

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

**Saturday, July 26, 2014**

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, July 26, 2014, at the Orr American Legion Post 480, in Orr, Minnesota. All seven (7) Directors were present in person. Keith Baker, Secretary of the Association, recorded more than a quorum of Members present in person and by proxy. Dan Donovan, President of the Association, acted as chairman for the meeting. Keith Baker acted as secretary for the meeting. Mr. Donovan called the meeting to order at 11:10a.m.

**Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

Mr. Donovan thanked the Members for attending the meeting. He then introduced himself and the other Directors. He briefly reviewed the Agenda and reminded the Members to check the Association's website for historical and current information – [www.pelicanlakeshoreowners.org](http://www.pelicanlakeshoreowners.org). He then asked Director and Treasurer Grover Gillespie to provide the Treasurer's Report to the Members.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Gillespie referred the Members to the written Treasurer's Report distributed to them prior to the meeting. He noted that this Report covered the period July 21, 2013 (just prior to last year's annual meeting) through July 21, 2014. On July 21, 2013, the Association's account balance stood at \$1,997.41. Since July 21, 2013, the Association received \$1,535.00 in dues and incurred \$1,451.10 in expenses, leaving a closing balance on July 21, 2014, five (5) days ago, of \$2,081.31. Mr. Gillespie noted that the 2014 annual meeting expenses had not yet been paid and that some additional dues have been received since July 21, 2014, including a few memberships paid today. He went through and detailed each expense category. Major items included over \$400 for website hosting, renewal, and updates; last year's annual meeting expenses (\$338); donations for buoy/hazard marker repairs to the Pelican Lake Resort Association (\$200); membership in Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (\$100); a donation to the Chamber of Commerce for the February 2014 fireworks celebration on the lake (\$100); mailing expenses; and Post Office Box expenses. At the conclusion of his Report, there were no questions.

Next, Mr. Donovan presented his President's Report on the Association's activities during the last year. Highlights of his Report and those activities follow.

**Hazard Markers**

Mr. Donovan presented a history of the Association's role in securing a St. Louis County permit for the hazard markers on the lake. The permit is held by the Pelican Lake Resort Association. Besides the initial 25 buoys provided by the County, the Association had purchased an additional 26 buoys. Mr. Donovan noted that the Association had again made a donation to the Resort Association (\$200) to help defray a portion of the annual repair and maintenance costs for the hazard markers. He asked Members to contact a Director to report any problems with a specific marker (missing, damaged, moved, etc.) and the Association would then contact the Resort Association. Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Poczekaj will try to coordinate a program for GPS locations of the markers. Mr. Pelach explained that a good portion of the annual repairs consists of replacing cables with sturdier chains. The cables fray with wave motion and rust.

## **Outlet Dam**

Next, Mr. Donovan described the rather lengthy history of the Association's discussions, prodding, meetings, and work with the DNR concerning the outlet dam. The Association had been successful in raising the level 1 to 3 inches, after much effort. Recently, discussions have centered on the "hole" in the middle weir of the dam. The Directors successfully convinced the DNR to close the hole, but in the Spring of 2012 (after reports of a fish kill), the DNR had reopened the hole. The Directors have worked hard to get the hole closed but, as of now, the DNR appears to leaning towards reopening the hole late each fall and closing it in early spring, to facilitate downstream water flow in the Pelican River. While the Association and DNR do not necessarily agree on many fronts, the relationship has moved from a confrontational one to a more constructive one. Mr. Donovan reported that the Association now has a voice with the DNR and several contacts. The Directors will continue to discuss the outlet dam and other lake matters with the DNR.

## **Water Clarity – Secchi Disc Measurements**

The Directors would like Member volunteers to perform weekly Secchi disc readings (depth to which the disc is visible) to measure water clarity. The data can be reported to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) as part of a state-wide volunteer program. In speaking with representatives of the PCA, Mr. Donovan advised that if the Association can establish a reliable track record of measuring and reporting results, the PCA will then allow the Association to perform other water quality sampling. Six (6) volunteers are needed. Director Pam Brink will lead and coordinate the volunteers. The readings will be done once per week in June through August or September. Louis Edgell volunteered. Mr. Donovan thanked him and noted that a sign-up sheet would be available for others to indicate their interest after the meeting.

## **Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates – Aquatic Invasive Species**

Mr. Donovan provided a history of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR). Its leader, Jeff Forester, had attended a previous annual Association meeting and gave a presentation to Members. MLR works to get lake associations to collaborate together and also does significant lobbying at the Capitol on lake, water, and aquatic invasive species (AIS) issues. The Association continues to evaluate its membership in MLR each year. MLR appears to be a significant and, at times, one of the few coordinated "voices" pushing for solutions to AIS problems. MLR was successful in getting funds allocated by the State to Counties for AIS projects.

## **July 3 Booth**

The Association again hosted a booth at the Third of July celebration in Orr. The Directors encouraged Members to volunteer next year. It is a decent way to get the word out about the Association. Mr. Poczekaj urged the Members present to consider discussing the Association and membership with neighbors or friends who are lakeshore owners. Mr. Donovan also asked Members to consider service as a Director for the Association. A handful of the Directors have been serving since the Association was founded in 2008. It is important for the Association's long-term health and success that more Members take an interest in serving and volunteering.

## **Questions**

Mr. Donovan opened the floor to questions from Members. A Member noted that Anderson's Barging will have a barge on the lake soon (doing septic work on a couple of islands) and asked that Members spread the word. Mr. Baker responded to another Member's question about the DNR's recent walleye fry

stocking (2013 and 2014). Another Member discussed septic tank maintenance and the importance of the same on lake water quality. In response to a question, Mr. Donovan advised that the Association will not be “policing” septic tank compliance. Given the number of Members and the lack of active volunteer interest, he noted that the Association’s role will mostly be that of a “reactive” organization. There were no further questions and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20p.m.

### **Election of Directors and Luncheon**

After the meeting was adjourned, voting for Directors took place. After all ballots and proxies were tallied, the seven (7) Directors had been reelected. There were no write-in votes. A complimentary luncheon was hosted by the Association after the meeting.

As a final reminder to all Members, please visit the website ([www.pelicanlakeshoreowners.org](http://www.pelicanlakeshoreowners.org)) and send any questions, suggestions, and other input to the Directors at any time by email ([info@pelicanlakeshoreowners.org](mailto: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*

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Keith W. Baker, Secretary for the Meeting