



Saturday, July 24, 2021, 9:30 am
PLWA Annual General Meeting
Zoom on-line call or Dial in
(No in-person meeting)

PLWA July 24, 2021 Annual General Meeting Record

Attendees:

35 attendees

Catherine Peirce, Dorianne Bamber, Lesley Wabisca, Janet Sperling, Linda Bartlett, Daren Lorentz, Robert Gibbs, Tom and Shirley Graham, Jay Brinker, Harley Tatro, Makenna Graham, Michael Gaian, Wayne Buskas, Rohit Sangha, Peggy Juchli, Jane Somerville, John Parkins, Jeff Bisanz, Leslie Kaun, Doris Moonie, Laura Chapman, Bev Calhoun, Felix Sperling, Betty Ann Lough, Robert Merner, Don Davidson, Roxanne Girard, Kirsten Chamberlin, Shelley Hiron, Brian Waterhouse, Rick Melia, Daniel Kenway, Gretchen Van Riesen, Leo Brooks

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Land Acknowledgement (Wayne Buskas)

Meeting was called to order; everyone was welcomed and a land acknowledgement was done. Wayne announced that he is going to step down as president of PLWA, but will continue on as a board member. The announcement was made that The Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan (the plan) has won an Emerald Award. This environmental award represents the contributions from community members, leadership from the local municipalities, the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association, Pigeon Lake Watershed Steering Committee and guidance from our healthy-lake experts.

PLWA membership is required to vote during the AGM. Memberships can be purchased on our website for \$20/family or \$10/individual for a lifetime membership.



Saturday, July 24, 2021, 9:30 am
PLWA Annual General Meeting
Zoom on-line call or Dial in
(No in-person meeting)

II. Approval of Agenda (Wayne Buskas)

Agenda was circulated previously and was displayed for the meeting.

Motion was made by Daniel Kenway to approve the agenda for today's (July 24, 2021) PLWA AGM. Seconded by Betty Ann Lough. Carried.

III. Approval of Meeting Records from July 25, 2020 Annual General Meeting (Wayne Buskas)

Motion was made by Daniel Kenway to approve the Meeting Record of July 25, 2020 Annual General Meeting, Doris Moonie seconded. Carried.

IV. PLWA (and PLWMP) Report for Members (Catherine Peirce)

Report is attached.

It was announced that there will be 2 draws at the end of the AGM for door prizes. A basket of craft beer was generously donated from Familia Brewing and a birdhouse with a ceramic chickadee was donated from Margot Soltice at Barnswallow Corner as part of the 101 Bird Project.

The weather and climate stressors on Pigeon Lake this year have been tremendous. As you all know we hit record high temperatures at the end of June. The water reached a high temperature of 24 degrees. There has been a minor fish kill and now smog from forest fires in British Columbia. Currently AHS has issued BG algae advisories for 28 lakes in the province. PL is not under an advisory. In speaking with Parks staff, birds arrived in large numbers around July 14th at Zeiner Park. The beach is monitored weekly by park staff.

PLWA has a long-standing policy to support the investigation into the feasibility of technical solutions for water quality. This role is filled by the In-lake Technical Committee of the Alliance of Pigeon Lake Municipalities - a group that represents the twelve municipalities.



Saturday, July 24, 2021, 9:30 am
PLWA Annual General Meeting
Zoom on-line call or Dial in
(No in-person meeting)

Brian Waterhouse, Councillor at the Summer Village of Sundance Beach and In-Lake committee member gave an update. The In-Lake Committee is looking for solutions for algae and water quality issues. The Summer Village of Crystal Springs received a grant and has put a monitoring buoy in the lake to collect weather information, water temperature, humidity, wind speeds, turbidity, algae levels and oxygen levels. It is a real-time monitoring system that updates every 15 minutes. Public portal to view the data is here:

<https://wqdatalive.com/public/1495> Thank you to Ian Rawlinson – Mayor of Crystal Springs for working on getting the grant for the buoy.

Thank you was given to volunteers for collecting data at the lake over the past 10 years. Pigeon Lake is a leader in the province for data collection.

There was a planting challenge done in 2021 – so far 1800 of the 2021 goal of trees planted has been achieved. Shelley Hiron donated choke cherries as a fundraiser for PLWA.

PLWA programming this year was focused on clean runoff.

With funding from the Alberta Real Estate Foundation, PLWA has released the Alberta clean runoff action guide 2020. With the support of local realtors PLWA are distributing the guide in a welcome to the lake package.

In partnership with the county of Wetaskiwin and Mulhurst Bay Revitalization Committee, PLWA is developing a Clean Runoff Demonstration Garden in Mulhurst.

With funding from the Alberta Community Partnership Grant, through SV of Grandview, PLWA is providing municipalities with a Watershed Regulations - Land Use Bylaw Implementation Guide.

The Alberta Community Partnership Grant has also enabled PLWA to develop a set of resources on residential construction. You will see posters on your community sign boards and a new section on the PLWA website under be lake information. PLWA has also developed a Residential Checklist for development officers to ensure residents are aware of all bylaws relevant to implementing best practices for a healthy watershed and lake.



Saturday, July 24, 2021, 9:30 am
PLWA Annual General Meeting
Zoom on-line call or Dial in
(No in-person meeting)

With so many new residents at the lake, PLWA is providing opportunities to have landscape concept plans developed that will support clean runoff. We are thrilled to be working with McElhanney Landscape Architects as part of this initiative. Please contact PLWA if you are interested in this program. Thanks to Golden Days and another funder.

Please Sign up for the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean Up August 16 – October 11, 2021.

