

## Papakeechee Protective Association

### LAPSI Team Meeting 6/13/14, 7:00pm

#### Minutes

Attendees (Alphabetically): Kendall Floyd, John Hart, Jan Laurent, Diane Tulloh, Virginia Surso

Guests: Diana Castell (WACF)

#### Old Business:

**Lab equipment:** Diane brought all the equipment, but John will take DO meter home tonight. John will check with Board on our insurance (in regard to leaving equipment.) Virginia mentioned that there have been a lot of burglaries in the lake area.

**Testing:** Jan, Jodi, and Diane did Secchi and E Coli tests in May. Secchi readings came in cloudier in May than they were last summer. John noticed that the lake appeared cloudy all spring. It is our impression that since that time the lake is already getting clearer. Diane C. said that Wawasee was also a few feet cloudier. There is some confusion over the number designation (1 through 5) in our current protocols.

Diane also suggested that some of the data points, especially for E coli, get moved closer to the shore. This grows more important once the students are trained on the Lowrance. We discussed whether or not we need to give the new points new names, or use the name of the nearest data point.

There was only one spot that tested positive with E coli.

Lowrance. Measures in feet. All of our equipment is in Meters. John thinks that we can change the Lowrance units to Meters so that we're consistent and more scientific. We're deferring this decision to Tony.

WACF's Secchi is a tape (like a tape measure) with feet on one site and meters on the other. Wildlife Company is the company WACF got theirs from.

The weight fell of our Secchi disk and Diane ordered another one.

**E Coli training** at WACF next Thursday 6:30-8:30pm with Nancy Brown (trainer with Hoosier River Watch and Program Director of Elkhart Co. Soil and Water District.) Diane suggested anybody interested should go (especially the student interns).

**Speakers:** After Diane heard him at WACF she was reminded that it would be great to have Nate speak for us. Another good one is Jed Pearson. WACF next Lake Talk & Eats is on a healthy lake shore on August 2. The bug test (great for kids) is on July 5th. They're all 9-11.

So, it was suggested that we have Nate Bosch on an early September Saturday at 10:00 (not a board meeting Saturday). Anthony to reach out to Nate. A topic, leave it up to Nate, but cover the testing in our area.

Although last month we talked about Melissa Clark, she has been proven to be difficult to reach (in regards to the weed program). Also suggested was Martha Ferguson. July is busy, August is the annual meeting. This leaves September for a reasonable speaker time. Proposed to get Nate to speak. Diane to bump Tony about his assigned responsibility to contact Nate.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Weed ID training dates (Clean Lakes) is still up in the air due to the availability of the trainer.

Possible future fundraiser: Carp Shoot

Kent Hare (taxidermist) is a good fisherman and also a good speaker.

Tri-Count: Jan drafted a thank-you and we all agreed to send it. He hasn't yet sent us the map showing the water flow.

100 Year Celebration – Diane passed out an info sheet and said “get the word out”.

Weed wicking: John made a strong attempt at killing the cattails in the old ponds. They got spots bet then got better. He thinks maybe it was because he didn't use the surfactant. He is going to try it again. We wondered if we could get the students involved in weed wicking if they are available.

Some discussion about trying to get more volunteers. One suggesting was an e-mail newsletter-type mailing. John to check with the board.

Diane said that Nate Bosch was at Lake Talks & Eats and stated that if you kill the plant life the nutrients are still there and can cause algae to grow.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: OK to send minutes of both last meetings to board.**

**Next meeting: 7:00pm on 7/11/14 at PPA Bldg.**