

Perch Lake Owners Association (PLOA)
Annual Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2021 at Quinn Camp
10:00 a.m.

Present: Jim and Jacki Novitski, Dennis Sensenbrenner, Chuck and Bonnie and Swatek, Dave and Nancy Foster, Mike and Carol Brown, Cliff and Margo Janiak, Dave and Diana Horton, Ed and Sheila Scanlan, Glenn and Jan Gunnufsen, Scott and Jill Hulten, Liz Quinn, Ron Tilot, Colleen Quinn, Caroline Quinn, Kerry Quinn. According to Hal we have 20 paid riparian members and 10 NexGen members in 2021 as of today so would need 15 for a quorum to vote today. 15 members present for today's meeting quorum.

Location: Quinn Camp Garage

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion to approve by Cliff Janiak second by Colleen. Unanimous approval

Officers Reports:

1. Presidents Report:

Dave Foster reported that we did not install the containment system in 2020 because of CoVid-19. Many Waters LLC did three inspections for us over the course of the summer at a cost of \$663.00. They did not find any AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species). The containment system which was purchased from Elastec was scheduled to be installed May 8, 2021. The salesman who took our order wasn't there when they manufactured the net. The employees remember that we had less than 1/8th inch net on our initial order several years ago so that is how they build it again. We had changed the size mesh in the new specifications but they didn't follow those specs. Elastec took full responsibility for sending the wrong net size and reported they would manufacture our boom again with the correct 1/4" net and send it to us at no cost. It would be too expensive to ship back the boom with the incorrect net and told us we could keep it, donate it or throw it away- whatever we wanted. Jim Novitski agreed to take the incorrect boom back to his garage at home to store it as a backup boom. See attached President's report.

2. Secretary's Report:

Removal is scheduled for Friday October 1st and Saturday Oct 2nd, 2021. It was discussed that we will need a minimum of 12 people to help with removal (concrete anchors, steel frames), cleaning and hanging on the racks for winter storage. In discussion it was suggested that we might get more working people to help if we did this on a Saturday and Sunday rather than a Friday and Saturday. It was suggested if someone isn't able to volunteer themselves then maybe they could pay someone else to take their place (ie like a friend or handyman in town). Cliff Janiak made a motion that in order to install the system in the spring we have a minimum of 15 people physically able to get into the water and lift 50 pounds. Seconded by Collen Quinn. It was discussed that if we don't have enough volunteers to install the system then it will not be installed that year. Unanimous approval. Cliff then moved that if installation is cancelled we should proceed with Many Waters, LLC doing a seasonal inspection. Seconded by Jill Hulten. Unanimous approval.

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3. Treasurer's Report:

Hal Petrimoulx was not present at this year's annual meeting but provided the following information that was read by Dave Foster:

Admin account balance: \$9,472.64

501@3 balance #3, 530.00

Insurance Premium of \$802.00 paid

Received \$2,728 grant from Iron-Baraga Conservation District which was applied toward the \$8,035.23 purchase of the net/boom

See attached Treasurer's report

4. Misc Issues:

Jim Novitski made a motion to put an ad in the Iron County Reporter publicly thanking the Iron-Baraga Conservation District for the many years of support, financial and otherwise to us and our containment system. Seconded by Caroline Quinn. Unanimous approval. Jim will write the article to thank them, then send a draft to the board for comments. He plans to submit a follow up article to the Michigan Riparian magazine later this winter.

Dave Crowe and Jim Novitski each paid \$50.00 to Bigari Ace Hardware for their help off-loading the boom. Dave Foster said the BoD will discuss and approve this request.

Committee Reports

Lake Management:

Tom Haight does weekly water clarity checks and phosphorus and chlorophyll tests.

Communications:

Tom Haight continues to work on the newsletter. He wants to thank Pam O'Brien who handled printing and mailing of the newsletter. He was also pleased to receive photos from many different people for our last issue.

Outreach/Membership:

Cliff Janiak is in charge of this. Dave Foster stated he was encouraged that we have some new members.

Old Business:

1. Tom Haight Boat House-Saturday September 18, 2021 we will remove the old boom. It will hopefully be used by either MTU or Iron-Baraga Conservation District. After the old boom is removed Margo Janiak will organize a clean up crew to clean the boathouse of fallen insulation and debris and it to the Waste Management Transfer Station.
2. Lights on the containment system- It was suggested that putting reflectors on the posts of the containment system might be helpful for boaters.

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New Business:

1. Election of new board members- Because of CoVid19 last summer we did not elect BoD class II representatives. Cliff Janiak moved to nominate Dave Horton to fill the class II opening. Margo Janiak seconded that motion- Unanimous approval. For 2021 the Class III representatives agreed to serve on the BoD again.
2. The Class II BoD nomination ticket is as follows:
 - a. Colleen Quinn
 - b. Tom Haight
 - c. Dave Horton
3. Class III BoD nomination ticket is as follows:
 - a. Helen Crowe
 - b. Liz Quinn
 - c. Ed Scanlan

The PLOA membership voted unanimously in favor of both Class II and Class III tickets.

4. The PLOA discussed the secretary position at length and Dave noted that our Bylaws state that the Secretary must be on the Board of Directors. Margo Janiak had volunteered to be the secretary but declined being on the Board of Directors. Discussion was had about changing the Bylaws to allow a non- Board member to be the Secretary. It was also brought up that our status as a 501c3 may be in jeopardy if we did not follow the law for this status and hiring an attorney to sort this out would be very expensive. After lengthy discussion it was decided that no Bylaw changes would be made regarding the secretary position. This will be further discussed at the Board of Directors meeting today and a secretary will be chosen from the current Board of Directors.

