

PLDA board meeting 4/16/15

Attending: J Harmon, J. Boyle, J. Ivy, M. McKean, G. Pool, D. Shaw, R. Kottler, B. Stipanovich, Matthew Hoyt, R. Roark

Meeting started at 6:30 pm. Minutes for March were approved by the board.

Treasurer report: More dues in. After the annual meeting and dues collected, we are up around \$300. J and John report that we need to donate more money to another non-profit to show more support to the community. \$1500 to Edwards Aquifer Alliance. \$1000 to Lake Dunlap Volunteer Fire Department. The motion passed.

Web report: web server was down.

Annual Meeting Recap: Response was great from our members. The food was good. There were 108 people in attendance. The parking in the grass was an annoyance. Ray talked with the Marriott and they ensure that the problems that we had will not be there next year. Another option for next year is to have a catered meeting at Riverbend. There were only 5 plates left from the food that we ordered.

Weed mat issue: Matthew Hoyt joined the meeting to talk about trash cleanup in the rivers. The Hoyt's own Corner Tubes. The Water Wheel is located in Baltimore Harbor and has cleaned up most of their trash. 50% of the tubes that go down the river come from the outfitters. The rest comes from Walmart, Buccees, etc. Matthew showed a NBC report to the board about the Water Wheel. He would like to locate it just upstream of the Mill Street bridge to catch trash from both the Comal and the Guadalupe. Matthew reports that this is not even on the city's radar yet. PLDA is not only concerned about the trash but also the invasive species from Landa. Matthew thinks that the trash issue is a state issue and thinks that the state may fund some of the cost through grants. He reports that the Baltimore conveyor cost approximately \$800,000 and was around \$100,000 per year to operate. Matthew's presentation was well accepted. Concerning the weeds, J will try to get a meeting with Doug Kempel to elevate PLDA's position about stopping the weeds. David would like to meet with David Welch to get guidance about how to best approach the city.

Tree removed: David Shaw contracted Jim Melsha to remove the tree at the no-wake zone and it is done. It was \$1500. J contacted David Welch about possibly providing funds and he agreed. The amount was not determined.

New Officers: Ray suggested that we keep the officers the same. The by-laws say that a new board should be elected. The board has decided to extend the terms of the directors by 1 year due to continuing negotiations concerning the weed mat issues.

Old business: PLDA would like to hold a lake cleanup soon. Ray asked if we should wait until the lake is down in May. J asked everyone to scout out the lake and determine where the worst spots are. The board discussed the annual lakefest again. J suggests that we have a party. Joe wants to have food and drinks at least. The board agreed that the party would be around August 1<sup>st</sup>.

New Business: The lake will be lowered on May 4<sup>th</sup> until the 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are installing an automatic leveling system on the dam. More people are complaining about the fishing tournament and want more no-wake buoys down to the Marriott. There is also talk about making that whole area a no-swimming area too. The other option is having the Marriott put up signage that warns their patrons about the lake being a navigable waterway and that they should stay out of the middle of the lake. J will talk to the fishing group about having

more separation between boats and going slower where the lake is narrow. Concerning the rezoning of the property next to the Marriott, J discussed the subject with David Welch. GBRA is concerned about a new car dealership polluting the water with runoff and potential for vehicles being pulled into the lake during a flood event. Several people have asked PLDA to fight the rezoning. PLDA has no authority to be weighing in on the matter.

Adjourned: 8:00 pm