

PGOLID Board Meeting
September 21st, 2021 5:00pm
RMB Environmental Lab and Online

Board Members Present: Erika Gilsdorf, Dave Stene, Denise Lund-Smith, Bob Leonard, Karen Hart, Nick Valentine, John Cosgriff

Board Members Absent: John Kruse, Dave Haarstad

Others Present: Steve Henry PGOLID Lake Coordinator,

Chair Leonard called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.
The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Introductions: The Board members introduced themselves and discussed their history on the lakes.

The Agenda was presented.

A motion approve the Agenda was made by Steen and seconded by Lund-Smith.

Ayes All

Minutes

The June Board meeting minutes were reviewed.

Hart made a motion to approve the minutes and Valentine seconded it. Ayes all.

Chairman Leonard noted the June discussion of maintaining membership on the Fish Lake Park Steering Committee. It will be addressed under New Business.

Treasurer

The current Financial Report and the Claims and Disbursements were reviewed.

Valentine made a motion to approve the current Financial Report and Claims and Disbursements. Lund-Smith seconded. Ayes all.

Board Reports

Mosquitos – Generally residents feel the program is effective however certain streets and locations have expressed an interest in specific local treatment patterns or procedures. Residents are welcome to contact Karen Hart who will convey the requests to Clarke the contractor. In the past Clarke has been very responsive.

Buoys – The buoys are still in the lake and comments are welcome on proper/improper placement.

Annual Meeting – The Board discussed the need to acquire a PGOLID member mailing list from the County Auditor to ensure the highest degree of accuracy.

Fish Lake Rapids – With the low water cattail bogs have lodged in portions of the rapids. The Board is concerned they may impact spring water levels and the Coordinator and Board Members will convey these concerns to MN DNR.

Lake Coordinator Report

The Coordinator report attached following the Minutes.

New Business

Goals and Programs – The Board discussed the goals listed in the LID's Charter and Order of Origination in relation to current issues and goals. The programs the LID has and currently delivers were discussed with an eye to identifying which items were still applicable and how to make progress on the highest priorities. Setting clear expectations for designated individuals to take specific actions addressing the high

priority goals within a set time frame and reporting back was identified as a place where process improvements could be made. Examples of action/individual identification and tracking were explored.

The next Board meeting is December 7th at 5:00pm with the location to be determined.
Steen made a motion to adjourn, Lund-Smith seconded. Ayes all
Meeting Adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lake Coordinator Report – September 21st, 2021

1. Flowering Rush AIS Treatment

- We spent most of a day hand pulling Flowering Rush on Bass Lake at the site where efforts have been ongoing for several years. The Rush has not spread much from last year, one plant was encountered on the outer edge of the bullrush.

2. Lake and Stream Monitoring

- The final lake and stream samples for 2021 will be next week. Lake samples have been very similar to previous years, perhaps slightly lower clarity. Stream samples from Spring Creek were higher in nutrients that past years while the Pelican River water was actually cleaner than in a past years.
- Starting this September littoral (shallow shelf around 8ft) lake samples will be taken each month at 5 sites. These sites were sampled as part of an investigation into the growth of green slime on Pelican Lake's north and west shorelines back in 2006.

3. Partnerships

- Two Pelican River Watershed District Board meetings were attended. They have a new enhanced sampling program and are wrapping up the \$2,000,000 Detroit Lake-Rice Lake project this fall.
- Three Hubbard COLA meetings were attended virtually. Several speakers were excellent, there are multiple programs (Loon Stewards) being implemented in that area.
- Several items related to the Otter Tail River One Watershed One Plan were encountered and shared with the Board.

4. Workshops and Research

- Sustainability and Resilience: The Coordinator took part in a workshop/exercise funded through the North American Glacial Lakes Partnership designed to help lake advocates frame and address lake issues.

- Swimmer's Itch: Meg Duhr from the MAISRC reached out concerning the numerous reports she has encountered from long term lake residents while presenting MAISRC's new zebra mussel presentation. The residents tell Meg they never had swimmer's itch until recently and now it is a real issue for their grandchildren. PGOLID Board members were the original source of this concept for MAISRC.
- The Coordinator's discussions with MN DNR staff revealed that the UMN now has a limnologist, Lesley Knoll, doing research into zebra mussel's impacts on lake nutrient cycles and dissolved oxygen. Zebra mussels may alter internal lake nutrient cycles by capturing the 'turnover load' and retaining it in the nearshore. This is not expected to dramatically impact Pelican Lake which has a low level of internal loading.

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