

Healthy Lake Committee

Pelican Lake Healthy Water and Fish Committee – A Committee of the R.M. of Prairie Lakes

Minutes from the Meeting via Zoom and In-Person on January 21, 2023

- Meeting was called to order at 11:03 am by Trevor Maguire
 - In attendance: Trevor Maguire, Brianna Cullen, Charlotte McConnell, Robyn Forsman, Gerry Paradis, Lorraine Paradis, Dan Leslie, Debbie Leslie, Darren Seymour, Dennis Schram
 - Regrets: Dwayne McCharles, Kevin Johnston, Doug & Leanne Treloar, Aaron Sawatsky
- Approval of Minutes
 - A motion was made by Brianna Cullen to accept the minutes from the previous meeting on March 22, 2022 as circulated.
Seconded by Gerry Paradis. All in favor, Carried.
- Agenda
 - A motion was made by Dennis Schram to adopt the agenda as circulated.
Seconded by Lorraine Paradis. All in favor, Carried.
- Financial Report
 - The overall net profit for 2022 was \$24,817.74
 - There is currently a balance of \$90,578.06 in the accounts.
 - PVWD will once again be donating \$525 towards hydro costs.
 - Charlotte McConnell made a motion to accept the financials as presented.
Seconded by Dennis Schram. All in favor, Carried.
 - A motion was made by Brianna Cullen to authorize the treasurer to manage the reserve investments in short term (2 year maximum) investments to maximize yield.
Seconded by Gerry Paradis. All in favor, Carried.
- Science Fair Award
 - A motion was made by Charlotte McConnell to once again donate to the Western Manitoba Science Fair. \$300 will be donated to sponsor two self-nominated awards to projects revolving around natural repair or enhancement of watersheds.
Seconded by Lorraine Paradis. All in favor, Carried.
- Carp
 - We need to do a public presentation showing the results of the carp project. We will look into renting the hall in Ninette, with the exact date to be determined. Mark will attend to assist with the presentation, and if scheduling works, Max will join and provide details from the index netting that took place in the summer.
- Signage
 - Discussion took place regarding upcoming changes to fish limits as well as aquatic invasive species (AIS).
 - A motion was made by Charlotte McConnell to spend up to \$500 on signage that will provide information on new fish limits as well as AIS.
Seconded by Darren Seymour. All in favor, Carried.

- 2023 Derby
 - Registration will once again be online only and will open February 1st.
 - Sponsor letters have been mailed and we are starting to see donations come in.
 - The addition of new rules were discussed.
 - Porta-potties have been booked through Serenity Sanitation.
 - GVE Killarney has a prize to pick up.
 - A motion was made by Dennis Schram to allow not-for-profit organizations the opportunity to advertise with the derby.
Seconded by Charlotte McConnell. All in favor, Carried.
 - 50/50 will run the same as 2022. Tickets will be sold online only from Feb 13 to March 4.
 - We will not have a food booth at the derby, but there will lunch supplied for the volunteers.
 - Security has a few volunteers lined up, a volunteer request email can be sent out for additional help if needed.
 - Dennis and Gerry will keep an eye on snow and ice conditions, and will ensure clearing is done in advance of the derby.
 - Top prize will be a 2023 Outlander quad – cost \$8500, retail \$9900. Many additional prizes have already been purchased.
 - The derby office/warming hut will be built again as it worked well last year.
 - Discussion took place about what a future derby may look like as the province will be implementing new fish limits as well as the use of an app system for all derbies. Both would have a major impact on The Healthy Lake Derby.

- Pelican Lake Advisory Meeting
 - The committee will write a letter to MI asking to have the fish gates fixed for Spring 2023. Short-term requirements would be changing the gates to something easier to keep clean and free of debris, and to backfill the deeper holes found within the channel.
 - The operations license was discussed, along with the water level limits provided within the license.

- Motion to adjourn at 12:43 pm.



Trevor Maguire, Chairperson



Brianna Cullen, Secretary