



AGM Meeting Record - PIGEON LAKE WATERSHED ASSOCIATION (PLWA)

July 25, 2020, 9:30 am

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 meeting was hosted online.

Meeting started at 9:35 am with 16 members (list of participants included below)

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – Wayne Buskas, PLWA President

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting on behalf of the PLWA Board of Directors and thanked for attending. It was explained that typically, the AGM and open house are our primary forum to gather, to discuss the state of the lake, and to hear from healthy-lake experts. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic physical distancing requirements and meeting limitations, the PLWA Directors felt that an online meeting was the best way to carry out this year's meeting and ensure the safety of our members.

It was confirmed that the AGM today will be a business meeting, approximately 50-60 minutes, with an opportunity for questions at the end. To hear from healthy-lake experts, members were encouraged to join in the regular online coffee conversations.

Membership

PLWA Membership is required to vote during the AGM.

Members were encouraged to make an annual donation to PLWA.

Land Acknowledgement

President gave the following land acknowledgement:

To formally open this meeting, the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association respectfully acknowledges that we at Pigeon Lake are on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional gathering place for the diverse Indigenous peoples including the Maskwacis-Cree four nations of Pigeon Lake whose history, culture and respect for the land continues to influence our vibrant community. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

Business Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Wayne Buskas, President.

Documents including financial statements and past meeting records had been distributed in advance and members were told if they do not have them, they can be accessed through the plwa.ca website and they will also be shown on screen during the meeting.

1. Approval Agenda – Wayne Buskas, PLWA President

Peggy Juchli moved to approve the agenda as circulated. Seconded by Don Davidson. Carried.

2. Approval Meeting Record of AGM 2019 – Wayne Buskas, PLWA President

Motion made to approve the 2019 AGM Meeting Record by Peter Langelle, seconded by Michael Gaian. Carried.

3. PLWA & PLWMP Report for Members – Catherine Peirce, Executive Director

PLWA (and PLWMP) Report for Members - Catherine Peirce, Executive Director

PLWA has 1100 members in 2020, eight board members, one full-time staff, three seasonal staff and many volunteers.

- Water Levels fact sheet and weird fact sheet was presented.
- Addressing recent bloom – dispelling myths e.g. providing information about health risks.
- Filling the Gaps - Monitoring for algae, enterococcus and invasive species through the citizen science program. Also participating in eDNA sampling to fill in the data gap left by a decrease in AHS sampling.
- Enhanced Monitoring. New partnership with Vinebrooke Labs, UofA, ALMS to use satellite imagery and in-lake sampling to better understand the lake, first in Alberta. With seven other lakes it shows that there is more to know.
- Implementing the Plan. A review of our current programs that support various objectives and recommendations of the plan.
- Coordinating community action where we know change can make a difference to preserve and protect the health of Pigeon Lake and its watershed. i.e. Mulhurst Park, washrooms, and adding a rain garden (Natural green solution to runoff).
- Secretariat to Pigeon Lake Watershed management plan. Looking for solutions, but there is no silver bullet, but do have this plan. Will look into different ideas for solutions, there are processes for reviewing suggested solutions. One issue, Pigeon Lake is very large, so it is difficult to find a solution that works for the whole lake.

- Building capacity. In 2019, 3 staff reached 1500 face-to-face. In 2020, we had to get creative on how to interact with the community. Examples included creating stewardship tools, a new website, factsheets, tip sheets. Creating a stewardship network for camp directors, ALUS...
- New website is being implemented.
- Finding funding and building partnerships to implement the Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan
- Updating information and creating new stewardship opportunities and website
 - Naturalizing your lot: Lake-Friendly Landscape Guide
 - Checklist for residential construction to highlight watershed regulations.
 - Website
- Connecting with stakeholders.
 - Developing a stewardship network with Camp Directors at the Lake
 - Working with Realtor to welcome new residents and cottage owners
- Supporting the Municipalities and working with partners to address policy-based objectives
- Advocating for changes from the provincial government – watercraft inspection stations

4. PLWA Directors' Business – Wayne Buskas, PLWA President

Thank you to Retiring Directors

- Michael Rowley, Ma-Me-O Beach Treasurer for several years. As a young person starting his career, Michael set a great example of how young people can get involved and becomes a steward of the lake. Most recently, Michael help PLWA revamp our chart of accounts and was also represented the board at Love the lake family fun day at the provincial park.
- Mike Mahon, Ma-Me-O Beach Mike helped with government relations, the environment minister was in Lethbridge, connection with the science program at the U of L. Love the lake day flipping burgers.

Vote on slate of Directors

The continuing directors whose terms continue to 2021:

- Wayne Buskas (President), Ma-Me-O 2019-2021
- Daniel Kenway, Sundance Beach 2019-2021
- Samuel Minde, Samson Cree Nation 2019-2021
- Dave Crombie, Mulhurst Bay 2019-2021*
- Peggy Juchli, Silver Beach 2020-2022*

*Peggy and David Crombie were appointed to the board as interim replacements for outgoing members, as per our bylaws.

New and Renewing Directors Slate – Terms to 2022

- Bob Gibbs, Silver Beach 2018-2020
Bob has stepped down as Vice President to take on the role of Treasurer which is quite a demanding role.
- Michael Gaian, Mission Beach 2018-2020
Michael has stepped up to take on the role of Vice President and will participate on the Executive Committee that supports Catherine and operations.
- Kevin McKee, Johnsonia 2018-2020

1st, 2nd, 3rd Calls for Nominations for PLWA Directors from the Floor (Wayne Buskas, President)

- Bob Gibbs nominated Betty Ann Lough from Argentia Beach to join as a board member. Richard Conrad put forth the motion, Micheal Gaian seconded it, accepted, welcome Betty Ann!

Motion for nominations was closed with no further nominations.

Motion to accept the slate as modified to include Betty Ann Lough, Argentia Beach, 2020-2022 was made by Bob Gibbs. Seconded by Peggy Juchli. Carried.

5. Financials – Robert (Bob) Gibbs, PLWA Vice President)

- Statements, Auditor's Report
- Donation Appeal
- Highlight accomplishments.

Treasurer's report highlights: , 2019 revenue was similar to 2018, decrease in municipal contributions, increase in grants. Went over expenses, 2019 was slightly higher than 2018, but similar. In expenses, went through each program and what they do. Members Equity - no longer have the benefit of the donor fund. Donations are key, grants while also important are limited. Thank you to municipalities who contribute.

Don Davidson moved to receive the treasurer's report as presented. Peggy Juchli seconded. Carried.

6. Membership - Robert (Bob) Gibbs, PLWA Vice President

- 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.

7. New Business (Wayne Buskas, President)

- No new business
- Wayne asked for questions or comments

Peggy Juchli is impressed with the focus and organization of PLWA.

David Howatt suggested a subscribe to updates feature.

Michael Gain suggested adding the math to the donation page i.e. \$1000 donation results in \$1050 to PLWA for the cost of about 700 with the tax returns.

8. Adjournment

Michael Gaian moved to adjourn the meeting, Don Davidson seconded the motion, meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Participants:

- Don Davidson
- Wayne Buskas
- Peggy Juchli
- Michael Gaian
- Don Davidson
- Janet Sperling
- Felix Sperling
- Brian Frost
- Sheila Frost (maybe)
- David Howatt
- Judy Pals
- Sarah Skinner;
- Betty Ann Lough
- Peter Langelle
- Jeff Bisanz
- David Atton
- Maureen Toole

- Richard Conrad
- Catherine Peirce
- Robyn Cameron
- Emily Cicon