

Papakeechee Protective Association (PPA) Annual Meeting

At 09:03 am on August 13,2016, President,Steve Herendeen called the 2016 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 15, 2015 Annual Meeting were available on the table at the back of the room.

- Dan Mikolajczak District 6, made a motion to accept, as written, the Secretary's report.
- Jon Korejwa 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: \$154,487.00
- Total expense: \$132,938.88

The Board met this morning and approved applying an additional \$28,000 to the principle of our loan.

Questions/comments regarding Annual Treasurer Report:

Diane Tulloh, District 4; asked, "What is the amount for the Wetland inspection? **Response:** \$3600 per year, see line 20.

Mark Laurent, District 4; "The dam assessment goes through 2017. How will that work for those who pre-paid their dam assessment?" **Response:** As we did not know what the amount would be for 2018, pre-payment was collected to pay through 2017.

- Mark Deister, District 6 made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report.
- Roger Reed, District 5 seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

2017 Budget:

Handout in back of room:

- The second column shows projected income and expenses for 2017
- The 2016 budget is shown in the two (2) columns at the far right

- At the 2015 Annual meeting there was interest in having a fish study conducted. We contracted with Aquatic Control to perform the fish study and also, two plant studies. The initial plant study was done in May. The fish study was scheduled for July 28, however; due to the hot weather, it has been postponed. Monies for this study will come from LaPSI and other donations.

Questions/comments regarding 2017 Budget:

Fish Study – Brett Salisbury, District 1, “Will the study be published online?” **Response:** We have not yet determined how the results will be communicated. It is possible that we post it on our website, and we may also provide the information in a future POW WOW.

John Korejwa, District 6, “The bottom of the report is showing a deficit. How will that be made up?” **Response:** Our expenses in 2016 were not as high as expected. This makes up for the deficit.

Comprehensive Financial Review:

- Jon Korejwa reported the committee: (Jon Korejwa, 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 14, 2016

Dam/Levee Project:

- Regarding the Dam Inspection, Larry Clough reported that we passed this year’s inspection.
 - As a result of the inspection, it was suggested that we dredge the outlet channel to prevent erosion on the banks.
 - The channel was repaired as suggested.
- At a June workshop in Indianapolis, Larry was invited to give a presentation on our maintenance program. He received many compliments.
 - We received an e-mail in July. IDNR consultants were impressed with our accomplishments. Ideas that we presented will be used by other facilities.
 - As a result, we are now on a conversational basis with the DNR officials who regulate our dam as well as other state dams. This is good for Papakeechee.

Lake Maintenance:

Terry Radtke reported that the lake was treated in early May, which resulted in a good weed kill.

- As the weeds die, they break off at the root and float to the top.

A new engine was installed in the Chemical Boat.

The harvester has had a few breakdowns that have been repaired.

Fish beds – against the shore lines.

In November we will pull a stop log to prepare for winter weather.

Questions/Comments regarding Lake Maintenance

- Fred Witmer, District 5, “Lily Pads seem to be out of control this year. Is there something that can be done about the Lily Pads?” **Response:** Terry will take a closer look at this area.
- Susan Reed District 5, “Who should they call about weeds?” **Response:** Your District Representative.
- Terry advised several folks have asked what we can do for ourselves.
- You can purchase a cutter. It is shaped like a V and you can cut the weeds in front of your place. You can also purchase a landscape rake to pull the weeds out of the lake. If you leave them sit a couple days, they will dry, and then you can burn them.
- Mark Siboda, District 2, “Is the level of the lake due to the weather?” **Response:** Yes, the stop logs are currently at the normal summer level.
- In November, in preparation for winter weather, we will pull out a stop log.

