

Papakeechee Protective Association (PPA)  
Annual Meeting

At 09:03 am on August 15, President, Steve Herendeen called the 2015 Papakeechee Protective Association Annual Meeting to order.

Roll Call:

President	Steve Herendeen	Treasurer	Sally Whitehead
Vice President	John Hart	Secretary	Pat Ebetino

District # 1 Director	Paul Garl	District 5A Director	
District # 2 Director	Bernie Ebetino	District 6 Director	Jim Whitehead
District # 3 Director	Larry Clough	District 7 Director	Steve Schwartz
District # 4 Director	Dave Hewitt	District 8-9 Director	Terry Radtke
District # 5 Director	John Hart		

**Secretary Report:**

Copies of the minutes for the August 16, 2014 Annual Meeting were available on the table at the back of the room.

- Mary McBride, District 6, made a motion to accept, as written, the Secretary's report.
- Dan Mikolajczak, District 6, seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:**

Copies of the Annual Treasurer Reports were available on the table at the back of the room.

Annual Treasurers Report Highlights:

- Total income: \$160,383.01
- Total expense: \$152,819.02

Questions/comments regarding Annual Treasurer Report:

Charlotte Hill, District 1

- Why is accounting expense more than last year? **Response:** The increase was a result of Compensation to the new treasurer appointed in mid-2013-2014 year. This year the treasurer was compensated for a full year.
- Line 17 Dam Loan Interest shows \$60,880, was that all interest, principal and interest 2013 -2014? **Response:** We will check and advise.
- Line 27 Interest Expense – LOC what is the \$4405.55? **Response:** That was not changed from last year's report. We will go back and find out what this was.

- Line 36 Fund Raiser, what is this amount? **Response:** This is the 'seed' money the Celebration committee raised which is shown as income in 2013-2014 on line 9.

Larry Druckamiller, District 4

- When did we start charging the Dam Assessment? Initially understood the assessment would be for 10 years, seems like we have been paying for longer than that. **Response:** The construction was started in 2012. We believe we started the assessment in 2008? We will find out the exact year and report it.

Jon Korejwa, District 6

- The assessment started prior to the construction as there were significant costs obtaining the inspections and the permits.
- Susan Reed, District 5A made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report.
- Mary McBride, District 6 seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

2016 Budget:

Handout in back of room: 2015 at far right. Due to number of inspections, and maintenance of Wetland Mitigation area, the expenses are higher in 2016.

Questions/comments regarding 2016 Budget:

- Charlotte Hill, District 1 – At one time there was discussion about donating wetland to WACF, what happened to that proposal? **Response:** They are interested, however, only after we have passed all the inspections. We are still interested in pursuing.
- Jon Korejwa, District 6 – What types of plants are we putting in the mitigation area, annuals? **Response:** Perennials
- Ed Haffner, District 1 – What does WACF stand for? **Response:** Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation.
- Carol I King, District 5 – Why would we be interested in donating Wetland Area to WACF? **Response:** To avoid ongoing costs. Again no decision has been made.
- Jim Lesh, District 4 – How big is the mitigated wetland area? **Response:** Ron Corson, District 1 advised that the wetlands were not always wetlands, they were three existing ponds. The Dam construction permits called for a new wetland mitigation area of about ¼ acre.
- Patsy Smith, District 5 – Long term, what would donating that area to WACF mean to that area. **Response:** Again we have not gotten that far in the discussions to know the answer.
- Jon Korejwa, District 6 – Would we lose sovereignty? **Response:** Yes, again more investigation would be required.

- Jon Clark, District 4 – Line 3 Hauling weeds, nothing allocated, has anything been done with this? **Response:** In 2014 we were asked to look into hauling weeds. We added it as a line item, but at this time, do not have any information.
- Diane Tulloh, District 4 – **Comment:** Weeds – LaPSI has been asked to investigate
- Art Bush, District 1 – **Comment:** Has lived here for about 10 years; the quality (pound wise) has deteriorated every year since he has been here.

