

Papakeechee Protective Association

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

Minutes

Attendees (Alphabetically): Kendall Floyd, John & Georganna Hart, Jodi Hedges, Jan Laurent, Anthony Serianni, Virginia Surso, Diane Tulloh, Jerry Yoder

Guests: None

Old Business:

Summer Water Testing with Hannah:

Oven & Secchi disk setup – Anthony to help Hannah with these.

John got permission for her to use the chemical boat. John is still pursuing a key to the PPA bldg. Hannah.

How to pay for boat fuel? Need mechanism to track gas usage. John will address with Board.

John proposed working with the Board to allow for a rowboat with an electric trolling motor which would carry a LAPSI flag.

Water Testing Protocols: Anthony is going to get Hannah to write them and Anthony will review them. Protocols need repeatable by us in the future. The plan is to take turbidity readings first and E Coli second. Once she's comfortable with using the boat and the Secchi disk, Anthony and Hannah will go to Goshen to talk to the manufacturers of the e Coli test.

GPS for water test locations: Lowrance unit will perform this function. We have not chosen those specific spots. We'll sit down with Hannah and brainstorm locations with a map. We are still targeting about 50 readings for the entire lake. John will send manual for Lowrance to Hannah.

Identification: Make sign for Hannah to use while testing. For example: Water testing in progress. Perhaps also a document she could carry in the event she is questioned. Anthony to ask Hannah if she may already have something she can show furnished by ND. Possibility to ask board to send press release to Mail Journal regarding testing. Do not include a picture of Hannah.

WACF May Meeting:

A copy of their minutes was passed around. Anthony said there was a lot of discussion about weed treatment. They use a different chemical than we do. They asked if we/Terry are licensed to apply chemicals. John clarified that we buy from a licensed supplier.

WACF also engaged in a lot of discussion about who/how water levels get controlled. Anthony learned that even WACF doesn't really know for sure how water levels are controlled. They are also concerned about the integrity of the Syracuse water control structure. Virginia added that there is also a

dam/levee behind the Subway Shoppe. The impression received from the city of Syracuse is that they are not interested and/or cannot afford to maintain/repair the dam.

For future LAPSI meeting: have Terry speak to our group about how he does the calculations to apply the Sonar.

Lake Mapping:

Sounding – John: still overcoming technical difficulties; Again... Dr. Depth was sold and will not release who purchased them and it can no longer be purchased. Then John tried Insight Genesis (by Lowrance). You can upload data to them and view it, but you have to pay to own it. When we attempted to upload we got an error. John found that you have to upload from the download tool. Then he found you only get one shot for free and anything else is a \$300/year fee.

Then we tried UnderSee Explorer which is free. Better versions cost more which have more options.

John would like to research this some more this coming week. John to take a more detailed sounding and then import the reading into both Insight and UnderSee and then choose the best. LAPSI chose to let John and Kendall decide between the two.

Jerry asked if any other lakes do this or if the DNR does it for them. We assume so since so many maps already exist.

John will e-mail Diane at WACF to ask what they use for sounding software.

Bookkeeping:

Software currently on-hold; John has expenses to turn in. He gave them to Virginia; she will record it, and then turn it in to the Treasurer of the Board for payment. These expenses were already approved by the Board.

The next charge against our fund will likely be the purchase of the e Coli tests kits.

Anthony didn't yet buy the T and pH probe since he wants to see how the testing plays out.

Miscellaneous

- Potential New Grant through Notre Dame: The proposal in the donor's hands. It is not yet known if she will fund it yet or not. She did say she was interested.
- Margaret Mead: Anthony gave task to his daughters to find the Papakeechee connection, including calling the Margaret Mead center. Virginia will call her friend that lived in the house below. Kendall to forward out to the group the e-mail from Corson. Virginia noted that Giese should be referred to as The Reverend.
- Wawasee historical boat tour in September. Sign up in community center.
- We have not yet started a list of possible Grants.
- Web site: This is in the Board's hands to make management/approval decisions.

- Virginia scanned the water test reports and sent them to Anthony for review. Tony was able to unzip and open the 10-11 files. However, each page resulted in a separate file. Kendall volunteered to scan them as one PDF for the multi-page documents.

Historical Documentation:

We discussed that it might be worth investing in a printer scanner for PPA use if we need to continue scanning more and more. Virginia to reach out to Ron Corson to get some available dates to visit his garage to look at his documentation in an effort to get started. John and I will mention to Ron at Board meeting. Tony (and/or anyone else) to look into a scanner that would be portable. We discussed first sorting the documentation, then scanning it.

Water to PPA Building:

Jerry, John, and Larry spent 20 hours but got less than one gal/minute. After 12 tests they opted to pull the well back out. They talked to well experts and decided to drive another 10 feet but haven't yet done so. John said that, "We have pressure, not volume." John to keep Anthony informed. May have spent a little over the originally proposed \$500.

Plan B for water? Use a couple "car boys".

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Ok to publish May minutes once Virginia's correction is included.

New Business:

Kendall to contact his uncle for brief summary of Great Lakes conference he went to.

Next meeting: 7:00pm on 7/12/13 at <location>.