

Papakeechee Protective Association
Annual Meeting - August 14, 2022

Call to Order - President Pat Ebetino D2

Roll

President - Pat Ebetino D2

Vice President - Dave Hewitt D4

Treasurer - (NP) Crystal Slayton

Secretary - Linda Minnick D5A

District Representatives -

District 1 - Alysia Hammel

District 5A - Marshall Minnick

District 2 - Bernie Ebetino

District 6 - Jim Whitehead

District 3 - Anthony Serianni

District 7 - Sherry Doherty

District 4 - Mark Laurent

District 8 & 9 - Terry Radtke

District 5 - Steve Longstreet

President's Welcome - Pat Ebetino D2

A. Acknowledged the low Lake level and abundance of weeds

1. Note 3 steps taken that were recommended in weed study
 - a. treat earlier
 - b. lower Lake level
 - c. increase amount of herbicide
2. Explanation of underwater application method used
3. Explanation of Lake level having been lowered to prevent chemical loss / lack of rain to refill
4. Harvester operation impeded by low Lake level
5. Encourages anyone with concerns or ideas to contact their District Rep, Their phone numbers are on the website.

* Motion to Accept 2021 Minutes - Jon Korejwa D6, Second - Mark Deister D6, Carried

Treasurer's Report - Mark Laurent D4

A. Line items

25. Weed Chemicals - \$18,540.00
27. Community Roads - mostly snow plowing, grading, gravel Promontory, last year Hiawatha, there is a Road Committee any concerns contact your District Rep
30. Weed Removal - dredging done at Holiday Lane for Harvester access

B. Balance - \$115,437.44

1. Explanation for Dues income down \$1,000.00 ?

Balance is as of June 30, all Dues are now paid for this year

* Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report - Dave Floyd D5, Second - Dan Mikolajczak D6, Carried

Financial Review Board - Jon Korejwa D6, Sherry Doherty D7, Treasurer Crystal Slayton D4

- A. Jon Korejwa D6 - Everything is in order. Crystal is doing a wonderful job. There was an orderly transition to the new Treasurer

LaPSI Presentation - Anthony Serianni D3

- A. A group of Lake residents who evaluate water quality by testing Clarity, Phosphorus level, bacterial concentrations, herbicide level, ect.
- B. Funded almost exclusively by donations and grants
- C. Measures and interprets scientific parameters to insure Lake health, maintain property values, quality of life
- D. Monitoring phosphorus for years keeping track of elevated levels coming in from Red Head pond
- E. Herbicide level testing, effectiveness on plant control
- F. Consider volunteering to help LaPSI, contact Anthony
- G. Brad Ballentine D1 - Can you give an explanation of the Lake's current status based on LaPSI's scientific study?

Anthony - 1. The Secchi clarity test, for example, shows the Lake at a midway point (mesotrophic) to eutrophication. 2. Herbicide testing has given the rate of decay so we know the ½ life or how long the chemical remains effective that helps determine the quantity we need to use.

3. Phosphorus amounts are low which is good except for areas near the Red Head pond inlet.

Mark - The Lake is generally healthy. We are lucky being a private Lake that we are avoiding some terrible invasives such as Starry Stonewort that other lakes are dealing with.

Maintenance - Terry Radtke D9

- A. Conducts quarterly Dam inspection, takes photos, fills out forms for record keeping for the required state biennial inspection and report
 - B. Mowing - includes monitoring Dam & the Lake, keeping west levee grass longer than area lawns
 - C. Invasive control - Please, clean boats to avoid Zebra Mussel transfer from other lakes
- #? - Cracks in the sidewalk? Terry - still monitoring, engineers are keeping track, not a problem right now

Mark Deister D6 - Is the Harvester everything that we were promised?

