

Papakeechee Protective Association (PPA)  
Board Meeting

President, Pat Ebetino called the April 8, 2017 PPA Board Meeting to order.

Roll Call:

President	Pat Ebetino	Vice President:	Dave Hewitt
Treasurer:	Sally Whitehead	Secretary:	absent

District # 1 Director: Paul Garl	District # 5A Director: absent
District # 2 Director: Bernie Ebetino	District # 6 Director: absent
District # 3 Director: Larry Clough	District # 7 Director: absent
District # 4 Director: Steve Herendeen	District # 8-9 Director: Terry Radke
District # 5 Director: John Hart	

Guests:

Joyce "Arleen" Corson District 1

**Calendar:**

April:

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**Secretary Report:**

Minutes from the March 11, 2017 Board Meeting were distributed via e-mail.

- Steve Herendeen had some corrections:
  - Page 4 Section: Inventory of Keys – Steve Herendeen kept his key to the building
  - Page 4 Section: Director Concerns – Should be Steve Schwartz
  - Page 4 Section: Director Concerns – Under Sally change the word but to put.
- Pat Ebetino corrected the minutes, respectively.
- Bernie made a motion to accept the March 11, 2017 Secretary Report as corrected.
- Steve Herendeen seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

## Treasurers Report:

Sally Whitehead provided copies of the March 2017 Treasurer Report.

- Operating Fund: \$ 73,096.72
- Dam Fund: \$ 70,149.37
- Total: \$ 143,246.09
  
- Lake City Bank – Dam Construction Loan: **\$93,012.62**
  
- John Hart made a motion that we accept the Treasurers Report for March 2017.
- Dave Hewitt seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

## Status of Delinquent Dues /Assessments:

### Outstanding Dues/Assessments for 2014, 2015 and 2016:

- **District 5:**
  - Michele Creech 9800 N. Denzel Dr. – Lien filed

### Outstanding Dues/Assessments for 2017:

- Sally let us know that there are 33 outstanding payments for 2017.

## Dam & Lake Maintenance/Boats Report:

- General:
  - Terry let us know that the burn on the wetland took place on March 29<sup>th</sup>. It went very well.
  - Earth Exploration inspection is scheduled for April 13, 2017. Terry said that he was going to talk to Earth Exploration about the turtle crossings and possibly changing the turtle crossing to rip rap.
  - Terry contacted Dave Moore about the cost of gravel for the west levee but Dave has not gotten back to him about the cost.
  - Terry spoke to Kurt Hursey in more detail about the mowing of the slope. Kurt said that it would be \$30.00 per hour per person. Kurt would not give us a definite price until he mowed it at least once. They said that they would use the correct equipment as to not damage the slope.
  
- Larry Clough made a motion to hire Kurt Hursey to mow the slope for one time.
- Dave Hewitt seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.
  - Terry would like to start mowing in the coming week if he was going to be “hired” by the board to mow everything but the slope.
  
- Sally Whitehead made a motion to hire Terry Radtke for \$3,000.00 per year for mowing everything but the slope.
- Dave Hewitt second the motion

- Motion carried.
  - Weed Chemical is \$1,925.00 a gallon. We need an approval for \$11,550.00 for 6 gallons of chemical.
- Bernie Ebetino made a motion to purchase the 6 gallons of weed chemical for the cost of \$11,550.00.
- John Hart second the motion
- Motion carried.
  - The fence on the inlet area or the “tube” has some issues. One post is broken and several other posts are not very sturdy. We need to be thinking about what might need to be done to fix it.
  - Terry met with Randy Roberts from the Kosciusko County. They spoke about the culvert on Hatchery. Our toe drains drain into this culvert. Randy is doing the preliminary work on trying to get this culvert fixed so we won't have any drainage issues.
  - Terry also let us know that there is a pier and couple of boats just sitting on the east corner of the west levee in the water. We need to get this cleaned up.
  - Larry Clough had the dam inspection proposal from Earth Exploration, Inc. and there was a price reduction from \$6,000.00 to \$5,000.00. The reduction is because we have done such a good job keeping track of everything.
  - Larry asked Pat to sign it as president. Pat said she would take care of it.
  - Arleen spoke about the wetlands. She spoke with Dericke Lavoine from Tri-County Game Preserve. They spoke about lowering the water level on turtle pond and planting native plants there as well as at our inlet or the “tube”.
  - Larry just wanted to let us know that Williams Creek Consulting has corrected the report about us having open water in the wetland mitigation area. We, in fact, do not have open water in the wetland mitigation area. The letter was sent to both IDEM and USACE.

### **Old Business:**

- Spring PowWow
  - Spring PowWow was sent out. Bernie sent out the PowWow to the board via email. He also sent the PowWow out to association members that he had email address for via email and US Mail. Bernie has had a great response from the members and has gotten even more email address from members.
- Papakeechee Email
  - Pat is working on getting with Kendall about this. Kendall is still paying for the website and she would like to have a face to face meeting with him to discuss taking it all over from him.

