

Perch Lake Owner's Association (PLOA)
Board Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2014

- **Roll call for Quorum:** Janet VanWagner, Jim Novitski, Dave Foster, Bill Pence, Tom Haight, Liz Quinn, Chris Quinn, Cliff Janiak present. Carol Hicks-Brown absent.
- **Location:** Janiak Camp
- **Time:** 10:00 AM CDT
- **Agenda:** See attached. In the absence of the Secretary, Liz Quinn was asked to take minutes.

- **Officers Reports:**
- **President:** See attached
- **Treasurer:** It was reported that we currently have 26 paid members in the PLOA, including Dave & Helen Crowe and Ted & Sally Brzezinski. There are currently 35 riparian owners on the lake. After discussion on the need for members to be willing to help, it was decided that all members could be of help with a variety of duties. We are a small organization and can use everyone's help. Dave Foster will continue to work with Mary Bissey on laying out a plan to incorporate the Nexters into the organization.
- Liz will mail all Donation account information to Hal now that the Boat Landing monitoring has ended. Hal will send recognition letters to all donors from Jan 1, 2014 to present. Letter to be the template approved by the board with Lake Logo letterhead.

- **Committee Reports**
- **Lake Management Committee:** Insurance for the Bd. of Directors will be the next step in the proposed implementation of the barrier at the boat landing. Jim will continue to work with the Forestry Dept. and pursue their answer as to whether they will support us in this project. Also, it will be very important to look closely at what exactly is being paid out from each of our two accounts when the containment project is started.
- It was decided Dave Foster will send a letter to Barbara Van Alstine regarding giving us an answer regarding whether the Forest Service plans to support us. In the event our project is not permitted by the State, we will have to decide our next possible plan. One suggestion was, we will have to reconsider our current boat monitoring program for the boat landing. It was moved by Liz Quinn and seconded by Bill Pence that Jim Novitski will continue to be in charge of this project. Vote was unanimously in favor. Water testing will continue also, decided by unanimous vote in favor.
- Regarding the spring MLSA Conference, Jim does not anticipate attending at this time as the conference material is not of immediate interest to PLOA.
- Jim then showed the reeds that maybe potentially used for the containment project and presented several possibilities as to how they may be used. We will also need to have someone research insurance costs for the project. Dave volunteered to check into this.
- **Communications committee:** Tom passed out copies of the Newsletter which will be mailed out in the next couple of weeks.

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- **Membership Committee:** Cliff has contacted all potential members and we believe there are no additional riparian owners currently interested in joining the PLOA.
- **Old Business:**
- **Fundraising for nonprofit** – Hal explained information gained from Jill who has great knowledge to share but does not have the time to implement. The Board will pursue the “Nexters”
- **Water Level monitoring** - Chris Quinn is to send a copy of the FOIA response letter to Dave Foster. Chris contacted the Forestry Dept. as a riparian owner, not a PLOA member, just asking how the Bridge Project monitoring was doing since we are halfway through the 5 year permit period, during which time modifications to the river bed is mandated if water level Monitoring so dictates as necessary. The Dept. responded by sending Chris a FOIA release of information letter. Lake levels have varied approximately 15 inches over the year. No analysis of the raw data has been made. Chris will continue to stay in contact with DNR regarding this matter and will keep the Bd. informed.
- **Maintain current Map of properties on Perch Lake** -- keep current list of ownership of properties on Perch Lake. Nancy and Margo are working on this
- **Historian** - Cliff requested a copy of the Historian's job description. He will continue putting together the history of Perch Lake and recording it.
- **Board membership for 2015 vote** - Nancy Foster and Margo Janiak will assist Bill Pence on the Nominating Committee bringing the committee up to the designated number of 3 people. Individual contact will possibly encourage people to be willing to run for Board positions.
- **PLOA membership for Nexters** -- Tom made the suggestion that "one designee", if not the owner, possibly be given voting privileges for a particular camp. This idea will be considered for further discussion.
- **New Business:**
- **Next meeting(s)** – The dates for the 2015 meetings were decided; May 16, Spring Bd. Meeting, July 4, Annual Meeting, and Oct. 3rd, Fall Bd. Meeting.
- **2015 Annual meeting items** -- Dave Foster suggested that at the Annual Meeting we should talk with all present about where we are going with PLOA and our goals. All ideas and suggestions presented will be welcome for discussion and consideration.
- Motion by Jim seconded by Liz to adjourn – carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. by Dave Foster.
- Respectfully submitted,
- Liz Quinn