Terry - Yes, a fantastic piece of machinery, a good investment

President's Report - Pat

- A. Thanks to the Board and to the Volunteers and Thank You for coming
- B. 240 property owners, the Board works for all, if you want to know what the Board is doing check the website for Meeting Minutes, the Calendar is also there, all are welcome to attend monthly Board meetings, Questions? Contact your District Rep first.
- C. Final release of the Wetland was received in February. We no longer have a mitigation responsibility, Thanks to Arlene Corson for her work to identify all of the plants and to all of the

volunteers who worked in the Wetland. During the April meeting there was a unanimous vote saying "It is in the best interest of the Association that we no longer expend effort to continue managing the growth of the vegetation within the wetland".

- D. Notice the new file room, Ron Corson asked that we find a place to store the files that have been at their home for years. Thanks to Terry, his wife Janie, daughter, grandson & Paul for construction.
- E. I started coming to Papakeeche in 1970, I have been Secretary for 8 years and 6 years as President because I care, I want the Lake to thrive. I'm not going anywhere. Thanks for your support..

Election of Officers & District Representatives - conducting Sherry Doherty D7

- A. 1 vote per household for President, Secretary, 1 vote per household per District for Reps
 - President - Alysia Hammel D1, unchallenged
 - Secretary - Linda Minnick D5A, retained, unchallenged
 - District 2 - Bernie Ebetino, retained, unchallenged
 - District 4 - Mark Laurent, retained, unchallenged
 - District 6 - Jim Whitehead, retained, unchallenged
 - District 8 & 9 - Terry Radtke, retained, unchallenged

Members Address the Board -

Mark Deister D6 - On Wawasee for more than 50 years, Amen, we have no zebra mussels it's amazing we don't have any, keep your boats clean! Thanks to Terry for all he does.

Dan Gross D1 - Has spoken with many people around the Lake as he is out fishing. Everyone agrees the low water level has changed the ecology of the Lake including fish population and weed problems. It would be irresponsible for anyone on the Board to let this happen again. Pat -

We have a group working on that, you are welcome to join, bring your concerns and solutions

Steve - Terry timed it perfectly last year, it just didn't work out this year. We are probably looking at higher cost for chemicals to avoid the lower water level. It could involve higher dues eventually.

Pat - The dues will not go up unless it is voted on at an Annual meeting. Shane Wallace D2 - What

is the bank balance now? Sherry - \$114,476. Shane - We are sitting on \$114,000.00 and we're talking about raising dues? Sherry - We spent \$20,000 on herbicide at the lower level. It will cost

more to treat at higher levels. Pat - We are not talking about raising dues. Alysia - We already have

money in the budget for more chemicals if we need them. Bernie - It could take actions other than the herbicide we now use that could result in higher cost.

Russell Miller D5A - I'm a laker from Chicago, We come to fish. By whatever means fix the ecosystem, raise the dues if you must. - Cheers from the crowd!

Arlene Corson D1 - I don't ever plant a garden then not tend to it. Larry named me manager of the wetland and I retain the title, Wawasee has asked me to help them mitigate a couple wetlands, people want plants from the wetland they can come to my house to get them, Alysia's Mother insisted plants be called by their Latin names.

Dave - We lower the lake to lessen ice pressure on the west levee. The DNR promised 1,000s of gallons of water so we dropped to keep from losing the herbicide to Wawasee, They didn't deliver. If it had shown up we would be at an acceptable level.

Kent Renner D7 - How many years have you done this Terry? 20 years, this is the only time this has happened. Why is everyone freaking out? We survived. It won't happen again.

Lani Wolferman D2 - How does everyone feel about the Air BnB s? #7 - In reference to invasive species, if they are only here short term should they be allowed to bring a boat? #7 - They don't know the rules and they don't care. Pat - Short term rental issues are on the goals list. We have notified one Air BnB owner that they are responsible for what their renters do. Lani - We have had people from Air BnB on our pier. It makes our Lake almost public.

Jeff Glon D3 - The DNR is not responsible for filling up our Lake. It's not accurate to say the water level is their fault. Terry - Has worked closely with Dericke for several years to coordinate timing, apologizes for the Board. Pat - They did give us a lot of water.

Mike Drake D4 - Concerned with the carp population, next year maybe a contest or something to encourage removal.

Arlene Corson D1 - Hawaii has a 3 month lease restriction to discourage Air BnB s.

