

Papakeechee Protective Association (PPA)
Annual Meeting

On August 12, 2017 President, Pat Ebetino called 2017 Papakeechee Protective Association Annual Meeting to order.

Roll Call:

President	Pat Ebetino	Vice President:	Dave Hewitt
Treasurer:	Sally Whitehead	Secretary:	Candace Wallace

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

Presidents Report:

Pat gave her presidents report. She was thankful to the member for their support. She let everyone know that the dam had been paid off!!! Pat let everyone know all the hard work Larry Clough has done for us on the dam as well as Arlene Corson on the wetlands. The levee inspection went well thanks to Terry Radtke. Pat let everyone know that there is a website that we are trying to keep it up to date. Also, there is an email address on the website so if any of the members would like to get a hold of the board that is one way to do it. There are several boats on the boat ramp, Pat asked the members to pick them up if they were theirs because they are blocking the ramp.

Secretary Report:

Copies of the minutes for the August 13, 2016 Annual Meeting were made available on the table in the back of the room for all members.

- Ron Korewja, District 6, made a motion to accept the August 13, 2016 Secretary Report.
- Terry Radtke, District 2, Ebetino seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

Copies of the Annual Treasurer's Report were made available on the table in the back of the room for all members.

Steve Herendeen spoke about the treasurer's report.

Annual Treasurers Report Highlights:

- Total Income: \$154,478.79
- Total Expenses: \$233,156.22
- Total Cash Assets: \$49,556.50

- Jon Korewja, District 6, made a motion that we accept the Treasurers Report.
- Roger Reed, District 6, seconded the motion.
- Phil Rohyans, District 6, denied motion.
- Motion carried.

2018 Budget

Handout in back of the room

- The second column shows projected income and expenses for 2018.
- The 2019 budget is shown in the two (2) columns at the far right.
- Break down of the current dues and of the proposed dues is on the bottom of the handout.

Comprehensive Financial Review

- Jon Korejwa reported the committee: Jon Korejwa, Steve Herendeen and Sally Whitehead went through the records.
- Everything is in order.
- Sally Whitehead has Impeccable records.

Questions/Comments regarding 2018 Budget:

- Fred Witmer, District 5 – Those who pre-paid on the dam, will there be a refund? Those who pre-paid only pre-paid up to the end of 2017.
- Charlotte Hill, District 1 – Isn't this the reason we have the Line of Credit? Why is it necessary to save from operating fund?
 - Steve H thought this was a valid point but he is of the mind that we should save ahead for an emergency. Charlotte thought that then maybe we should cancel the Line of Credit.
- Pat explained the fiscal year.
- Phil Rohyans, District 6 - Why are we paying an accounting firm?
 - Steve H reminded everyone of the fiasco we had several years ago and that was the reason we hired an accounting firm.
- Larry Druckamiller, District 4 – Why aren't we banking money?
 - Pat – We are trying to do that
 - Steve H. – We held off because of the dam costs.
- John Korewja, District 6 – If we only collect \$5,000 a year it would take us \$20,000 to get to \$100,000.
- Dave Hewitt, District 7 – We paid the building off in 2003, which was six and half (6 ½) years early.
- Bernie Ebetino, District 2 – The Line of Credit is not costing us anything.
 - Pat clarified to the members that there is a \$200 fee.
 - Bernie went on to say that if you vote the dues down that the assessment may cost more in the long run if the dues stayed the same.
- Larry Druckamiller, District 4 – The harvest doesn't come to my end of the lake, why should I have to pay for it?
 - Terry said that he has spent 10 days down there and asked Larry to come to the next board meeting to discuss this. Larry said he was willing to purchase a dump truck so the weeds weren't just dump in the lake over by

his house. Terry again asked Larry to come to the next board meeting so we could discuss this further.

Election of Officers and District Reps:

- Vice President Dave Hewitt Elected
- Treasurer Sally Whitehead Elected

Board Members: Odd Numbered Districts:

- District 1 Paul Garl Elected
- District 3 Larry Clough Elected
- District 5 David Floyd Elected
- District 5A Linda Minnick Elected
- District 7 Steve Schwartz Elected

Dam, Levee and Wetland Project:

- Dam Inspection – We Passed!!!
 - Some action Items
 - A few thousand dollars to fix.
 - Sealing has cracks.
 - Need to do some reseeding.
 - None of the action items are of a safety concern.
 - Saved \$2700 due to Terry's records.
 - This is the second bi-annual report
 - Mentioned that we have no Emergency Action Plan (EAP). The EAP can cost tens of thousands of dollars.
- Wetland Mitigation
 - Technically we didn't pass
 - There was issue with 4 purple loosestrife plates.
 - It was however, recommend by the CORE and IDEM to release us from building permits which is very good news. This allows us not to have to pay for inspections.
 - We can just do a self-inspection next year.
 - Arlene Corson and all the volunteers have done an amazing job.
- Emergency Action Plan
 - Larry is working with state Dam Officials regarding the EAP.
 - Larry is trying to find a way to write our own EAP for a fraction of the costs.
 - Working with county officials getting maps and other lakes EAP plans.
 - Also, met with DNR that will help walk us through the EAP process.
- Jon Korewja, District 6 – What the recourse to get paragraph out about not having an EAP?
 - Anyone able to do our inspections must be qualified by the state. Therefore, they will always make the recommendation to have an EAP.
 - There is a concern that not having and EAP might increase our Liability. We as a board don't even have a number.
- Rita Schnedler, District 7 – Better to be proactive than reactive.
- Ron Corson, District 1 – 1in. tidal wave could end up costing millions.
- Jim, District 4 – Do we have liability insurances?