Wetland Mitigation:

- In 2011 we received permits to build the dam. In order to get the permits, we needed to provide a wetland mitigation plan. We are required to have an inspection each year for a minimum of five (5) years. There are 3 species of vegetation that we cannot have any in the area. Eventually, we must pass two inspections. We looked at doing the work ourselves. We even reached out to LaPSI and determined that we do not have the expertise to do the inspections.
- Last year, Arleen Corson got involved, and she has a keen knowledge of plants and has worked countless hours in the area. She has done a great job of organizing volunteers. Thanks to Arleen and all the volunteers, the results of our inspections are improving. We had an inspection last week. We didn't pass, but we were verbally told that we are on the path of possibly being released within the next year.
- Arleen Corson provided an overview of the plant life in the mitigation area
- Also, Arleen recognized several volunteers for their assistance and gave out certificates of appreciation.
- A document titled, 'A Wetland Preservation Area of Papakeechee Lake' was also distributed.
- Diane Tulloh, District 4, recognized John Hart for all of his efforts in getting rid of the cattails.

Presidents Report:

Steve Herendeen gave his last President's Report. He has been President since 2011

One of the frustrating things he noticed when he first became President, was the lack of procedures. We have established procedures for some of the troublesome areas, and hopefully this will help future Boards.

We have made tremendous progress in paying off the loan.

State agencies are seeking our input. We are the "Little Engine that Could".

This Board is one of the strongest boards with which he has worked.

A few weeks ago, we held a special meeting concerning the blue green algae around the lake. As long as it is brown, it is considered healthy. Steve has a handout available.

LaPSI – Mark Laurent

- LaPSI stands for Lake Papakeechee Sustainability Initiative. It is a group that was formed about four (4) years ago. It is interested in scientific research, and environmental concerns around the lake. We work closely with the PPA Board
- Equipment was purchased to do testing for nitrogen, phosphorous, and dissolved oxygen
- Always interested in volunteers, in particular, looking for excel graphing skills
- Provided funding for the Plant and Fish Studies
- Heat, and slow moving water have contributed the increase in blue green algae.
- Lake best practices
 - If you use fertilizer, purchase one that has no phosphorous
 - Don't put your grass clippings or leaves in the lake.
- LaPSI has established good relationships with other organizations around the area. We were able to test our blue green algae through Nate Bosh from Grace College

Election of Officers and District Reps:

Slate of Officers:

President	Pat Ebetino	elected
Secretary	Bernie Ebetino	elected

Board Members: Even Numbered Districts:

- District 2
 - Bernie Ebetino
 - Rosalie Sorg was nominated by Jody Hedges
 - Vote Tie 3 to 3

- Steve Herendeen, President broke the tie – selected Bernie Ebetino based on Bernie’s past contributions to the Association
- District 4 Dave Hewitt elected
- District 6 Jim Whitehead elected
- District 8-9 Terry Radtke elected

Ron Corson, District 1 – point of order should the new President should be the one that cast the tie breaker. **Response:** Per our By-Laws the new president takes over at the adjournment of the meeting.

PPA Members Address Board:

Jon Korejwa – Regarding our dam project, he feels it is great that other areas are looking to us for input. Jon has urged the Board to consider providing a consulting service.

Linda Minnick, District 5A, “Is everyone allowed to tie a boat to the community dock?” **Response:** yes. Also, “What can be done about interlopers? A pick-up truck went down Holiday Lane and put a boat in the lake.” **Response:** Ask them if they own property on the lake. If not, contact the Sherriff as they are trespassers.

John Hart District 5, “Anyone is welcome to help fix the dock”, John will be glad to help coordinate, getting this dock properly installed.

Mark Laurent, District 4, “Thanks Steve for your service”.

Bernie Ebetino, District 2; Donations are needed, and always welcome PowWow advertisements appreciated.

Rex Salzberger, District 1, “You mentioned cleaning out the lake in front of your home. Some folks are not physically able. Does anyone know of anyone that will hire out?”

Arleen Corson, District 1, “If anyone is interested doing walking the wetland, she would be happy to stay after the meeting.

Ron Corson, District 1 Point of order District 2 no vacancy today, but will be at the first Board Meeting.”

Mark Laurent LaPSI light pollution – low voltage

Adjourn

- Shane Wallace, District 2 made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Roger Reed, District 5 - seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.