

## Pretty Lake Conservation Club

Minutes ~ September 3, 2019

President Ron Kantorak called meeting to order 6:30 pm

Prayer was led by Sue Mertz

Pledge of Allegiance by all

**Board Members Present:** Ken Hensch, Natalie McLaughlin, Denny Rorick, Butch Vaughn, Michael Perry, Les Rockwell, Ken Butler, Cathy Kantorak, Ron Kantorak, Nancy Wetli, Jim Zuber, Sue Mertz, Pat Mitchell, Beth Pusti. **Absent:** John Hensch

**Minutes:** Michael Perry, Motion to approve August 6, 2019 Minutes. Jim Zuber 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Ken Butler handed out a Cash Flow Statement for August 2019. The new concrete pad is paid for. The only large bill remaining for this Fall is the annual insurance of about \$1600.00. Balance at the end of August was \$44,453.53. Inflows of cash included pasta dinner, rummage sale, scrap metal sale, merchandise, dues, history book sales, card night. Outflows of cash were utilities, clubhouse repairs, history book printing, event supplies. Overall total profit for the month was \$937.44

**Clubhouse Report:** Cathy Kantorak our clubhouse manager reported one new rental for the Fall.

**Concrete Pad for the Shed:** Les Rockwell reported the work is complete on the new concrete slab, and extra \$35.00 was needed for drain tube materials. They were able to use the slab during the pancake breakfast. It was a nice improvement to the property.

**PLCC Sign at 500 S:** Les Rockwell was approached about the maintenance needed on the sign, which is hard to see due to overgrowth of weeds and tall lilies that are higher than the sign. The sign has been on our agenda most of the summer. In many cases the sign is used as a directional landmark and the person wondered if it could be put a bit higher. Perhaps 2 feet higher was requested. We had already discussed this at previous meetings as a winter project to maintain and repair the signage. Michael Perry will talk to the homeowner where the sign is placed. We would like to remove all the weeds and replace the lilies with an attractive ground cover after the sign is repaired.

**Membership Report:** Les reported the PLCC membership to be comparable to the past at this time of year. Membership is at 69%. Zone 8 was the highest at 96.77%. We appreciate all residents who pay their dues and join the PLCC. Your Membership and Volunteer efforts make this a better community for all so Thank you!

**2<sup>nd</sup> application of stone to driveway:** Pat Mitchell talked to Paul Miller who was waiting to coordinate work on the drive with another job in the area. Work should begin this week or the first of next week

**Pretty Lake History Book- Status of orders?** All are delivered and paid for. Nancy has a new list started. We wait until we get an order of 10 before printing. If interested please contact Nancy Wetli to be included in the next printing.

**LARE Grant results?** Three government agencies still have not signed off on the grant approval. We cannot proceed until all have signed off. As soon as we have the go ahead Ron will begin the next phase of getting these projects under way.

**LaGrange County Lakes Council:** - Membership? Pretty Lake results? More questions than answers relate to this Lakes Council. We are not members of this group because it seems to be without focus or direction. The flyer that came in the mail to residents had some good information but nothing to suggest a strong and focused leadership. Ron printed some data from their water testing that made him skeptical of the results. There is little information as to when and where testing takes place or the process involved. Ron gave all the information to Butch Vaughn who will go over it with Martin Franke of LaGrange Soil & Water to try to get some answers. We will put this on hold until Butch reports back. It may be beneficial to send a representative from Pretty Lake to these meetings and pay for a membership if they are in fact structured to make a positive difference in the lake communities.

**Rummage Sale Results:** Rummage sale income was \$3,030.75. 30% higher than previous years' best. Butch Vaughn and Barb Butler did an amazing job. This is an event that takes several days to prepare for and many volunteers. We sincerely thank all those who donated items to benefit the PLCC. The efforts of all the volunteer workers cannot be understated. This event cannot happen without their help. We are so thankful for these folks!

**Bingo / Root Beer Float ~ August 31 results:** Nancy & Beth chaired this event for the first time and relied heavily on veteran volunteers to make it a success. We truly appreciate all the help. Beth reported 86 adults, 32 kids for a total turnout of 118. There was \$153.00 in root beer float sales, 10% Bingo profit was \$33.00 and the 50/50 raffle brought in \$180.00. After expenses, profit to the PLCC was \$285.86. All biodegradable paper products were used which seems to be well received. A couple complaints on the use of wooden spoons means we may look to alternatives for the spoons for next year.

**Labor Day Breakfast results:** Les & Michael chaired this annual event. They reported 120 in attendance. Appreciation goes out to the 19-20 volunteer helpers who helped to make it a success. Feedback was positive with folks liking the spicy sausage, and suggesting milk as a drink alternative for next year. There was \$1,075.00 in free will donations. \$240.74 in expenses, leaving a net profit of \$834.26.

