

# Healthy Lake Committee

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

### Minutes from the Meeting on December 15, 2018 at Hot 'n' Frosty

- Meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm by Trevor Maguire
  - In attendance: Charlotte McConnell, Brianna Cullen, Lawrence Cotter, Dwayne McCharles, Kevin Johnston, Jerry Venables, Brent Horner, Dan Leslie, Gerry Paradis, Trevor Maguire, Lorraine Paradis, Robyn Forsman, Darren Seymour, Jack Ewatski, Debbie Leslie, Leanne Treloar
  - Regrets: Al Young, Adele Young, Nick Vodden, Dennis Schram
  
- Approval of Minutes
  - A motion was made by Gerry Paradis to accept the minutes as circulated from February 15, 2018.  
Seconded by Jerry Venables. All in favor, Carried.
  
- Agenda
  - A motion was made by Charlotte McConnell to approve the agenda as amended.  
Seconded by Robyn Forsman. All in favor, Carried
  
- Financials
  - Financial reports were circulated by Charlotte McConnell. As of December 14, 2018, the PLHWF bank account balance is \$59,371.26.
  - The net profit to date for 2018 is \$(1875.90)
  - We have not yet received the \$7500 cheque from the RM.
  - There are a few reimbursements owed for the spawning shoals that will be calculated ASAP.
  - Brianna Cullen made a motion to approve financial reports as circulated.  
Seconded by Dan Leslie. Vote: All in favor, Carried.
  
- Future Meetings
  - A discussion was had regarding the amount and location of future meetings. We will continue to attempt to have four meetings a year and will look into the possibility of holding the meetings at various locations.
  
- Equipment Updates
  - The Marina Terrace Field has two operational 20HP compressors with one backup. Three lines of bubbler heads were replaced this summer.
  - The North End Field has a 5HP and 7.5HP compressor. The Frankenstein compressor is dead.
  - We have received permission to put an equipment shed in at the North End.
  - A motion was made by Darren Seymour to look into selling the three helix aerators as they are no longer being used.  
Seconded by Gerry Paradis. Vote: All in favor, Carried.

- KLAC
  - Trevor and Gerry were advisors to the Killarney Lake Action Committee and helped with the installation of an aeration field in Killarney Lake. Their new field is now up and running.
  
- Spawning Shoals
  - Two spawning shoals were put into the north end of the lake. Mats were laid this spring and have shown evidence of some fish eggs.
  - If upon further study, it is found that walleye are in fact using the spawning shoals, AAE will apply for further funding to install additional shoals around the lake.
  
- Water Testing
  - Nick and Gerry both pulled water samples from the lake throughout the year.
  - Trevor will forward all of the results to the committee.
  - We will continue to take samples this coming year, ideally three samples.
  
- Carp
  - A bubbler line was installed in the bottom of the channel at Pleasant Valley. When turned on, it will create a curtain of bubbles. Cameras can be installed for fish counts and monitoring.
  - We will reapply for a grant with AAE for carp eradication and census.
  - The committee discussed the idea of running a carp only derby in the Spring to help reduce the carp population.
  
- Western Manitoba Science Fair (WMSF)
  - A motion was made by Jack Ewatski to once again donate to the WMSF. \$300 will be donated to sponsor two self-nominated special awards to projects revolving around natural repair or enhancement of watersheds.  
Seconded by Dan Leslie. Vote: All in favor, Carried.
  
- Fishing Derby – March 2, 2019
  - Darren Seymour made a motion to keep the existing rules for the derby pertaining to a tie in length of fish, with some clarifications being added.  
Seconded by Jerry Venables. Vote: All in favor, Carried.
  - Charlotte McConnell made a motion where once the top 21 prizes have been awarded, we will continue to award prizes to fish caught. If prizes remain afterwards, we will then continue on to a random draw.  
Seconded by Brianna Cullen. Vote: All in favor, Carried.
  - A discussion was had regarding the survey that was sent out to derby participants after the 2018 fishing derby. We had a lot of positive feedback! Key points brought to our attention are as follows:
    - We will investigate the possibility of posting leaders in real-time on social media and in our derby village.

- The kids will have their own separate prize table in the event that random draws take place.
  - Prize tables will be roped off and kept farther away from the live well.
  - We will allow pre-registered participants to print off their own tickets so they can avoid the line ups at check-in.
  - The village layout will be spread out, allowing for more room during the prize ceremony. We will try to rope off areas to keep people from crowding the prize tables, food area, etc.
  - We will continue to sell our burgers and hotdogs at low costs. The rental BBQ was a success and will once again be brought out from Brandon.
  - General derby discussion and planning took place.
- Motion to Adjourn.