AGENDA
Perch Lake Owner's Association
October 4, 2014 Fall Board Meeting
Janiak Camp at 10:00 AM (CDT)

- Roll call for quorum: Bill Pence, Cliff Janiak, Dave Foster, Jim Novitski, Liz Quinn, Carol Hicks-Brown, Tom Haight, Hal Petrimoulx and Janet Van Wagner
- Adoption of Agenda
- Review & approve Board meeting minutes from July 5, 2014.
- **Officers' reports**
 - President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- **Committee reports**
 - Lake Management
 - Communications
 - Outreach and Membership
- **Old Business**
 - Receipts for all donations including date, and purpose for which the donation was made – template letter finalized.
 - All signatures on “Board Code of Conduct” completed July 5, 2014. (Copy sent to current board members via e-mail.)
 - Membership drive – organize a door-to-door; Contact all new owners, provide a history and explanation of PLOA, and invitation to join
 - Membership Committee - Friends (and Nexters) of Perch Lake membership
 - Boat ramp program
 - Perch River/Perch lake water level monitoring
 - Archivist/historian
 - Board member term expirations. (Refer to e-mail attachment of board terms)
 - PLOA Nexters – voting/membership.
- **New Business**
 - Additional Topics
 - Next Meeting – May ??, 2015

President's Report for PLOA October 2014 Board Meeting

- a. **501C3 UPDATE/STATUS** – we are now an official 501c3 and hope to see donations come in as the end of year and tax filing arrives before our next board meeting.
- b. **CODE OF CONDUCT SIGNED** – document was completely signed on July 5, 2014 and a copy sent out via e-mail to all board members.
- c. **PLOA MEMBERSHIP IN WESTERN PENINSULA INVASIVES COALITION (WePIC) WITH THE OTTAWA NATIONAL FOREST** – PLOA BoD decided to continue our membership in this group formerly called the Western Upper Peninsula Cooperative Weed and Pest Management Area
- d. **IRON COUNTY WATERSHED COUNCIL PARTICIPATION** – Jim N is our representative.
- e. **HISTORIAN POSITION IN PLOA** – this is an important idea that we will continue to pursue. Cliff is interested and further discussion to follow.
- f. **NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE (NFS) BOAT LAUNCH MONITORING AND CONTROL PROGRAM** – Jim to give his report on the monitoring program. We are continuing to plan a capital improvement at the launch that would involve silt curtains along each side of the launch for about 200 ft. and some type of opening that would allow easy boat ingress/egress, yet contain weeds. We held a meeting at our camp on 8/31/14 and Jim and Chris showed their ideas for the containment curtain and entrance configuration. Attendees were – Al Madsen, Carol Hicks-Brown and Kevin, Dave & Helen Crowe, Bill Pence, Ed Scanlan, Dave & Nancy Foster, Mike & Pam O'Brien, Chris & Liz Quinn and Jim & Jackie Novitski. We need to accommodate overnight mooring; design has a double boom to protect the curtain. Jim and Chris are planning to meet with Watersmeet Lake Guards, Iron County and the NFS and hope to get letters of support in September. Any/all ideas are welcome.
- g. **PERCH LAKE/RIVER - WATER LEVEL MONITORING** – Chris Quinn was able to get a copy of the NFS annual report to the DEQ.
- h. **OUTREACH AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** – We lost two members and are now down to 19 total members. As a result, the BoD decided to establish a new committee to work on this issue along with reassigning some of the past treasurer duties, such as selling PLOA gear and keeping track of the members and property owners. Nancy, Margo and Liz have developed an updated address list of all the current owners and I am working to finalize an updated map showing the riparian ownership.
- i. **FRIENDS (AND "NEXTERS") OF PERCH LAKE** – this is an important issue that the BoD will continue to pursue. Any advice, volunteers, etc. is welcome.
- j. **BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND TREASURER** - At the Annual meeting the number of board members was changed from 7-9 to 7-10 in order to address the issue of finding a treasurer and it was decided to allow the president to appoint a treasurer without a separate membership vote. At the board meeting that followed, Hal volunteered so there is no need to increase the board membership at this time.
- k. **MEMBER DIRECTORY** – We have the entire current riparian owner list and will send it out when we get the map finalized.