- Fish Study
  - The committee, John Hart, Bernie Ebetino, Paul Garl and Steve Herendeen, got together to discuss the fish study. They decided that at the Annual meeting they think only one person from the committee should speak. They would like to give a summary of the fish study. State that the fish study is on the website. Let anyone know that does not have access to a computer to come see the board and we will get them a copy.
  - The main concern the fish committee would like to look into is the recommendation for the largemouth bass, which is allowing people to keep 1 bass over 16-inch bass and 5 under 12-inch bass. There is a group of bass in the 8-inch to 12-inch category that are depleting the food for the larger bass. The problem with this is we can't legally keep bass smaller than 14 inches. John has spoken with Jed Pearson, District DNR fisheries biologist, about this. Jed has let him know that we must put in a petition to the DNR to be able to keep smaller fish. Jed also let John know that we could keep it confidential between the DNR and the Board. Jed would walk John through the process of the petition to change the limit for just our lake.
  - Also, the committee got clarification about the bluegill recommendation of having a limit of 15 bluegill per day. The reason Aquatic Control thinks there should be a limit of 15 per day is because of the imbalance between the bluegill and largemouth bass issue.
  - The committee thinks that there are plenty of bluegill in the lake and that if by handling the largemouth bass issue than for the moment we should not worry about the bluegill recommendation.
- John Hart made a motion to be allowed to submit the fish study to Jed Pearson and start the process for the petition.
- Bernie Ebetino seconded the motion
- Motion carried.
- The committee spoke about possibly stocking walleye. Aquatic Control said there should be no problem with putting walleye in the lake. The walleye do not reproduce. The committee thinks that we should not use PPA money for this. John is willing to donate \$500.00 for the stocking of walleye. He would like to talk about it at the annual meeting and anyone who would be willing donate to come and talk to him. Also, by the time of the meeting he should have the numbers in order.
- Also, at the annual meeting make the suggestion about getting the carp, gar, etc., out of the lake.
- The committee is going to get together again to discuss a possible competition to fish/bow the carp, gar, etc. on the lake
- John talked to Diane Tulloh about the plant study and present it at the annual meeting. Diane said Charlotte is more up to date on the plants.

- Pat asked Arleen to look at the plant study and to possibly give us her thoughts on it.

### **New Business:**

- 2018 Budget
  - Possibly coming with a strategy to have funds in the future for maintenance of the dam, harvester, etc.

### **Guest Comments:**

- Arleen Corson attended from district 1. She spoke about a parcel map. She got the map from Bill Holder. She could possibly get maps of the lake with districts and lot numbers on the map.

### **Director Concerns:**

- Pat – She has worked with Kendall and has control of the email. She is monitoring it.
- Dave – Possibly selling the cutter, for the chemical boat, on ebay.
- Bernie – Emails on the PPA email. Bernie is getting requests from people with non-lake front properties about where to launch their boats and where the common piers are located. Maybe the cutter could be used to get rid of some of the lily-pads.
- Larry – General members might think that we are “feathering our own nest” but with Terry doing the mowing he is also doing an informal inspection on the levee and the damn. This helps us in the long run for the dam inspection.
- Paul – Concern about plant study and the recommendation on when to put the chemicals in. Terry and Dave explained why we do it and when we do it.

### **Adjourn:**

- Steve Herendeen made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Paul Garl seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

### **Meeting Schedule:**

- May 13, 2017 8:00 AM – PPA Building
- June 10, 2017 8:00 AM – PPA Building

### **2017 Goals:**

- Continue loan repayment schedule and pay off by 10-01-2018
- Develop 2018 goals and budget. Set lake dues for 2018.
- Continue to update existing procedures as that process evolves.
- Conduct Wetlands inspection with Williams Creek to their satisfaction if required.
- File delinquent claims in small claims court through our attorney by 06/01/2017.
- Have lake appearance and weed control in good shape by Memorial Day.
- Maintain an easy to use website with up to date information

- Review By-Laws / recommend changes
- Look at potential improvements to the PPA building

### **Calendar of Events:**

January:

- Member dues & fee notices mailed. **Completed**
- Send calendar year Financial Statement to Lake City Bank (LCB). **Completed**

February:

- Set Officers Pay **Completed**
- Preparation for filing prior year's tax return **Completed**

March:

- Establish Harvester and Lake Maintenance program and budget. **Completed**
- 1<sup>st</sup> draft of POW WOW by March 30 **Completed**
- Send copy of Tax Return to Lake City Bank (LCB). **Completed**
- Review Inventory of Keys **Completed**
- Conduct 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Dam inspection.

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June:

- Establish nominating committee
- President appoint Audit Committee of 3 Association Members
- Fiscal year end June 30
- Conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Dam inspection

July:

- Plan for Annual Meeting
- Propose and approve next calendar year's budget.

August:

- Annual Meeting
- Review Insurance coverage

September:

- Set goals for next calendar year.
- 1<sup>st</sup> draft of POW WOW by September 30
- Conduct 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Dam inspection
- Review next year's Goals

October:

- In prep of billing, begin updating lot owner list.
- As long as there is an outstanding loan balance, send copy of insurance renewal to LCB.
- Oct 15 receive insurance renewal for packaged policy; review coverage for revisions
- POW WOW distributed
- Finalize next year's Goals

November:

- In prep of billing, finish updating lot owners list.

December:

- Conduct 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Dam inspection.
- Dec 15 receive professional liability insurance renewal; review coverage for revisions