

PPA Annual Meeting - August 12, 2023

1. **Call to Order 9:02 AM** - President Alysia Hammel

2. **Roll** -

President - Alysia Hammel D1	Vice President - Dave Hewitt D4
Treasurer - Crystal Slayton D4	Secretary - Linda Minnick 5A
District 1 - Lynn Ballentine	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

3. **President's Welcome** - Alysia Hammel - 9:02 AM

- A. Thank you for attending. Please save your comments until the end.
- B. Heard your concern last year, did some 'tweaking', Lake level is better this year
- C. With a reduction in Curly Leaf we saw an extensive growth of Elodea, 7 new Harvester Operators were trained, a great coordinated effort was made to teach different areas of the Lake & owner locations. Thank you to Josh & Amber Louts & Julia Walters for allowing dumping on their property at Hiawatha Ln. and on the Island, it cut travel times way down resulting in a larger load count.
- D. We had 197 hours of Harvester operation & 230 loads dumped
- E. We are working with expert consultants on weed control.
- F. You are responsible for keeping your own beach clear. The Harvester operates from your pier out.
- G. Short Term Rentals (STR) - We hear your concerns, are in touch with the Attorney. Keep your contact info current. We will be sending an email to gather your thoughts & ideas.

4. **Review 2022 Minutes** - Linda Minnick

*Motion to accept 2022 Minutes - Pat Ebetino D2

Second - Brad Ballentine D1. Carried

5. **Treasurer's Report** - Crystal Slayton

Total Income - \$ 65,641.00 - (outstanding dues in collection process)

Total Expenses - 62,848.00

Balance \$ 118,239.66

*Motion to accept Treasurer's Report - Mark Diester D6

Second - Brad Ballentine D1 Carried

6. **Financial Review** - Mark Laurent

- A. Mark Laurent, Steve Longstreet, Crystal Slayton reviewed bank records & books
 - a. Made sure all dues were deposited, compared actual expenses with book entries, compared check amounts & payees to books, etc.
 - b. Everything checks out
- B. Crystal is leaving her position. Thank you for your service to PPA

7. **Maintenance Report** - Terry Radtke

- A. Passed the Dam Inspection in June.
 - a. Crack repaired at slide gate track in the dropbox
 - b. Inspector discovered cracked joints inside outlet pipe.
 - c. Sidewalk cracks still being monitored, may concrete jack 1 40' section, epoxy some of the cracks
- B. Retired from Harvester duties in February.
 - a. Chris Vitale D6 - Terry has helped in many ways this summer.

8. **LAPSI** - Anthony Serianni

- A. Mission- Develop a long term understanding of our Lake and it's environs through scientific study.
 - a. Especially, water quality assessment by measuring various parameters that dictate what that quality is, such as - Clarity, phosphorus, bacterial load . . .
- B. Belief- Accurate and comprehensive scientific data are essential to making informed management decisions.

- C. Spend apx \$2,500.00 annually, all donation, not your dues
- D. Phosphorus monitoring for several years, known high levels from TriCounty. Recently partnered with WACF to secure LARE Grant funding. Hoping that will allow greater detail, enabling a resolution to phosphorus mitigation.
- E. Monitor herbicide (Sonar) levels to enable a more informed treatment program.
- F. Diane Tulloh has done an enormous amount of work on the Lake as far as collecting samples and analysis.
Thank you.

9. Election of Vice President, Treasurer & odd numbered Districts 1, 3, 5, 5A, 7

- *Motion to retain all uncontested Directors - Bernie Ebetino
Second - Brad Ballentine D1 Carried
- *Motion to retain uncontested Vice President, Dave Hewitt - Bernie Ebetino
Second - Joe Slayton D4. Carried
- Marshall Minnick nominates Pat Ebetino D2 for Treasurer
- *Motion to install uncontested Pat Ebetino D2 as Treasurer - Bernie Ebetino
Second - Jon Korejwa D6 Carried
- Vice President - Dave Hewitt, retained
- Treasurer - Pat Ebetino D2
- District 1* - Lynn Ballentine / Greg Olson * TIE
- District 3 - Anthony Serianni, retained
- District 5 - Steve Longstreet, retained
- District 5 A - Marshall Minnick, retained
- District 7 - Sherry Doherty, retained
- *TIE to be decided by the Board at the September meeting.