Rohit Sangha, PLWA's Summer Mapping Intern from the University of Calgary was introduced. Rohit is completing his fourth year in Geomatic Engineering. Rohit provided a demonstration of the new interactive map of the watershed. PLWA has produced a wealth of data about the lake and this map tool was designed to make that information more accessible to residents but also to increase the visibility of this information to attract researchers.

PLWA is strongly advocating for the Reinstatement of Watercraft Inspection Stations in Alberta. Alberta is at high risk to the threat of invasive species taking hold in our lake – Zebra Mussels and Eurasian Watermilfoil. Inspection stations are one of the most cost-effective prevention measures available. Since 2018, the Government of Alberta has decreased the number of watercraft inspection stations from 13 to 3. Despite drastically reducing the number of boats inspected, the number of mussel-fouled boats has doubled and the ability to detect invasive weeds, such as Eurasian Watermilfoil, from British Columbia has been eliminated. PLWA has gathered support from the APLM and other municipal groups as well as partner groups from across the province in our efforts to fortify prevention measures in the province.

PLWA in partnership with Alberta Environment and Parks will be running a pop-up K9 Watercraft Inspection Station at Mulhurst Bay on August 7, starting at 9:30 AM. This event will spread awareness about aquatic invasive species prevention and the importance of inspection stations. Members were encouraged to come out to meet the team and K9, Hilo, who will demonstrate how to sniff out invasive mussels.

V. PLWA Director's Business (Wayne Buskas)

The current slate of directors was introduced.



Saturday, July 24, 2021, 9:30 am
PLWA Annual General Meeting
Zoom on-line call or Dial in
(No in-person meeting)

The continuing directors whose terms continue to 2022:

- Michael Gaian (Vice President), Mission Beach - 2018-2022
- Kevin McKee, Johnsonia - 2018-2022
- Peggy Juchli, Silver Beach - 2020-2022
- Betty Ann Lough (Secretary), Argentia Beach - 2020-2022
- Bob Gibbs (Treasurer), Silver Beach - 2020-2022: Bob will be staying on the board but is stepping down from his role as Treasurer

Renewing Directors Slate – Terms to 2023

- Wayne Buskas (Past President), Ma-Me-O - 2021-2023
- Daniel Kenway, Sundance Beach - 2021-2023
- Samuel Minde, Samson Cree Nation - 2021-2023
- Dave Crombie, Mulhurst Bay - 2021-2023

NEW Directors - nominated from Board Nomination Committee (Bob Gibbs)

- Felix Sperling, Itaska Beach - 2021-2023
- Ian Rawlinson, Crystal Springs, 2021-2023

A call was made for additional nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were made. Wayne Buskas made a second and third call for nominations and there were none. Information was provided that the Board will confirm the executive positions during their first board meeting in September 2021.

Motion was made by Daniel Kenway to approve the above slate of directors. Seconded by Bev Calhoun. Motion carried.



Saturday, July 24, 2021, 9:30 am
PLWA Annual General Meeting
Zoom on-line call or Dial in
(No in-person meeting)

VI. Financials (Bob Gibbs)

Treasurer's Report was presented by Bob Gibbs, PLWA Treasurer. Copy of report is attached. Highlights of the report included:

- Audit went well (no adjusting journal entries were required) and a thank you was given to our auditors Pennock Acheson Nielsen Devaney.
- Revenue increased from \$94K in 2019 to \$122K in 2020
- Our Executive Director has worked very hard to find grant monies
- The organization has done a very good job at spending restricted funds properly leaving us with a very small balance of \$900 that is restricted.
- The report shows how we have used the following categories to focus our effort and spending:
 - i. **Working Together:** PLWMP Steering Committee, annual leaders session, Maskwacis Mamawo Initiative, regional planning support
 - ii. **Operations and Development:** essential admin, websites, office, fund development
 - iii. **Healthy Watershed Lands:** programming related to phosphorus management, land use, biodiversity, groundwater protection, stewardship, education and information dissemination
 - iv. **Clean Runoff:** completion of demonstration site signage and development of Municipal Drainage Guide
 - v. **Healthy Lake:** annual water quality monitoring, invasive species initiatives, lake and watershed science promotion and information dissemination
 - vi. **Healthy Shorelines:** programming related to shoreline assessments, demonstration sites, guidelines, stewardship, education and information dissemination.

A thank you was given to volunteers, partner groups and the PLWA funders. The contribution from community members together with funding from municipalities, grants and individual donors is essential to implementing the Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan and *Caring for the Lake Together!* Please consider PLWA in your annual charitable donations as donations are an important factor in sustaining PLWA's work for the lake.



Saturday, July 24, 2021, 9:30 am
PLWA Annual General Meeting
Zoom on-line call or Dial in
(No in-person meeting)

**A motion was made by Don Davison to approve the financial report as presented.
Seconded by Michael Gaian. Carried.**

VII. Membership (Bob Gibbs)

Bob went over the value of a PLWA membership.

- Membership enables you to:
 - support important projects that require collective action for the health of the lake
 - implement the Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan
 - increase the weight of our collective voice on issues that require us to advocate
 - contribute to water quality monitoring and other research on lake health
 - participate in free stewardship workshops and events
- Membership is a one-time fee. There is no renewal fee: 10 dollars for an individual, 20 for a family. – one vote for a family and one vote for an individual.
- You can pay online or mail a cheque. See details on the website.
- If you are a member, please consider making an annual donation today.

VIII. New Business (Wayne Buskas)

- There were no new business items.

IX. Questions or Comments

- Question was asked if PLWA Board meetings are open to the public.
- Question was asked how much money was raised from chokecherry tree donations.
- Bob Gibbs and Catherine follow up.

Door Prizes:

A draw was done for the door prizes:

- Roxanne Girard won the beer gift basket
- Janet Sperling won the bird house and ceramic bird

Motion to adjourn was made by Daniel Kenway at 11:15 AM.