Steve Wilson D5 - Would help with carp removal using a bow if he knew when spawn starts.

Carol King D5 - Why no report on fish population?

Terry - Refers to a friend who is a fisherman, JW, how's the fishing? JW - Pretty good if you know where to go. Terry - I'll let Steve know when the carp spawn starts.

Anthony - We did do a fish survey in 2016. The carp like lower oxygen levels.

Bill Ballentine D1 - Obstructions in the lake visible at lower water level, Does the Board have plans to remove? Steve - Let us know where they are. Terry - We steer clear with the Harvester. If you have stuff in your area please remove it. Bill - Options for commercial removal? Terry - Maybe when the ice is on for tree removal. Pat - It is on the goals list. Bill - the Board should consider making concessions (motorized equipment allowed) to make it easier. Kent - If my tree falls is it my responsibility to remove? Sherry - The Board has had this discussion, if my tree falls I remove it. Kent - It's your responsibility to maintain your property.

Kris Gross D1 - Alysia was our Rep. She is now President. Is she still our Rep? Pat - According to the By-Laws yes she can be both or appoint someone to fill the seat.

Ann Cavender D4 - Do we need permission to hire someone to come on the Lake to do clean-up?

Sherry - Not if they don't use a motor, Please ask them to Clean, Drain, Dry their boat before accessing Papakeechee. Ann - I can't get anything done because they can't use a motor

Pat - We have to follow the Covenants and By-Laws. #? D2 - We need to keep up with the times, I've also had trouble getting work done. Maybe apply for a special use permit or approved companies for services on the Lake.

Steve - This is why the Board doesn't move quickly on these decisions, each subject is complicated and multifaceted. If just one company brought in Starry Stonewort we wouldn't be able to overcome it. We are the only Lake in the area not having problems with it.

Pat - The Board will take into consideration all things mentioned here today.

Alysia - We paid \$1,500 to have a tree removed then helped our neighbor with their's. The Board is already problem solving on several of these issues.

Bernie - The Board represents the Members. We make decisions based on what you tell us to do. The precedent has been set to use motors for Lake maintenance.

Lani Wolferman D2 - We need to make sure that the Air BnB people are not allowed to bring their own boats onto the Lake.

Jocelyn Drake D4 - We need to take a vote to see how people feel about allowing Air BnB s.

Jon Korejwa D6 - Our rules need to be furnished to any corporate owners requiring their renters to be informed of the rules.

#? - I own an Air BnB not a single person has put their boat in Papakeechee. They are not interested in being on Papakeechee. They put them on Wawasee. It's too expensive to own an Air BnB on Wawasee #? - It does open the question, Is Papakeechee now not a private lake? because people who do not own property here are accessing the Lake. Pat - We hear lots of people with concerns about Air BnB s. It is on our goals list. Perhaps the Board needs to make it a higher priority.

Charles Weikel D2 - New Hatchery Rd owner, are there rules as far as property maintenance, upkeep? Pat - We have rules. You can't go on the property but if you can take photos bring them to your District Rep, We have sent letters saying you need to clean up, but if the house is secure there is no County rule saying they can't let the property "go back to nature". Dave - The County has no Building Inspector.

Anthony - This is my first time on the Board, I think we need more and improved communication with your District Reps so the Board can make better informed decisions.

Marshall - Thank you to Pat for her time serving on the Board.

#? - I feel the website is under utilized, last years Annual meeting minutes are not there

Pat - They weren't approved until today #? - No meeting in 2020? The last Board meeting minutes were May. You haven't had a meeting since May? Pat - There was a June meeting.

We will get those put on. #? - There is no communication, nothing about the Lake level. You

could use the website to better advantage. Mike McCarty D4 - Is there emailing? Pat - Yes, our Email and Website are on the Agenda. Bernie - We do broadcast Email announcements, the Pow Wow, Lost and Found. Information about the Lake level was emailed and is on the Website. We will not share your Email address so update us!

* Motion to Adjourn - Marshall Minnick D5A, Second - Jon Korejwa D6, Adjourned