

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

Saturday, August 4, 2012

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, August 4, 2012, at the Orr American Legion Post 480, in Orr, Minnesota. A quorum of Members was present in person and by proxy. Jim Hawkinson, Vice President of the Association, acted as chairman for the meeting in President Tom Pelach's absence. Keith Baker, Secretary of the Association, acted as secretary for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hawkinson at 11:15 a.m.

Mr. Hawkinson introduced himself and explained that he was acting in President Tom Pelach's absence. Mr. Pelach had an out of town conflict. Mr. Hawkinson reviewed the Association's mission statement and provided some other background information on the Association. He thanked all of the Members in attendance at this fourth annual meeting for their interest and support. In response to his request, no Members had any specific questions or topics to be addressed during the meeting. Mr. Hawkinson then introduced the other Officers and Directors who were present at the meeting.

Mr. Hawkinson then summarized a handful of the Association projects and activities over the last year. Minnesota DNR fish survey crews were on Pelican Lake just this past week and will continue next week. They are completing a fish population survey that had been cut short in 2011 due to the state shutdown. While the actual results will not be tallied for some time, there was an anecdotal comment from the crew that there appeared to be more walleyes than in the past. The Pelican Lake Resort Association and a few volunteers once again placed 51 buoys/hazard markers on the lake this year. The Association donated \$200 to the Resort Association to help defray a portion of expenses related to the markers. Mr. Ingebretsen (a Director of the Association and also the President of the Resort Association) advised the Association's Directors that the Resort Association will begin the process of converting the cables holding the markers to chains. Apparently, the cables on some of the markers fray on nearby rocks and eventually break. Members again voiced their appreciation of the markers. A Member related that a marker near Bald Island ("shark fin") has been missing. Another Member noted that a buoy near Butterball Island was also significantly off its usual location. Mr. Dan Donovan, a Director, thanked the Members for these reports. The information will be passed along to the Resort Association and the volunteers helping the Resort Association with the markers. Mr. Donovan also encouraged Members to report issues with the markers to the Association via email (info@pelicanlakeshoreowners.org) or by telephoning any of the Directors. Mr. Grover Gillespie, a Director, echoed that sentiment and thanked the Members for their assistance.

The Directors reviewed the Citizen Water Quality Monitoring program as a potential Association activity. Given the lack of interest expressed by Members since last year's meeting and in response to this year's mailing (May 2012), the Association will not be involved as a group in this program. Noting that it was a longstanding and successful program, however, Mr. Hawkinson encouraged any Members interested in this activity to look up the contact information on the Minnesota DNR (and PCA) websites and volunteer.

In other actions, the website for the Association has now been transferred to and will be hosted locally by W.A. Fisher, out of Virginia, Minnesota. There was an initial expenditure of about \$500 for the transfer and first year's fees. The Officers, Directors, and the Members present at the meeting thanked Member Lance Donovan for donating his time (and funds) for creating and hosting the website, as well as entering website updates for the last four years. The Association joined MRSPO again for a second year, at a cost of \$100. The Directors are hoping to see some benefits from membership in MRSPO on the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) front. The Directors will review this membership next spring and determine

whether to continue next year. The Association again hosted an information booth at Orr's July 3, 2012 festivities. Members Art and Judy Jytyla, Gene Coyer, and Gary Coyer volunteered to help the Directors with the information booth. Mr. Hawkinson thanked those Members for helping out.

As a preliminary note to the Treasurer's Report, Messrs. Hawkinson and Gillespie, on behalf of themselves and the other Directors and Officers, thanked Mr. Len Zabrocki for his four (4) years of dedicated service to the Association as Secretary, Treasurer, and a Director. The Members gave Mr. Zabrocki a round of applause in recognition of his service and volunteer work. Thank you, Len!

