

**Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Members of
Pelican Lakeshore Owners Association**

Saturday, July 27, 2013

Pursuant to written notice in accordance with the bylaws of the Pelican Lakeshore Owners Association (the "Association") and applicable law, the annual regular meeting of the Members of the Association was held on Saturday, July 27, 2013, at the Orr American Legion Post 480, in Orr, Minnesota. A quorum of Members was present in person and by proxy. All current Directors other than Ray Ingebretsen were present. Dan Donovan, President of the Association, acted as chairman for the meeting. Keith Baker, Secretary of the Association, acted as secretary for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Donovan at 12:05 p.m.

Mr. Donovan introduced himself and the other Directors present at the meeting. He thanked the Members for their support of the Association and reminded them that their ideas, comments, and input were welcome. Mr. Donovan then asked Mr. Grover Gillespie, Treasurer, to present his Treasurer's Report to the Members.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gillespie then presented the annual Treasurer's Report. He reviewed revenues and each category of expenses. As of August 1, 2012, the Association had \$1,957.17 on hand. As of July 20, 2013, the balance stood at \$1,997.41. He reminded Members that the expenses for this annual meeting had not yet been paid, so the amount will decrease by August. The Association appears to be holding its own on membership with 90 paid memberships for 2013. There were no questions concerning the Report.

Mr. Donovan then turned the Members' attention to recent activities.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

Mr. Donovan asked Ms. Pam Brink, a Director, to review AIS matters. Ms. Brink reported that she and Mr. Donovan have had frequent contact with Minnesota Lakes and Rivers (MLR), a nonprofit group, concerning AIS. The Association is a member of MLR. There is no state – wide AIS program in place. Most of MLR's efforts have been directed towards lobbying for legislation and securing Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage funds for AIS endeavors. Locally, the spiny water flea has been found in some relatively nearby lakes and zebra mussels were found in a pit near Gilbert. She briefly reviewed DNR recommended AIS prevention practices. Mr. Donovan confirmed that current efforts related to the AIS problem appear to be very ad hoc and are not part of a systematic, state-wide approach. This is disappointing. At this time, given limited funds and a lack of significant volunteer interest, the Association will try to focus on Member education and encourage Members to educate and work with their lake guests to make sure boats are decontaminated before being launched in Pelican Lake. The Association will continue to monitor MLR's efforts. There has also been some movement towards forming a coalition of lake associations (COLA), including a Laurentian COLA.

Water Quality

Ms. Brink has also been in contact with a representative of the Minnesota PCA regarding water quality testing. Back in May 2012, the Board of Directors solicited volunteers for this testing program, known as the Citizen Water Quality Monitoring program. There was a lack of interest expressed by Members. Ms. Brink reported that this citizen – driven water quality program begins with volunteers dedicated to monitoring clarity in the lake at 2 places on a weekly basis from May through September. After a couple of years of demonstrated dedication to this effort, the State often expands the work to include water

quality sampling and testing. Mr. Donovan noted that this kind of project is “doable” by the Association. A signup sheet for volunteers will be available again today after the meeting. Member help is needed to launch this project and sustain it. Mr. Donovan has attended a few meetings in Ely and Virginia hosted by MLR and/or local COLA’s aimed at organizational efforts to improve water quality. Pelican Lake is fortunate to be blessed with comparatively less shoreline development than many area lakes. While the Association will not take on a “police” role, Members could and should make more effort to educate themselves about shoreline issues and septic systems.

Call for Director Candidates

After today’s meeting, the Members will be elect Directors by voting in person or by proxy. Mr. Ray Ingebretsen had indicated he wished to step down as a Director with this election. Mr. Donovan thanked Mr. Ingebretsen for his years of service as a Director since the 2008 inception of the Association. As the Members are aware through a handful of communications from the Board, the Board solicited interest from any Member wanting to serve as a Director. Only one Member, Jack Barrett, indicated interest. He and the existing Directors (excluding Mr. Ingebretsen) are on today’s ballot.