### **Comprehensive Financial Review:**

- Steve Schwartz reported the committee (Jim Whitehead, Steve Schwartz, and Sally Whitehead) went through every check written and the checkbook line by line.
- The Treasurer keeps impeccable records.
- Everything is in order and in a three ring binder.
- There is nothing out of line.
- The committee signed off on July 09, 2015

### **Dam/Levee Project:**

- The 2014 Inspection was completed in April of 2015. We received a Satisfactory rating, which, based on the type of dam we have, is the best rating we can get.
  - Terry Radtke keeps results of all of the inspections, datasheets and photos. The Engineer was provided a copy of the results.
  - We walked the dam with the Engineers and they pointed out areas to watch.
    - The channel needs some repair
    - This work will be completed when the channel is dry.
  - Thanks to Terry Radtke (Dam Operator), John Hart (lake level monitoring), and Jim Whitehead, (mowing) for all their efforts.
- Wetlands – We are required to pass annual inspections for a period of 5 years.
  - 2014 Inspection - We were advised that we did not meet the ¼ acre mitigation area. That was corrected in November, which left a bare area to be seeded.
    - We purchased the type of seed that was called out in the plan (expense of approximately \$650).
    - It was also recommended that we plant some specific perennial aquatic plants in the mitigation area.
  - Cottonwoods and Willows in the old wetland area were contributing to seeding unwanted vegetation in the mitigation area.
    - Gary Moore volunteered to remove the trees in the old wetland area.
    - Gary Moore, John Hart, Larry Estep, Paul ? and Moore & Moore employees worked about 4 weeks to remove those trees
    - In May, a group of volunteers met to plant the aquatic plants. John and Georganna Hart, Arlene Corson, Diane Tulloh, Mark and Jan

- Laurent, Mark and Paul Erst, Steve Herendeen, Kendall Floyd, Steve Schwartz, Mac and Jody Hedges, Larry and Diane Clough.
- 2015 Inspection – We were advised we had Purple Loosestrife and cattails
    - August 9, volunteers met to wipe the unwanted plants and cut the seed pods from the cattails. This will be an ongoing process. Volunteers included: John and Georganna Hart, Arlene Corson, Mark Laurent, Mark Paul Erst, Paul Garl, Larry and Diane Clough

#### Questions/Comments regarding Dam / Levee Project

- Jeff Glon, District 3 – Regarding the grade being off, who is accountable for that? **Response:** We had a 1 year warranty but it was not caught during that time.
- Arlene Corson, District 1 – For clarification, we have annuals, bi annuals, and perianal in the wetland mitigation area.

#### Lake Maintenance:

- Chemicals
  - The second of week of May, we treated the lake with 6 gallons of Sonar.
  - We treated to the weeds just before they broke the surface of the water.
  - Marker buoys were put in the lake and signs were posted around the lake.
- We may need to replace the engine on the Chemical Boat before next year.
- The harvester was put in lake and Terry spent three hours removing about 10 loads of weeds at the inflow layer.
- Larry Druckamiller, District 4 – Feels that his area of the lake does not get treated for weeds. He lives over by the inflow area. They used to haul the cut weeds out of the lake. Why was that stopped? If we provide a dump truck to haul the weeds, he will volunteer his time,
- Ed Haffner, District 1 – Advised he has mowed that area in the past.
- A new valve will be put in at the Red Head Pond. The DNR currently has this out for bid. We're not sure what impact it will have on our lake.
- Paul Erst, District 6 – Is concerned about the water level. Their neighbor has water in their basement, and he gets water in his well house. **Response:** We have been adjusting the lake and experimenting with a temporary stop log. We are trying to find a happy medium. We monitor the weather and adjust the level of the lake as quickly as possible.

#### Presidents Report:

- We had fewer delinquencies this year. As of June 30, 2015, there were no unpaid property owners.
- We have been sending letters to the owners of unkempt properties. This has had some affect.
- An extra principal payment on the Dam/Levee Loan was made this year.