Treasurer's Report

Next, recently elected Treasurer Grover Gillespie presented the annual Treasurer's Report. Even with the 2011 and 2012 years being combined as one "dues/assessment" period, the Association had received another \$610 in dues and donations since the last annual meeting. He reviewed the expenses over that time as detailed on the report. While bills for the annual meeting and luncheon expenses and some website work have not yet been received, the Association's checkbook balance stood at \$1,807. (Another \$150 had not yet been deposited at the time of the meeting, bringing this total to \$1,957.) The floating "key chains" with a watertight compartment purchased last year were distributed at this meeting. Contact a Director if you would like to receive one. The Association's name and address are on each key chain. In conclusion, Mr. Gillespie thanked all Members for their interest in the lake and the Association.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

Mr. Hawkinson then provided background information concerning AIS. AIS related efforts may very well become an important Association activity. In response to prompting by questions from the Association, the DNR has now created a two page guide on ways for lake associations to become involved with AIS efforts. This guide was handed out prior to the meeting. The DNR will provide matching fund grants (applications required) for signs, materials to distribute, advertisements, and other projects, as well as provide training if there is sufficient interest. Members are encouraged to visit the DNR's AIS website for a wealth of information and ideas. There are links on the Association's website, too. The Directors will gauge interest in Association – sponsored AIS projects and activities based upon the level of interest shown by Members in volunteering their time. Projects will have to be selected with a view to both cost and participation level/success. Accordingly, it is important for Members to let the Directors know of their interest in serving on AIS related projects.

Several Members voiced their support for any AIS efforts on Pelican Lake. Signs are helpful, but having volunteers at access points would be even better. Mr. Baker stated that the DNR indicated that any activities at access points must be approved by and coordinated with the owner of the access – e.g., the DNR, the City of Orr, Township or County. Another Member suggested hiring teenagers and young adults to help. While the Association does not want to hire employees, another Member suggested contacting the University of Minnesota – Duluth and other local colleges for graduate students interested in environmental sciences. Often, the school has an intern program and the school handles and pays for employees/interns. If there are a sufficient number of volunteers indicating interest, Mr. Baker advised that the DNR will provide a training session in the area that is a prerequisite to acting as a volunteer at DNR accesses. The DNR also provides educational materials for distribution. A number of Members suggested that, while it would be difficult to cover all accesses (many of which are private), perhaps some key accesses could be "manned" on important fishing days – fishing opener, Memorial Day, other peak weekends, etc. At a Member's request, a "sign up" sheet will be available after today's meeting for those who are interested in AIS. Mr. Baker then attempted to play an informational DVD prepared for the DNR on AIS, but the sound was not audible to most of the Members in attendance. He apologized for the problem and urged all Members to view the DVD via the DNR's website. There are 25 minute and 11 minute versions, with a lot of good information.

Miscellaneous

In a question and answer session, the attendees discussed the use of email versus mailing. Most present indicated that email worked well for them. In response to a question about maps and changing the names of islands on the lake to traditional names, Mr. Hawkinson suggested that Members contact W.A. Fisher in Virginia to make those changes; Fisher has an established procedure for name changes. Mr. Poczekaj again solicited interest by any Members in serving in connection with the Association, including as an Officer and Director. Another Member wondered about information on wood salvagers who are available to harvest downed trees after the July 4 storm. Mr. Hawkinson had inquired himself, but generally learned that transportation costs are the biggest issue. Most likely, Members will have to pay someone to remove fallen trees, even 100+ year old pines.

Election of Directors

As a final agenda matter, Mr. Hawkinson directed the Members' attention to the ballot that had been distributed prior to the meeting during check-in. A number of proxies had also been received in advance of the meeting. In response to the May 2012 mailing to all Members, only two (2) Members expressed an interest in serving as a Director. One of those Members later decided that he did not want to act as a Director. The other Member who expressed an interest in volunteering and serving as a Director was Ms. Pam Brink. Mr. Hawkinson introduced Ms. Brink and thanked her for agreeing to be on the ballot as a potential Director. 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, Ray Ingebretsen, Dan Donovan, John Poczekaj, Keith Baker, and Pam Brink.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Gillespie thanked Mr. Hawkinson for serving as a Director and Vice President for the past two years. His contributions will be missed.

After the meeting was adjourned, the Association hosted a luncheon for all of those in attendance.

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