10. Members Address the Board -

1. John Hart D5- Is TriCounty Phosphorus runoff natural or farm created? Doesn't a marshy area act as a good filter? Anthony- probably both, determining a point source is difficult. It probably does act as a filter but it is still high when it gets to us. Higher at that end of the Lake than anywhere else.
2. Julie Hamilton D4- What can we do now to be proactive? Alysia- Remove your beach area weeds from the Lake, keep pet wastes away, clean & dry boats before putting into the Lake. What do you think has declined? Julie- Fishing Alysia- has sent letter reminders of fish limits. 1 limit = (5 large, not less than 10" & 20 small/perch, bluegill, crappie, etc.) per household per day Steve- Volunteer to help LAPSI. Alysia- Let us know if you see something that needs attention.
3. Marshall- Who here is fishing a lot? Are you catching? ?? D?- We only see 4 or 5 boats with others fishing when we are out. We are catching. Dan Frisk D?- When the Elodea was thick there were no fish to be found. Alysia- The Elodea actually adds oxygen to the water. Dan- It has gotten better as the Elodea was removed. Chris Vitale D6- The Bass population has dropped way off because people catch and take the big ones and those are the most productive. There are a lot of small Bass & Bluegills and way too many Carp. Lots of Turtles. Alysia- There is a Carp Tournament being discussed for in the Spring. Residents only. John Hart D5- Dave Moore in the past has said he would bury the Carp. Mark- Anyone want to volunteer to help with a Carp Tournament? Chris Vitale
4. Alysia- Back to Lake health, we need to stop non-owners from accessing the Lake. We don't know where those boats have been. John Hart D5- Reduce fertilizer use. Anthony- Maintain your septic systems, avoid dumping leaves into the Lake, maintain your shoreline. The Lake has a lifetime. A young Lake is Oligotrophic, a lake at midlife is Mesotrophic- where Papakeechee is now, and at the end of it's life is in the Eutrophic stage, we want to avoid that as long as possible. Steve- The worse release of Phosphorus from leaves is by burning. Keep the ashes from washing into the Lake. Jon Korweja D6- Would install of sewers be beneficial to the Lake? Anthony- LAPSI has done some E-coli testing. Our test results have been low. We have no reason to believe we have a problem with septic systems. Jon- Maintenance of our septic systems is important.
5. Alysia- Does everyone know we have a website? Linda- Website address is on the Annual Meeting Postcard.
6. Kent Renner D7- What is the solution for keeping non-owner boats out? Alysia- Gate the ramp, with open days for owners and call your Director at other times. Kent- When? Terry- by Fall

