

PPLA MEETING MINUTES

DATE: APRIL 5, 2025

Attendees

- Charlie Pater
- Bob Orsi
- Kent Walczak
- Tad Wefel
- Ron Roman

Agenda

- Annual Letter
- Communication methods
- Waterfowl
- Boat Launch and Bouys
- Social Activities

Minutes

- **9:05 am. Call to order**
- **Annual Letter:**
 - With Doug's passing, issuing letter was delayed.
 - A draft was made by Charlie, and changes by Joanna. The draft was sent to all board members to review.
 - Need to include a point on the letter to recognize Doug Peterson for his work as the President.
 - Tad will also look into putting a tree in Sunset Park in Doug's name.
 - In honor of Doug, PPLA will make a donation to Ghost Light Theatre of \$500. Kent made the motion; Tad second, passed. Additionally, flowers will be sent; \$250 value; provided by Ron Roman which will go to the memorial service in June in Elmhurst, IL.
 - One of the purposes of the letter is fundraising. Also, to inform Riparian members on activities, past and upcoming.
- **Communications:**
 - Need a better method to communicate to Riparians. Is it emails? Use of fundraising?
 - Do we need to develop a program to get more emails?
 - Discussed going door to door. Who and how would this be done? Is there an organization that would do this? Could be pricey. More discussion needed on this.
 - Other ways to get emails:
 - Go to Condo Associations and ask if we can use their email lists:
 - Shorewood Shores – Kent to ask
 - Lake Point Condos
 - Edgewater Condos
 - Chalet Du Paw Paw
 - Country Aire
 - Can we get the PPLYC email list? Kent to ask.
 - A potentially better method is posting on Paw Paw Lake Love. Tad to investigate. In any posting thru this, also direct them to ppla.today
 - Website: Tad to take over the website updating. Will also take on any other social media potentials.
 - Dustin Ford can do some writing for the website on educational material. (He has done writing for Concierge Preferred out of Chicago which is a magazine given free at many of the Chicago hotels to tell guests what they can do and go to in Chicago, Many of Dustin's writings are still on their website; conciergepreferred.com; search Dustin Ford. Asked to put together a proposal for next meeting.

- **Waterfowl:**
 - Every day, Charlie has been chasing geese and getting them off the lake. It may be a good idea to post what and why we are doing this on PPL Love as people have made comments.
 - Per Charlie, the only reason we have waterfowl is due to the deicers on the lake. Need to tell people how to manage this.
 - Charlie also has a permit to remove goose eggs from the nests. Need to know where the nests are. Did not discuss how he would get this info, therefore tbd.
- **Boat Launch cleaning stations:**
 - Rick has this info.
- **Boat launch:**
 - Garbage cans:
 - PPLA will fund this; assuming cost is NMT \$500. Kent made this motion. Tad second; passed.
 - Put a PPLA sticker on them.
 - Sign at Coloma boat launch:
 - It had blown down
 - Per Gibby, the construction was not treated wood.
 - Cost to fix / redo; tbd BUT Gibby made a motion for costs not to exceed \$2,000; Kent second; passed.
- **Board membership misc:**
 - Bob Orsi will be the treasurer; Charlie made the motion; Ed second; passed.
 - Checkbook signatures; Bob will be added; Charlie will come off. Kent and Gibby are also authorized for signatures. May need a copy of these notes to take to Huntington Bank to do these changes.
 - Rick is secretary. (Was this approved in prior meetings?)
 - George Schubkegel will be the new board member. (Sorry, didn't write down who motioned, and second, etc.)
 - By the bylaws, Kent will assume presidency. Note; Kent may not stay on as president but would remain a director. If Kent steps down as president, will vote on a new one. Timing tbd.
 - Per Ron, per the bylaws, each board member is assigned to chair a committee. Defer to the May meeting to assign.
- **Buoys:**
 - Current buoys, \$88 for new stickers with "PPLA" to put on buoys; they will stay on!
 - Matt Schmitt will put in the buoys and also take them out; \$400.
 - Total price \$488.
 - Gibby made the motion; Charlie second; passed
- **Social Activities:**
 - Rick had some suggestions; will wait to next meeting for these as he could not attend.
 - Bob made a suggestion about potentially giving out hot dogs free; go around the lake on a pontoon and give them out; courtesy of PPLA. Ask Eddies Drive In to make (?). Have a card with our website and email, and ask to respond with their email.
 - There was some concern about giving out food.
 - Tabled for now.
- **PPLF update:**
 - Jim Hoadly has taken some RLS info on new technology and looking into what it would take to implement / test:
 - Oxygenation; getting quotes. Takes current year to apply for permit for next year.
 - Bio Char bags; absorbs phosphorus. Would hang a bag at people's docks; lasts 3 years. Needs a permit to do.
 - SAD is looking into alum for the lake, but this is old technology.
 - Mark Malin has a map of the lake; not sure if or when or where it will be used.

Final Announcements

- **Future meetings:**
 - Can we invite the sheriff deputy to come and present as he did last year; Gibby to follow up.
 - Meeting schedules (need to put on website):
 - Saturday, May 3 rd
 - Saturday, June 7 th
 - Saturday, July 12 th
- Meeting adjourned; Charlie made motion; Tad second; passed.