

## PLDA Annual Meeting 3/27/2015

J Harmon, PLDA President, presented the board members to the attendees. Robbie Kinsey led the Pledge of Allegance and Bill Stiponovich led the prayer. J announced that Charlie Hickman from GBRA would be the guest speaker for the evening. The audience was given an opportunity to read the minutes from the previous year's annual meeting and the minutes were approved. The treasury report was given by Marcus McKean and was approved by the attendees. J recognized new PLDA members and read the PLDA mission statement.

### Review of the previous year:

- The Gala was fun this year but not as successful financially as in previous years. Everyone enjoyed the ski show, band, and coming together as a community. Profit from this year's Gala was \$2500.
- The July 4<sup>th</sup> parade had a record number of boats involved in the parade (more than 40) and record number of docks decorated.
- The Christmas light contest had good participation this year. Prizes were given out for first, second, and third place docks. PLDA would like for even better participation this year. If enough homes take part, then PLDA would like to organize a Christmas light parade in the future. The audience was very receptive to that idea.
- PLDA has been working with the New Braunfels Mayor, along with GBRA, TCEQ, and TP&W, to come up with a solution to the weed mat issue. Weeds are collected in Mill Pond next to the Wurstfest grounds and dumped weekly into the Comal river. PLDA is committed to controlling debris and trash before it gets into Lake Dunlap.
- PLDA would like to remind our members that our area remains under drought conditions. Please be good Texans and be water wise by adhering to the GBRA watering restrictions.

J called for reinstatement of the PLDA board members. The attendees voted approval. J informed the attendees that PLDA is down several board members and that people interested in becoming board members should contact PLDA.

The guest presenter, GBRA Engineer Charlie Hickman, presented a very eye-opening presentation on the current state of drought conditions throughout Texas. Even with the recent good rainfalls that have fallen in the area, the current flowrates of the Guadalupe and Comal are about half of their average. The drought that has persisted is bordering on being the worst drought since records have been kept by GBRA. Charlie stressed that lawns are typically over-watered and many acre-feet of water are wasted. PLDA thanks Charlie for the excellent presentation.

### Preview of events for the upcoming year:

- GBRA will lower Lake Dunlap by 1 to 2 feet in May for inspection of the dam. GBRA has promised that the lake will be raised to normal pool level by Memorial Day.

- PLDA would like to host a lake cleanup in June.
- PLDA would like to remove the downed tree near the no-wake zone close to I-35.
- The July 4<sup>th</sup> parade will be held again this year. It will occur on the 4<sup>th</sup>, regardless of what day of the week that falls on, and will start in front of the Southbank subdivision.
- Texas Parks and Wildlife reports that the zebra mussel has been discovered in Lake Waco, and is moving south. They have narrowed the cause down to a barge that was moved into the lake to work on bulkheads. TP&W reminds users of Lake Dunlap that bait cannot be used in multiple lakes and that boats must be completely dried before they are put onto another lake.
- The summer fundraiser is being considered for this year. If it occurs, it will be renamed from Gala to Lakefest or something similar.

PLDA would like to thank John and Karin Brooks for their donation of \$2000 at the annual meeting and for covering the bar tab at the meeting.

PLDA would like to thank the following corporate sponsors:

- John and Karin Brooks with Brooks Stone Ranch
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- Lauren Kinsey with The Fixx Hair Salon

Questions from the PLDA members:

1. Can PLDA clean up the canal near Riverbend?
  - a. PLDA as group cannot clean up the canal; however, PLDA is calling on our members to volunteer their time to help in the cleanup.
2. What is the status of the no-wake zone being extended down to the Marriott?
  - a. Texas Parks and Wildlife and GBRA have both voted 'no' to extending the no-wake zone down to the Marriott.
3. Any restrictions on wakeboats?

- a. Technically there are no restrictions on wakeboats having extra ballast. The Game Wardens can cite for dangerous operation. GBRA also has a rule that there shall be no wakesurfing on its hydroelectric lakes. The Game Warden does request that boats do not throw large wakes near them when they have someone pulled over.
4. One member did complement PLDA for dragging a log that was stuck in the main body of the lake away from the owner's properties.
5. Are there any rules concerning adding additional phosphorous to the lake?
  - a. There are rules in place regulating the amount of phosphorous that can be added to the lake from septic plants. Any new additions to plants (such as the new construction at the Kuehler plant) will need to comply with the newest regulations for chemical treatment. Also, as a FYI, there are plans in place to move the Gruene septic plant out of the flood plane.
6. Can anything be done about the bass boats driving down the lake like a NASCAR race?
  - a. PLDA has discussed this issue with the Game Warden and GBRA. There is no speed limit on Lake Dunlap. There is a 50-foot rule that must be obeyed by all watercraft. It is up to the Game Warden to enforce that rule.
  - b. Related to this question, a recommendation was made by one of the PLDA members to have the Game Wardens' cell phone numbers posted on our website. This would allow members to call the Game Wardens and report bad boating behavior.
7. A PLDA member has requested the board to consider hosting a class on safe operation of jet skis.
8. Does PLDA support the Can Ban?
  - a. PLDA has decided to remain neutral throughout the Can Ban ordeal. PLDA is strongly in favor of keeping tubing trash out of Lake Dunlap.

The following are this year's raffle winners!

- Al Serna the 4<sup>th</sup>, \$50 Granzin's gift certificate
- Martin Allen, \$50 McAdoo's gift certificate
- Dan Krueger, 4 hour jet ski rental from Bruno's
- Kali Griggers, \$100 boat or jet ski service from the Boat Doctor
- Bernie Mitchell, 4 hour jet ski rental from Bruno's
- Gloria Muchler, hair products from The Fixx
- Hunter Croan, hair products from The Fixx
- Hayden Nerby, hair products from The Fixx
- Sam Fye, hair products from The Fixx
- Marilyn Challenner, Calphalon cookware
- Steven Tays, Insignia tablett
- J Harmon, GoPro camera
- Sam Hess, Samsung TV