7. Kent Renner D7- How would a survey about Short Term Rentals (STR) be sent? Alysia- Email. Bernie- We have most owner's Emails. Alysia- We could also use USPS.
8. Lani Wolferman D2- I have seen Short Term Rental (STR) customers with boats. I have asked them to clean before they put in and been told, No. Alysia- I have had to tell STR Customers to remove motors. The STR ads encourage boat bringing & use of the Lake.
9. John Hart D5- There have been at least 3 kayaks stolen including one of ours. Could a gate at the ramp hamper an emergency response? Terry- You could have a lockbox with emergency response code. Dave- A locked chain could easily be cut.
10. Connie Hymen D4- We could do a lot more promotion of the invasive transfer problem. ie. a note on the invoices, signage at the ramp, District Reps could meet new property owners with info.
11. Terry- The new Harvester operators don't know the Lake property addresses from the Lake. He would like to see lighted ID signs on piers
12. Matt Pearson D2- Really appreciates the Harvester operators. Thank you! We are seeing a lot of trash on the Lake. Alysia- Yes, that's another problem with outsiders on the Lake.
13. Brad Ballentine D1- What number on the dock signs? Alysia- House address numbers.
14. Kent Renner D7- How do we keep the Lake private with all the Short Term Rentals (STR)? Don't we have a Private Lake? ?? D?- You might as well take down the signs that say private once you open it to the public. Alysia- A show of hands. How many of you here, Do NOT want them (STR) on the Lake at all? (Most hands in the room are raised) How many just want to monitor and how to do it? Bernie- Why should we have to monitor someone's business? That is putting the burden for someone's business on us. ??D?- Don't let them put any boats in that the owner doesn't own. Lani Wolferman D2- The owners aren't there to tell them not to. Alysia- Those of us who live next to them (STR) are dealing with problems. Putting up fence, motors being brought in, parties, inappropriate bathing attire, obnoxiously bright lighting overflowing into our homes, plus wear and tear on the roads, overworked septic systems. Steve- An overwhelming majority would like to see no STR? Would you be willing to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to fight it? Mike McCarty D3- Some future unknown probability shouldn't stop us from investigating how to stop STR. I've felt I bought on to a private Lake that's not private. How many people here have been willing to fund what needs funded? We have spent many many thousands of dollars over many years to prove to the State that our Lake is private. We maintain it. We take care of it. This (STR) is the latest, one of the worst assaults on what Papakeechee Lake is. We have got to do whatever we have to do to save it. Just like we had to build a million dollar Dam. Chris Vitale D6- If they are going to fight it we could say that their dues are 10% of the property value every year. Make it not worth their while. Alysia- STR are money making businesses. Our ByLaws state in order to use our Lake for monetary gain you need to come to the Board for approval and no one has. ?? D?- How many STR are there on the Lake? Alysia- We think in excess of 20. Crystal- We own the Island. We are seeing people we don't know climb over the No Trespassing signs to get onto the Island. The numbers have increased significantly in the last 2 years. Kelly Thompson D7- We love the Lake. We are STR owners. We intended to build a nice log cabin and STR it. I check-in all of our customers and go over the rules. I was not aware of these STR problems before now. These are valid complaints. I would hope we could set down some regimented rules before we decide. Maybe, Do you live within 5 miles? Lani Wolferman D2- It is in the ByLaws that a guest must be accompanied by an owner on the Lake. ?? D?- What happens if you rent month to month? Alysia- We have taken our Covenants and ByLaws to the Attorney. We will have another meeting to discuss STR when we have all of our data gathered. Dave- The problem is we have always allowed rentals. We have to find a way to distinguish the difference between STR and long term. Alysia- It seems to me that the original intention of the rule is, if you get your mail here that is a long term rental and allowed, not if you are vacationing here. Linda- The literal definition of reside is, 'one's permanent home'. Brad Ballentine D1- What is the time frame for the STR survey? Alysia- a couple weeks Brad- STR have no respect for private property. Jon Korweja D6- You have an umbrella of enforcement. You need a monthly newsletter to keep the rules in front of people. Lani Wolferman D2- The survey needs to include if you own STR, how many and where. Kelly Thompson D7- There are places that have rules in place. 14 day minimum or no weekend rentals or you need a permit, after 2 violations loss of permit. Chris ? D1- Need to limit total number of STR. STR owners should not allow customers to bring boats in.

15. Jodi D2- Light pollution is a problem and has increased a lot over the years. I don't think we need lighted signs on our piers.
16. ?? D?- Each Bay and Point should have a name.
17. Katherine Kratzer D1- There is Loosestrife in the wetland. Can we remove it? Bernie- Some invasive removal is ok. Alysia- Contact me.
18. Craig Larson D2- Fish beds are disappearing. Decline in Turtles & Herons. Alysia- The Herons are at my house. Sherry- According to the DNR, the Bluegill move their beds farther out depending on depth. She has lots of Turtles.

*Motion to Adjourn- Pat Ebetino D2

Second- Chris Vitale D6

Adjourn- 10:45 AM