- Steve H – We do have liability insurance. We are covered for general issues if we are not negligent.

Lake Maintenance

- Terry and Dave put the chemicals in May. The chemicals take care of the curly leaf. The yellow signs were posted and the lake buoys were put in. Should use the lake water for 30 days after chemicals are put in.
- Terry had a goal to go around the whole lake cutting weeds. Then come back and hit the weed patches. This all depends on mother nature.
- Paul Erst has been cutting the weeds and he is doing a great job. He has put in about 170 hours on the lake. Paul has been tracking the speed and where he has cut weed with an app he has on his phone. The harvester moves at about 4mph, when empty.
- Harvester has some issues with the conveyor. The link wires are worn about half way through. Terry is unsure of the cost to replace them.
- The lake is pretty much at the level it is going to stay at.
- Terry let us know about a way to clear the weeds in the shallows.
- Getting bids to fix the fence by the inlet on Koher Rd.
- Dam Drop Box
 - Will be taking out the 12 in log in November to “winterize” the lake
 - At one point this year they had taken out two (2) 12 in logs for the opening to equal 24 in. to let the water out.
 - When chemicals are put in the lake, the dam box is closed off, there is no opening to let extra water out. This is the way we keep the chemicals in our lake.
- Larry Druckamiller, District 4 – Thanks for taking care of the beavers by the tube.
- Rita Schnedler, District 7 – Thanks for everything Terry does.
- Don Doles, District 1 – Thanks for doing all your work but there are still a lot of weeds in front of my house.
- Art Bush, District 1 – Weeds never seen before now seeing them.

Fish Study

- John Hart reported on the fish study.
- John said that himself and Paul Garl followed the boat around for about 1.5 hours when they did the fish study. It was a cold rainy night.
- The boat went around the entire shore line
- The fish study said we are a Healthy Fishery that is typical of other lakes.
- There was a couple of imbalances.
 - Large Mouth Size
 - Large bass over grouping
 - Petition for a rule change but can take up to 2 years.
 - Limit blue gill
 - Limit sunfish
- The board put together a committee. The committee believes there is enough bluegill and they recommend the next fish study take place in 2019.
- Larry Druckamiller, District 4 – Did they find any Pike?
 - No pike were found.

- Art Bush, District 1 – Would a boat bother the fish since we don't have motors on our lake and they aren't used to it? How could they get an accurate reading?
 - John thought this was a good point.
- Art Bush, District 1 – There's an over population of Carp and Gar! I don't believe that we got our money's worth. Why would we pay these people again?
 - Dave said that the board wasn't sure if we would use them again as the board was not satisfied.
- Mark Siboda, District 2 – He did get 3 northern pike this weekend. The pike are here.
- Larry Druckamiller, District 4 – Would it be better if we just shocked the lake and then restocked? Something to consider.

Plant Study

- Arlene Corson said we couldn't have had a more complimentary report

LAPSI

- Charlotte Hill spoke on behalf of LaPSI. They are continuing their plant study and are looking for volunteers. Also, they have a website if anyone would like to check it out. They have also received a business entity and are tax exempt.

Article By Law Change

- Steve Herendeen, District 2, made a Motion to accept the wording to change the bylaws.
- Terry Radtke, District 8, second the motion.
- Discussion on the motion
 - Charlotte Hill, District 2 – Dues increase 2 years ago. The dues have increased 100% in the 2 years. This is ridiculous. Doesn't believe we need it.
 - Brendan Kenny, District 4 – Is there a way to put aside money for this?
 - That what the dues increase is for.
 - Jerry Miller, District 5A – This is only for the Harvester?
 - Sally Whitehead – This is an Emergency Fund.
 - Pat - We are not specifically looking for new harvester.
 - John Hart – Trying to save only part of it to go to Emergency Fund. Dues increase because all the things we need.
 - Rita Schnedler, District 7 – Trust the board to plan for future and use the money wisely.
 - Art Bush, District 1 – Look at what good happen in the future. Are we looking at another increase in another 2 years?
 - Dave H – We have been vigilant on paying money and making sure we are spending it right.
 - Art Bush, District 1 – You keep doing this every year. Some people live on fixed income.
 - Rita Schnedler, District 7 – Rather of increase than special assessment.
 - Terry Radtke - The prior dues raise was 16 years ago.
- Vote
 - 31 in favor, 10 against
 - Motion Carries

PPA Members Address Board:

- James Hatfield, District 6 – Concerns about flood plain and now needing flood insurance.
 - Dave has been talking to Mike Kissinger regarding this issue. The county is being forced to use the 100-year flood guidelines. To change the whole lake, we would have to go before Area planning and the process could take up to 2 years. Might be better off getting a topo survey to show you aren't in the flood plain.
- Art Bush, District 1 – Whose responsible for the common pier or association property? What if something happens?
 - The association is liable.
- Jerry Miller, District 5A – Piers on Levee
 - Larry said he was willing to look into seeing if Jerry can get his own pier since he technically isn't on the levee. Would probably have to be like the floating pier already on the levee.
- Art Bush, District 1 – Red pontoon with solar panel. It looks as if they were using the solar panel/battery and not pedaling. What can be done about this?
 - Pat – If you know the house please get me the information and we will take care of it.

Adjourn

- Steve Herendeen, District 4 – Made a motion to adjourn the meeting
- Rita Schnedler, District 7 – Seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.