**PLCC 1st Annual Golf Scramble:** September 7. Ron reported that there are 4 teams signed up. 4 teams = \$1,200.00 collected, \$64.00 per person cost for golf, carts, and lunch of hamburgers, brats, baked beans, and potato salad. Awards will be \$100.00 1st Place, \$25.00 to each of closest to the pin, longest drive, and longest putt. After awards, we will make \$1 net. We will charge \$5/mulligan, max of 5 per person. The mulligans are where we expect to make a profit for the PLCC. Tee Times will begin Saturday at 9:00 am. We hope for good weather and that all have a good time.

**Bonfire / Hayride: October 26** - Ken and John are planning this event. Since it is so close to Halloween we encourage costumes, perhaps favorite musical performer or favorite Halloween character. We realize due to the time of year it will be mostly year round residents. This is a family event. We will roast hot dogs and encourage folks to bring a snack or side dish to share. A donation will be made to the Perkins family, and the Music performers.

**E-Coli issue update:** Butch Vaughn reported August 22 was the last testing. The count at the end of Pete Lapitsky's pier was 7.1, last month it was 2.1. The counts along Deal ditch remain too numerous to count at 2 sites, and above State recommendation at 2 sites. They will continue testing in September and October at which point they will come up with a plan to correct the issue.

**Drainage at the Public Landing:** Butch talked to Weston who is in charge of public sites in this area. He was disheartened to hear there is a problem since they put a lot of money into the public landing site. They will investigate and we should get some feedback soon.

**Merchandise:** Nancy Wetli reported that they have sold a lot of the older items at discounted prices. In addition 100 t-shirts, 24 beach towels, 25 sweatshirts, and many car stickers were sold for a total profit of \$975.35. \$370.00 of inventory was sold just last Labor Day weekend. Next year she is looking for new logo ideas. She has had requests to add tank tops, long sleeve t's, and men's hats. Nancy would love to get feedback for new ideas or requests.

**Republic Recycling Information:** Ron reported that Republic is not interested in doing any kind of recycling pickup. PLCC does have a contracted trash pickup price of \$49.25 every 3 months. They will not be implementing a recycling program. LaGrange, Kendallville, and Rome City all have recycling drop off sites for cans, bottles, yard waste, and batteries. Other options available: Noble Co. Disposal – 96 gallon bin = \$69.00 trash for 3 months + \$3.00 a month for recycling bin. Clean Earth- 96 gallon= \$65.00 for 3 months, no additional charge for recycling.

**Election of Officers:** All current PLCC Officers were up for reelection. Butch Vaughn made a motion to keep all the same Officers. Denny Rorick 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor, PLCC Officers will stay the same for 2020. President, Ron Kantorak, Vice President, Les Rockwell, Treasurer, Ken Butler, and Secretary, Beth Pusti. Ron said although we have an active Board of Directors he would like to see some turn over possibly next year to get new people involved. Ken Hensch said that although he likes to stay informed and is very involved he is willing to resign his post at the end of the 2020 term to allow for involvement by new people.

**PLCC Board member Assignments for 2020:**

Memberships & Newsletters  
Sat-4-25-20 9am Spring clean up  
Sat-5-23-20 7pm Bingo/root beer float  
Mon-5-25-20 8-11am Memorial day breakfast  
Sat-6-6-20 5pm Pasta dinner  
Sat- 6-13-20 8 am Goose Roundup

| <b>Chair</b>   | <b>Co-Chair</b>    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Les Rockwell   | Cynthia Rockwell   |
| Cathy Kantorak | Natalie McLaughlin |
| Michael Perry  | Jim Zuber          |
| Ken Hensch     | Jim Zuber          |
| Denny Rorick   | Ken Butler         |
| Butch Vaughn   |                    |

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| Sat-7-4-20       | 8am-10am | Fish a Rama              |                |                    |
| Sat-7-4-20       | 2pm      | Flotilla                 | Sue Mertz      | Carol Denton       |
| Sat-7-4-20       | 7pm      | Bingo/Root beer floats   | Nancy Wetli    | Natalie McLaughlin |
| Sat-7-4-20       | 10 pm    | Ring of Fire             | Pat Mitchell   | Michael Perry      |
| Sat-7-18-20      | 9am      | General meeting          | Ron Kantorak   | Les Rockwell       |
| Sat- 8-1-20      | 9am      | Annual Meeting if needed |                |                    |
| Sat- 8-8-20      | 11am-2pm | Cruise-In/music          | Ken Hensch     | Steve Yahn         |
| Sun- 8-9-20      | 12pm     | Rummage sale drop off    | Beth Pusti     | Barb Butler        |
| Sat- 8-15-20     | 8am-11am | Rummage Sale             | Beth Pusti     | Barb Butler        |
| Sat-9-5-20       | 7pm      | Bingo/Root Beer Float    | Nancy Wetli    | Sue Mertz          |
| Mon-9-7-20       | 8am-11am | Labor Day Brft           | Les Rockwell   | Pat Mitchell       |
| Sat-9-12-20      | 9am      | Golf Outing              | Ron Kantorak   | Cathy Kantorak     |
| Sat-10-24-20     | 7pm      | Bonfire/Hayride          | Ken Hensch     | Beth Pusti         |
| Sat-11-14-20     | 10am     | Fall clean-up            | Cathy Kantorak |                    |
| Reader Board     |          |                          | John Hensch    | Ken Hensch         |
| Weed Control     |          |                          | Rod Bergstedt  | Ron Kantorak       |
| LARE Grant Items |          |                          | Ron Kantorak   | Denny Rorick       |
| Merchandise      |          |                          | Nancy Wetli    | Peggy Jones        |