Additions to the agenda:

1. Use for old boom- Last winter Casey Huckins, MTU biology professor expressed interest in our old boom. Dave Foster will communicate with Casey to make sure he is still interested in it. Jim Novitski volunteers his trailer to remove the old boom from the boathouse. He said he can retrofit his trailer with 5 sheets of plywood to build up the sides.
2. Dave Foster asked everyone at the PLOA meeting to let him know if we see an error in email addresses in his communications.
3. Purple Loosestrife- The Federal Forest Service has been to Perch Lake a few times this summer removing purple loosestrife. Cliff Janiak has pulled 62 stems of purple loosestrife along the shore as well.
4. Rusty Crawfish are no longer considered an invasive species by the State of Michigan Fishing Guide so we are no longer trapping them.

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5. Weed Survey- Jim Novitski will be conducting the weed survey on 9-6-21 through 9-12-21 by the boat landing on Perch Lake. Ron Tilot stated that there is a lot of native milfoil in the lake this year. It was discussed that the weeds are quite different from year to year on the lake due to various lake levels, etc.

Motion to adjourn at noon by Dennis Sensenbrenner, seconded by Caroline Quinn – Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Margo Janiak, acting secretary

Enclosures:

1. Agenda
2. President's report
3. Treasurer's report

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AGENDA

**Perch Lake Owners Association (PLOA)
Annual meeting Sunday, September 5, 2021
At the Quinn Camp at 10:00 AM**

1. Roll Call for Quorum-50% of 18 registered members (dues paid as of 8-31-21) – Dave
2. Adoption of Agenda – All
3. Review and Approve previous (JUL2019) Annual Meeting minutes – All
4. Officers' Reports
 - a. President's report – Dave Foster
 - b. Secretary's report (from JUL2019 annual meeting) – Dave Foster. Still need criteria for the decision to install the system each spring. Namely, what number of volunteers is the minimum necessary to proceed with an installation. If installation is cancelled do we proceed with the Many Waters seasonal inspection or do nothing?
 - c. Treasurer's report – Admin account balance – \$9,472.64; 501(c)3 balance – \$3,530.00; Insurance premium of \$802.00 paid; received \$2,728 grant from Iron-Baraga Conservation District applied toward purchase of new net/boom total cost of \$8,035.23.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Communications Committee – Tom Haight
 - b. Lake Management Committee – Tom Haight
 - c. Outreach & Membership committee – Cliff Janiak
6. Old Business
 - a. Boat Launch Containment System – Many thanks to Cliff who has been performing the required weekly inspections, for the season. He will need a substitute for this week – any volunteers? Removal scheduled for October 1st and 2nd, 2021 and the Spring 2022 Installation will be scheduled at the Fall BoD meeting.
 - b. Perch Lake/River - Water Level Monitoring – lake level above normal August level
 - c. Upcoming meetings/events
 - i. Summer board meeting immediately following annual meeting
 - ii. Removal of Containment System – October 1st and 2nd.
 - iii. Fall board meeting – Sunday, 9:00 AM, October 3rd, 2021 at Janiak camp
7. New Business
 - a. Election of New Board Members – re-elect/replace Board of Directors Class 2 – Tom Haight, Colleen Quinn and a possible nominee; Class 3 – Helen Crowe, Liz Quinn and Ed Scanlan. Current existing BoD members have agreed to continue another term.
 - b. Need for a BoD secretary and the BoD is currently operating with an acting secretary (Margo Janiak) until addressed by the full membership. PLOA By-Laws state: "Article IV, Section 1. OFFICERS: The officers of this corporation shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each officer shall be a member of the Board of Directors. They shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and shall hold office for two (2) years, or until their successors are elected." Section 4. states The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence for the corporation and the Board of Directors. Said person shall keep the minutes of all meetings and maintain a clear record of the business of the corporation and Board of Directors."

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**President's Report for PLOA September 5th, 2021
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- a. **National Forest Service (NFS) Boat Launch monitoring and control program**
The 2020 season was affected by CoVid and we did not install the system, but it was monitored by Many Waters at a total cost of \$663 and there was no aquatic invasive species (AIS) detected except for a few purple loosestrife plants along the shoreline which have been monitored and removed over the years. The system was scheduled to be installed May 8, but was delayed to June 26 due to due to an incorrect manufacturing issue. The manufacturer (ELASTEC) told us we could keep the incorrect boom/net and sent us a new one with the correct net opening size. The other new (incorrect Netting) boom is being stored at Jim Novitski's home in his pole barn. System removal is scheduled for October 1st and 2nd

Sincerely, Dave Foster

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Summer 2021 Treasurers Report						
	Administrative Account		Detail	501C3 Account		Detail
	Deposit	Withdrawal		Deposit	Withdrawal	
Balance	\$ 6,002.14			\$ 5,952.39		
May-21	\$ 2,728.00	\$ 337.50	newsletter expenses		\$ 2,728.00	IBCD grant transfer to re-pay Admin acct
Jun-21	\$ 500.00	\$ 20.00	PLOA state renewal fee	\$ 600.00	\$ 802.00	Insurance
Jul-21	\$ 600.00					
Aug-21						
subtotals	\$ 3,828.00	\$ 357.50		\$ 600.00	\$ 3,530.00	
net change	\$ 3,470.50			\$ (2,930.00)		
Balance	\$ 9,472.64			\$ 3,022.39		
NOTES:	\$800		Dues received pending deposit	\$ 100.00		donation received pending deposit