

Perch Lake Owners Association (PLOA)

April 20, 2020 @ 5:00 PM; Conference Call Minutes

Called 1 - (717)275-8940 and enter access code 456 6421 when prompted

Present: Tom Haight, Dave Foster, Cliff Janiak, Liz Quinn, Hal Petrimoulx, Ed Scanlan, Helen Crowe and Colleen Quinn; Jim Novitski(consultant)

Absent: Mike O'Brien

Adoption of agenda - motion by Helen, 2nd by Hal – unanimous decision

Adoption of October 2019 minutes – motion by Tom, 2nd by Cliff – unanimous decision

Treasurer's Report – See attached. The November 2019 expenses include the catered lunch and the donation to West Iron County High School Forest Club. Motion by Helen to approve report, Tom 2nd – unanimous approval.

New/old business:

**1. PLOA BoD recommitment to the AIS boat Launch containment system.**

Discussion Items:

- a. Based on the financial report we are expending more money than we are taking in for the 501(c)3 account. The number of PLOA volunteers decreases every year.
- b. The Scanlan wants to commit to provide manpower for 2020 and going forward.
- c. In order to accomplish the installation, operation/maintenance/monitoring we need key knowledgeable people to teach the new volunteers.\
- d. There was a question on whether or not we had a description of work procedures that describes every task required for the complete seasonal process. Jim noted that he does have one and it will be distributed and tweaked, if necessary for new people.
- e. Membership dues and funding:
  - a. Various ideas were discussed and the issue of a dues increase needs to be brought to the full membership.
- f. Are we going to purchase a new boom/net system? BoD recommended that we do purchase new upon approval of full membership. Jim has talked to Elastec and the price was \$8,224.00 for 4 new booms @ 100 ft long each; the two outer sections will be the same dimensions as original (5 ft) and the two shoreward sections will have netting that goes from 1 ft to 5 ft. The netting equivalent opening size will be increased to approximately 1/4".
- g. Discussion about changing boom section lengths to make them more manageable by a smaller number of people. Suggestion was to change to 50 ft long sections or four/side. Jim noted that this will probably increase costs and he will talk to Elastec about this and get back to the BoD.
- h. Comment for the BoD to focus on fund raising this year and get ready for deployment in 2021.
- i. There were three people that are not in favor of making a donation to the West Iron Schools and that the lunch was an excessive cost. Ed stated that with the Scanlan family commitment to provide sufficient manpower there will not be a future need to have the local school help, nor provide a lunch.

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- j. Dave stated that we need criteria to determine when we stop providing the containment system. We need criteria to determine when we no longer have adequate support. As an example, we need 10 volunteers for monitoring, If we only have 9 or less in a given year, the following years are cancelled. Support of the theory remains, but support in actual volunteerism has diminished each year. Every year prior to the installation we need a commitment from volunteers for all seasonal work tasks, namely installation, operation and maintenance, monitoring and removal.
- k. There was unanimous support on the BoD to continue providing the containment system in accordance with approved permits and agreements. We need to ask the full membership for approval.
- l. Discussion of Iron-Baraga Conservation District (IBCD) grant of \$3,000.00. Jim talked to Jen Ricker and she told him that the grant is currently suspended. Ed said that if this grant money is not provided by IBCD that he is pledging \$3,000 toward the new boom/net purchase.

**2. Due to CoVid19 May2020 installation was cancelled by BoD vote and a later in the season install was to be reviewed.**

Motion by Tom to install the system by July 15<sup>th</sup> with a decision made by July 1<sup>st</sup> then the containment will not be installed this season. Second by Liz.

Discussion Items:

- a. There are too many questions and unknowns about the CoVid issue, the weather impacts and the ability of volunteers to make schedule adjustments. Once we start installing the system it must be completed, we must perform the O&M and monitoring and remove the system in the fall.
- b. There are critical people needed for their knowledge about the work tasking necessary to install the system.
- c. Ed talked about being able to provide testing for antibodies on all the volunteers to be able to override the physical distancing requirement of six (6) feet.
- d. Liz said that since regular health care workers can't get this testing done, it is very doubtful that our group would qualify for this.
- e. Helen stated that this is very much a public health crisis and most events are cancelled through August.
- f. Motion was defeated three yes and five no. The vote was as follows: Tom=yes; Helen=no; Liz=no; Cliff=no; Colleen=yes; Hal=no; Dave=no; Ed=yes. As such, the containment system will not be installed in the 2020 season.

**3. Use of Many Waters to perform monthly inspections at the boat launch.**

- a. Motion by Helen for Many Waters to perform monthly inspection NTE 5 months (June thru October) at a total of \$1,500.00.

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- b. Discussion Items:
  - i. Colleen asked what we do if EWM is found.
  - ii. Jim reports that Many Waters can hand pull if it is found, but this would require a separate contract with them to perform this work.
- c. Vote was unanimous in favor.
- 4. MIGSP grant thru MTU – it was decided to not pursue and Jim did not believe that this would even be in the state budget this year.**
- 5. Tom proposed we recommend increasing the annual dues to \$100 and that the dues could be reduced by some yet to be specified amount for those members that volunteer. It was seconded by several voices. It was approved without dissent. So this proposal would then need to be put before the membership for (dis)approval.**
- 6. Cancellation of JULY 2020 Annual and BoD meetings on-site. Hal noted that we need to get full membership approval to cancel the annual meeting.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. Ask the full membership for approval/support to continue providing the containment system in accordance with approved permits and the NFS agreement.
- 2. Hal made motion to purchase a new with revised design for the next five years. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helen. Discussion – Ed is opposed to installing the system if EWM gets into the lake this year. The vote was as follows: Tom-yes; Helen-yes; Liz-yes; Cliff-yes; Colleen-yes; Hal-yes; Dave-yes; Ed-no
- 3. Send email to full membership concerning the 2020 annual meeting cancellation and the proposed increase of dues to \$100/yr.
- 4. Per Ed's text message 4-22-20 we should post a sign about the system not being installed for the 2020 boating season. We need to have NFS approval to post any additional signs.
- 5. We need to remove/discard the protection boom from Tom's waterfront area as soon as possible. Jim asked that the connector hardware and other reusable pieces be saved. Jim and Cliff said that they would help. Tom will contact a service to get a dumpster.
- 6. Jim to send out the description for installation, O&M, monitoring and removal.
- 7. Jim to call Elastec and talk to them about reducing the boom/net sections to 50 ft or four/side. Then let the BoD know what they proposed.

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM by Dave - 2nd by Hal. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by David Foster

- ENCL: 1. Revised Agenda  
2. Treasurer's Report