#### Recognition Ron Corson:

Steve Schwartz – Ron has been involved with PPA Board 33 years. In addition to being a Board member, he mowed the grass, and he continues to serve as our librarian / historian. We wanted to thank Ron for his past and continued support and presented him with an American Flag.

### **Election of Officers and District Reps:**

#### Slate of Officers:

Vice President	John Hart	elected
Treasurer	Sally Whitehead	elected

#### Board Members: Even Numbered Districts:

District 1	Paul Garl	elected
District 3	Larry Clough	elected
District 5	John Hart	elected
District 5A	Steve Yoder	elected
District 7	Steve Schwartz	elected

### **LaPSI**

- Lake Papakeechee Sustainability Initiative
- Mark Laurent reported that that LaPSI is a group of volunteers made up to study the lake. They have been making connections with other lake oriented groups around the area.
- This year they are focused on monitoring and working to identify weeds in the lake.
- They are continuing with water testing: eColi, Dissolved Oxygen, Water Clarity, Nitrogen/Phosphorous, Temperature, and Depth.
- On April 2, 2016 they will conduct a spring clean-up day from 10:0 – 2:00. In 2015, seven (7) volunteers collected over 800 pounds of trash. At no charge, Stuckman INC allowed us to dump all the trash we gathered.
- Regarding weed disposal, we are looking into that., It takes a while to collect all the data.
- A brochure on Home Owner practices will be distributed in the Pow Wow.
- Tony Seranni is putting together a repository of the technical and scientific data that is being collected.
- After the meeting, LaPSI volunteers will be available to talk about any of these activities.
- There will also be a sign-up sheet at the back of the room for those who would like to volunteer.
- Jon Korejwa, District 6 – Wants to ensure that the Board is tracking the communications with the outside agencies. **Response:** Yes, LaPSI is working with the Board. LaPSI more or less a committee of the Board.

- Ed Haffner, District 1 – Is it still a goal to make a topographic map of the lake? **Response:** Yes we have the data, and are trying to find the right software to create the map.
- Greg Ballentine, District 1 – Are you planning to do an aquatic life fish population, fish size, fish over population study? **Response:** Yes that is on the list. At this time there isn't an avid fisherman on the committee.

#### **PPA Members Address Board:**

- Jon Korejwa, District 6 – Good job on the Website. Keep it up.
- Mark Laurent, District 4 – There is a Papakeechee Wikipedia. He has done some work on this, if anyone has any suggestions for content, please let him know.
- Rita Schnedler, District 7 – We need to continue investigating a better way to get rid of the weeds. What happened to the dump truck and conveyor we used to have? **Response:** Both of them died and went to the scrap yard.
- Steve Herendeen, District 4 - Fish quality not as good in the last two years. He has talked to fishermen from other lakes they are seeing the same pattern.
- Dan Mikolajczak, District 6 – Wawasee is having the same results regarding the fishing.
- Bernie Ebetino, District 2 – Currently soliciting advertisements for the Fall POW WOW.
- Diane Tulloh, District 4 – Reminder about the sign-up sheets at the back of the room.
- Greg Ballentine, District 1 – What fishing laws are to be followed on the lake. We used to have stickers for boats to identify who was on the lake. How do we control over fishing and keeping non PPA members off the lake? **Response:** Indiana State Laws are to be followed. For overfishing, report to DNR. A few years ago we had a committee look into boat stickers. It was determined that the maintenance and enforcement was not feasible.
- Jon Korejwa, District 6 – What should we do when we find people that are using motors on the lake? **Response:** Find out if they are property owners, and remind them that motors are not permitted on the lake.
- John Hart, District 5 – Just wants to know how many people would strongly oppose trolling motors on the lake. Several people would be opposed.
- Ed Haffner, District 1 – His grandson caught a 'Bowfin (dogfish). **Response:** Get them out of the lake.

#### **Adjourn**

- Dan Mikolajczak, District 6, made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Jon Korejwa, District 6 - seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.