Outlet Dam Hole

Next, Mr. Donovan updated the Members concerning meetings with the DNR relating to the hole in the outlet dam. Members had been kept up to date on this issue via the website. After a reported fish kill in early 2012, the DNR advised that it was considering reopening the hole in the dam, soon after five (5) years of work by the Association and others to get the hole closed had finally paid off! In September, 2012, the Directors met with the DNR and urged the DNR not to reopen the hole. The Directors pointed out that opening the hole effectively operates to lower the authorized runout elevation of the dam contrary to existing law. Noting the DNR’s position that low water levels on the lake are due to long term drought conditions, the Directors also questioned whether the closure of the hole, versus generally low water level conditions in the river brought about by drought conditions, contributed to the fish kill. After the meeting, the Directors assumed there would be further communication prior to any final action by the DNR. However, the hole was re-opened on December 6, 2012 and two Directors were only informed of the action later in the day after the hole was re-opened. The Directors then sent a handful of communications to the DNR and legislators concerning this matter. Eventually, meetings in St. Paul led to meetings and more increased dialogue with DNR personnel, including the Grand Rapids office, that should improve the long – term relationship and communication. The DNR may not agree and act in accordance with the Association’s thoughts, but the DNR seems receptive to listening and dialogue. Mr. Donovan noted that, with respect to the hole, it was closed again by the DNR on April 5, 2013. Water has been running over the top of the dam all summer. The Directors will continue to meet with the DNR as needed.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Donovan thanked Members, including Art and Judy Jytyla, Cynthia Donovan, Don Toivola, and Bill Lambert, for helping staff the Association’s July 3 booth during downtown Orr’s Fourth of July celebration. Volunteers are needed for next year; the booth is typically open from 10 am to 2 pm. The booth gives the Association some visibility in the community and creates dialogue. Mr. Donovan also reported on a Member “legacy” gift received from Christine and Jeff Smith in memory of friends and relatives who had been on the lake for years. In future meetings, perhaps the Association can recognize lakeshore owners who have passed. He asked Members to communicate any thoughts they had on this matter. Finally, the DNR stocked 4.6 million walleye fry in Pelican Lake in May of this year.

Member Q & A

In a question and answer session, the attendees discussed local legislators’ attentiveness to the Association’s concerns, especially with respect to the DNR and water level or other issues. Mr. Donovan

advised that, recently, they have been very responsive, including meetings with the DNR Commissioner concerning the dam and Association efforts to raise its height. Mr. Donovan did report that, during a meeting in St. Paul, Rep. Dill unexpectedly raised a concern over the official flood plain level around the City's shoreline. Another Member inquired about the Resort Association's AIS efforts. The Resort Association has done a nice job of posting signs and the resorts seem to be trying to educate their guests. New education requirements for marina operators have also likely helped. A few Members reported missing or "mis-located" buoys. The reports will be passed along to those monitoring buoys for the Resort Association. Mr. Gillespie reminded Members to report missing buoys to any Director or to send an email to info@pelicanlakeshoreowners.org. Mr. Tom Pelach advised that the Resort Association has been switching from cables to chains in an effort to reduce drifting buoys.

Election of Directors

As a final agenda matter, Mr. Donovan directed the Members' attention to the ballot that had been distributed prior to the meeting during check-in. A number of proxies had been received in advance of the meeting. The Members then proceeded to vote for Directors. All ballots were then collected and counted after the meeting adjourned. The following persons were elected Directors of the Association for the ensuing year: Tom Pelach, Grover Gillespie, Jack Barrett, Dan Donovan, John Poczekaj, Keith Baker, and Pam Brink.

Luncheon and AIS Video after Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. The Association then hosted a luncheon for all of those in attendance. The DNR AIS information video was also shown on a movie screen for educational purposes and was well received.

As a final reminder to all Members, please visit the website (www.pelicanlakeshoreowners.org) and send any questions, suggestions, and other input to the Directors at any time by email (info@pelicanlakeshoreowners.org) or by mail (P.O. Box 52, Orr, MN 55771). Please be sure to update any spam or junk mail lists so that the Association's emails are not blocked.

/s/ Keith W. Baker

Keith W. Baker, Secretary for the Meeting