

Pearl Lake LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES



Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Time: 7pm

Facilitator: Ed Maus- President

In Attendance

Ed Maus- President

Vic Lochen- Vice President

Tyler Kleve- Treasurer

Debbie Allar- Secretary

David Lochen- Board Member

Charlie Mueller- Board Member

Absent

Harry Burns- Board member

Lisa Bahr- Board Member

Agenda Items

1. Limnopro Survey Results
 - a. Reviewed survey results and request to have Dan from Limnopro evaluate the survey results and provide us with the next steps of advancements.
 - b. The Board would like Dan to provide a presentation for us to provide the information to all attendees at the next annual meeting.
 - c. Ed will follow up with Dan and get back to us on how he would like to move forward
2. Reviewed each of the concerns from the survey and tried to find common ground replies.
 - a. Concerns written in from survey participants

- i. Tried to pay our dues and the check was sent back. Should be clear how to pay dues.
 - 1. There was a transition time which this falls in. Since then, we have established a new treasurer. We have also updated the webpage and provided the main person to connect with and address to pay dues, fireworks donations.
- ii. By Nutrient runoff doesn't that mainly mean farmers chemicals? Working strongly with farmers to create ways to reduce the runoff. No sure how they get away without buffer zones or being accountable to lake quality.
 - 1. Nutrient runoff during this study has been traced to coming from inlets to our lake. The phosphorus levels are high which has been traced to the decaying vegetation in our lake and also our inlets. Each inlet is bringing in runoff, they are not all flowing at the same volume which needs to be factored into the inlet percentages of runoff. This topic will be addressed more at the annual meeting.
- iii. Cabin owners may not have mailboxes on the lake to receive info about the survey.
 - 1. The survey notice was posted on the Pearl Lake Facebook page. The survey was linked on the Pearl Lake Lake Association page. The survey was emailed to the emails that were collected from the board members walking door to door. Approx. 90 of the 140+ landowner's emails were collected when the board members walked door to door.
- iv. Get a place to dump lake weeds. Pay local farmer to accept weeds from lake. It is a start.
 - 1. <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/shorelandmgmt/apg/stewardship.html>
 - 2. <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/shorelandmgmt/apg/regulations.html>
- v. I am concerned about the farmers putting chemicals on their fields and then trenching streams deeper to run off into the lake.
 - 1. https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/fish_wildlife/fisheries/slice/fact-sheets/wq-slice73-0037.pdf
- vi. Lake residents should not be asked to pay to maintain the lake. We pay more in taxes already for the privilege of living on the lake but anyone can use it bringing harmful plants and garbage with them leaving residents to clean it up.
- vii. Regulating water levels
 - 1. This has been an ongoing concern for many years.
 - 2. Regulation is strictly controlled with the Army Corps Engineers who have set perimeters.
- viii. Send more information as to what we can do as property owners to help the lake in any way we can.
 - 1. Minnesota DNR website is a valuable resource.
 - 2. The lake association continues to evaluate resources and complete tasks to promote better lake health and will update when specific information is available.

- ix. Stock Walleye, attend to excessive weed growth as needed, keep informing the member of current lake issues. And last but not least than you for your time and effort serving on the board.
 - 1. DNR restocks the lake as they feel is needed.
 - 2. Pearl Lake Lake Association has in the past stocked as funds were available.
 - 3. Joe Stewig from the area fisheries will be in person at the annual meeting to speak on behalf of the fisheries.
- x. Thank you for taking the time to create the survey
- 3. The board has agreed to reach out to Lake Mangement for the 2023 year. We will pursue options for individual lakeshore spraying and provide them to landowners for their own decision to be made at the annual meeting.
- 4. Fishing contest is coming on February 11, 2023.
 - a. The board is looking for cash donations to put towards the 1st place cash prize.
 - b. The proceeds of the fishing contest return options toward the lake. For example, in the past it has funded the stocking of fish.