#### 2020 Zone Directors:

| ZONE | COTTAGES               | DIRECTOR      | PHONE/EMAIL                     |
|------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 1    | 1-22                   | Bill Morr     | 260-336-3430 bmorrs@hotmail.com |
| 2    | 23-51                  | Pat Mitchell  | 260-541-0202                    |
| 3    | 52-84                  | Ken Butler    | 661-319-4929                    |
| 4    | 85-119                 | Sue Mertz     | 260-336-1119                    |
| 5    | 120-152                | Vicki Linder  | 765-253-0705                    |
| 6    | 154-165A               | Ken Hensch    | 260-410-9876                    |
| 7    | 180E-OT-T              | Denny Rorick  | 260-484-9595                    |
| 8    | 181-235A plus off lake | Michael Perry | 574-320-2095                    |

#### Round Table:

Ron Kantorak: We need to use the bush hog between the arborvitae and cornfield to cut the roots and clear the area of poison ivy which is a problem. The bush hog needs a new battery. Les made a motion to buy a battery if necessary for the bush hog. Jim Zuber 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved. Denny Rorick volunteered that he had a battery that might fit the brush hog. Les will check it out before purchasing a battery.

Peggy Jones has volunteered and asked to be a liaison on the lake to talk to non-members of the PLCC. She would like to reach out to non-members to hear their issues and ideas. Peggy is not a Board member and will not be representing or speaking for the Board of Directors. This is not an easy task she has asked to do. The Board all thought it was a great idea and appreciate whatever ideas or issues she could bring back to the Board to improve relations. Les made a motion to approve Peggy's request to talk with non-members and bring thoughts and ideas back to improve areas where we are lacking. Pat Mitchell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved and appreciate Peggy's suggestion.

Les Rockwell reminded us that the Zone Directors are the liaison between PLCC members and the Board and should be asking members for positive or negative feedback. We also want to hear what members think.

Nancy Wetli: Nancy said that on some of the new directories She and her husband Joes email were not printed in the book. If you would like to add this information to your directory it is as follows;

Joe & Nancy Wetli- 8114 Chardonnay Lane, FW. 46804

Joe- 260-403-8940 (Joe) [WetliLJ@gmail.com](mailto:WetliLJ@gmail.com)

Nancy- [nancywetli@gmail.com](mailto:nancywetli@gmail.com)

Nancy also wanted everyone to know that she has enjoyed being on the Board of Directors for the last year and has had a very positive experience.

Sue Mertz: Wanted to relay to the Board that the Metzgers along with another family who talked with her wanted to commend the Board for improvements. Another family approached her wondering if we might be able to do more in the way of a memorial when someone on the lake passes away. In the last year the Lake and PLCC has lost friends, former Board members, and family from around the lake. We do have someone who sends out sympathy cards but many times it does not feel like enough. The Board has talked about this issue before and it is not that we do not want to honor or mention these losses in a newsletter or the website but we do not want to infringe on the privacy of families or to miss honoring someone simply because we did not know. If anyone has an idea of how to honor the memory of these loved neighbors and friends without running the risk of hurting others because we missed someone we would love to hear your ideas.

Michael Perry: Brought to the attention of the Board that our commercial grade Char Grilles need some maintenance and parts. Pat Mitchell made a motion to approve purchase of parts to maintain the grills as long as it is under \$300.00 for both grills. Les Rockwell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved.

Jim Zuber: Told the Board that the step down area from the undercover patio cement slab needs to be level with the ground to remove a potential tripping hazard. Michael Perry made a motion to build up the ground with soil and grass seed. We will level it with the cement slab during the Fall clean up to remove any tripping hazard. The Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth Pusti . All approved. There was no set monetary figure talked about. We may have to set a budget for this at the October meeting. It should only require dirt and grass seed that might be readily available.

Move to adjourn: Les Rockwell moved to adjourn the September 3, 2019 meeting, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Sue Mertz. All approved.