

**PELICAN LAKESHORE OWNERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2016
MINUTES**

The Board of Directors of the Pelican Lakeshore Owners Association, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation (the "Association"), met at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, by telephonic communications as permitted by applicable law and the Association's Bylaws, whereby each Director could speak to and hear all other Directors. All Directors attended: Grover Gillespie, John Metsa, Tom Pelach, Dan Donovan, Jack Barrett, Dave Dabruzzi, and John Poczekaj. Keith W. Baker, Secretary of the Association, also attended the meeting.

Mr. Gillespie, President of the Association, brought the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. He acted as chairman for the meeting. Mr. Baker acted as secretary for the meeting. An agenda had been circulated prior to the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Pelach, Treasurer of the Association, provided a Treasurer's Report to the Directors. As of today, the Association had \$1,750.93 on hand in its account. He noted that the bank does charge \$2.95 per month as a service charge.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

There was extensive discussion concerning the lack of Member involvement and ways to stimulate increased participation. The Directors decided that Member involvement will again be a premier topic for discussion at the annual Members meeting and highlighted in an annual mailing. The Directors have ideas – but energy and help from the Members are needed.

AIS Grants were discussed again. Sized in minimum increments of \$10,000, the Association has no practical capability of fulfilling a project or number of projects with that kind of cost perspective. The Association simply lacks Member interest in serving and volunteering in any capacity to oversee grant activities. The Directors will continue to follow the grants made to other organizations in St. Louis County and the activities they undertake. The Directors also discussed avenues to expose younger people to Pelican Lake. A Director spoke to Cub Scout representatives about interest in lake related educational activities or projects. They would like to do something, but are just too busy. After discussion, Mr. Metsa was tasked with reaching out to the local Scoutmaster to see if there is any possibility for Eagle Scout related projects over the next couple of years that could stimulate interest vis a vis the lake, AIS concerns, water safety, and public awareness – either through specific projects or organized community events (e.g., a gathering at the City Park on the lake). Mr. Metsa also suggested that perhaps school based educational activities through biology classes could focus on Pelican Lake, its ecology, AIS issues, and other environmental concerns. Maybe the Eagle Scouts and teachers/students represent a joint opportunity. The DNR does have funds allocated for outreach with schools that should be available to teachers to pay for transportation or other costs. Perhaps these ideas may stimulate Member interest or other local interest.

Mr. Barrett volunteered to do the 2017 Member mailing and solicitation again. After discussion by the Directors, they agreed that the Association would include the annual meeting agenda and proxy form in the mailing, rather than doing distributing those documents later. The annual mailing will also include the solicitation of dues and volunteers for Association activities, including the July 3 booth

REEF MARKERS

Reef markers/hazard buoys were discussed. These are in the province and care of the Pelican Lake Resort Association. It appears to have proven difficult to place and maintain markers in their proper positions the past couple of years. After discussion, Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Poczekaj volunteered to go out in the spring and mark the proper buoy locations with GPS – as to the reefs that may have available markers – and provide that data to the Resort Association. The Resort Association is the permit holder and responsible party; its Members' employees –

and not volunteers from this Association – must place and deploy the markers for insurance purposes. A Director noted that the Resort Association probably needs to refile a current map with its hazard marker permit on file with the County.

SECCHI DISK READINGS

Mr. Dabruzzi reported on the 2016 Secchi disk reading efforts taken by a handful of other volunteers that he leads. They gathered a lot of data on the west side of the lake, but not as much on the east side. All of the data was sent to the State. He may consider generating his own analysis of the data on his personal computer. Then, that data could be copied and retained in the Association's records, too. He noted that all of his volunteers had already committed to help again in 2017 with this work. Good news!

OTHER

The annual meeting date was set for Saturday, July 29, 2017, at 11:00 am, followed by a luncheon. Mr. Gillespie will check to reserve the Orr American Legion Hall. The Agenda will include a President's Report, Treasurer's Report, a discussion on Membership involvement, and any other relevant business. Perhaps a speaker could be secured for the meeting. Membership dues were also discussed and set at \$15 again for 2017. The July 3 booth banner is looking a bit worn out. Mr. Gillespie may look into how much a new banner would cost. The Association's membership in Minnesota Lakes and Rivers (MLR) was also discussed. The Directors agreed that membership should be continued next year. Mr. Donovan volunteered to pass along any interesting or important emails we receive from MLR.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The final matter related to the election of Officers. Upon motion made by Mr. Pelach and seconded by Mr. Poczekaj, the following resolutions were unanimously approved:

Resolved: Effective as of July 25, 2016, the following persons are reelected to hold the offices set forth opposite their respective names, to serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified:

President:	Grover Gillespie
Treasurer:	Tom Pelach
Secretary:	Keith Baker

Resolved Further: The officers will receive no compensation, but will be entitled to be reimbursed for any reasonable and appropriate expenses they incur on behalf of the Association as provided in the Bylaws.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the meeting was then adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

/s/ Keith W. Baker

Keith W. Baker, Secretary