volunteers. Eric will chair this effort.

Sergeant at Arms- Ed

Noted next Board Meeting will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in February, 2010 per by-laws; should be at MCTI but will have to confirm site closer to the meeting.

Buoy Committee- Ed

Reported on the damage to the buoys and the pontoon; repairs will need to be made. Pine Lake Boat and Motor will store over the winter again. Thanks - PLB&M. They will charge the PLA and then gift the amount back to the organization as a donation.

Website - Pete Siebert noted website updates and changes. He will be available to keep working on our PLA Website until or in case Ted is able to help out again. Pete introduced the “Chat Room”, noted rotating pictures on the main page can be “clicked” and will go to the specific subject. Don referred to information he has received on residents being involved by using the website to promote their businesses. All are encouraged to contact the Webmaster with ideas, pictures etc. Encouraged all participants at the meeting to invite their neighbors to check it out. Suggestion:

List all paid members on the website by 1<sup>st</sup> initial, last name. This led to further discussion about encouraging membership. Don pointed out need for Membership Committee. Don offered up the question: What good can the PLA do?

4<sup>th</sup> of July - Don reported that Mario Mendoza has graciously volunteered to supervise the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities. The possible theme of “Only in America” seems to be well received so far and could be used in decorating homes, boats for a boat parade and as the Fireworks theme. Don brought up the possibility of Scott Cook as DJ this year if equipment can be rented or otherwise secured. The possibility of working with MCTI to be able to transmit by radio broadcast was mentioned by Don; even the possibility of airing the PLA meetings. Volunteers are coming forward to express interest in the summer activities. Attendee at the meeting noted that better communication of the Times and Locations of 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities would be helpful.

With discussion about getting volunteers and new members, Kathy Burnham asked if the Directors are not on the Membership committee by virtue of being Directors? She gave the Board a copy of the introduction letter she had done (attached).

Recycling: Discussion on the discontinued recycling by the Township. Possibility of starting curbside pickup as a function of PLA brought up by Nancy Green. Deb Newhouse noted that the township has heard from many residents and is looking at the options but for now is referring residents to the Osborn Road recycling site. Don asked Nancy Green to look into this.

Phil Dunlop - would like to see our stolen PLA sign replaced (Welcome to Pine Lake). Don has reported the theft. Lana will look into costs and viability of replacing the sign. Information given that missing street signs (county) can be reported and replacement requested at the Barry County transportation website. Question asked if our insurance policy will cover theft of sign? Dianne will check on this. Will make a decision about replacing signs at the February 2010 meeting. Ed stated that 4<sup>th</sup> of July needs to be the main priority at the February meeting.

Nancy Green asked if the PLA can sponsor a Christmas party for children. She will look into this. Don announced that the Fire Barn will be open early for anyone who wants to see the Fire Barn and Equipment. This will be October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Fire Station on Lindsey Road where the Halloween party will be held.

Dianne De Young announced that they are moving off the lake and that while she would fulfill her obligation for Treasurer 2009-10 she will not be available to hold office next year and recommended the Board begin thinking about a new Treasurer in advance.

Lana Langone reported briefly on Township matters. Lana put forward a motion that the PLA take no stand on the upcoming Recall. 2nded. Tabled due to lack of quorum.

Shawn Diebold has offered to host another Holiday Party for Board members and their guest. The date would be December 4<sup>th</sup>. As interest in doing so was expressed, Don approved that Shawn to go ahead and send invitations. It was noted that the holiday gathering is at no expense to the PLA and no money from the treasury is used. Pot luck style, bring your own beverage.

Dianne De Young requested that there be an Agenda for the February meeting - will be on website in advance of the meeting.

Kathy Burnham - ads for newsletter - asked all in attendance to let her know of any prospective advertisers for our newsletter.

Board will decide at the next meeting regarding classified ads in the newsletter for Pine Lake residents or PLA members. Don suggested that it may need to be voted on at the June membership meeting. Lana put forward that this would not be a change to the by-laws and would not need to be voted on in June only. Per Don, this will be decided at the next meeting of the Board. Discussion followed as to what constitutes a "Board meeting" vs. a committee meeting of Board members.

Sweatshirt/T shirt raffle winners for the evening were: Kathy Burnham and Ed Kornetti. A free T shirt drawing will be held at the February meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for Jaci Dalke, secretary

Lana Langone