

# 2015 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2015** 

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PLDA board meeting 11/19/15

Attending: J. Ivy, J. Boyle, M. McKean, G. Pool, R. Kottler, B. Stipanovich, R. Kinsey, J. DeCola

Meeting started at 6:33 pm. Minutes for October were approved by the board.

Treasurer report: The report for October was read and approved.

Web report: 306 hits total. 9 per day. Website updated with information on catching the burglar and pictures and videos of the flooding. Enchanted Rock and Jason Carr need to be removed from the website and the minutes need to be updated and advertise the annual meeting. Meet-and-greet starts at 6:30, meeting at 7, and band at 8.

Christmas Contest: The contest will occur on December 19th. The judges will meet at 6:30 around Southbank and head upstream and then downstream. Robbie will create the winning signs. The website needs to be updated with the contest information.

Annual meeting: Bill will lock in the date on the food service. We will contract the band "Three Man Front" to play at the meeting.

Burglaries on the lake: The burglar has been arrested and is under full guard at the hospital.

Flood Clean-up: The membership has been asking about when the lake will be lowered. There is a travel trailer and several boats in the lake. J has been in contact with GBRA but nothing has been decided on their end yet. PLDA is pushing for lowering the lake several feet at a planned time so that members can work on their waterfronts and so that we can go mark any debris that needs to be dealt with. All three of the contractors on the lake have agreed to help with the cleanup. PLDA will work with certain members to see if we can pull debris and/or vehicles up on their properties so that we can get rid of it. PLDA is shooting for January 9th with an alternate of January 16th to lower the lake and the following weekends to perform the extraction of vehicles.

Annual Fundraiser: Joe suggests that we have gift cards for the fundraiser as the raffle prizes instead of jetskis or gator. The board approved that suggestion and agreed to values of \$5000, \$3000, and \$1000. The fundraiser will be tentatively August 6th. We need more board members to spread out the workload. Joe suggests that we limit the live auction to 6 items. Ray will look into organizing the ski show.

Old business: J discovered that TXDOT controls the area under the I-35 bridge and will need to discuss with them about controlling the transients under the bridge.

New Business: There will be no meeting in December.

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

**OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2015** 

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PLDA board meeting 10/15/15

Attending: J Harmon, J. Ivy, J. Boyle, M. McKean, G. Pool, R. Kottler, B. Stipanovich, R. Kinsey, J. DeCola

Meeting started at 6:33 pm. Minutes for September were approved by the board.

Treasurer report: The report for September was read and approved.

Web report: 144 hits total. 5 per day. Website updated with information on burglaries on the lake and with new sponsor. Enchanted Rock Vodka needs to be taken off of the Sponsor's page.

Annual meeting "menu" and "door prizes": A menu was decided upon. We will order 130 plates of the combination of prime ribs and quail. We will have a band and kegs of beer. We will investigate if members can bring their own bottles of other spirits.

Burglaries on the lake: J has talked to the Sergeant and they are following active leads. They are running surveillance on both Lake Dunlap and Lake McQueeney. Our members need to keep vigilant and report anything suspicious to authorities.

Old business: Christmas Light Contest judging volunteers will be decided at the next meeting. The rewards have already been decided. Jarrett DeCola was sworn in as a board member. We need to make a push to add more board members. J and John have not approached the police about the transient people congregating under the I-35 bridge.

New Business: There is a public meeting on the proposed drainage and erosion control on Oct. 20th at 6 pm at the McKenna Events Center. John and Ray will attend to get information for the board. Marcus has noticed that some of the buoys have been moved to cover more of the lake. J and Doug will call GBRA to set up a meeting to discuss the lack of communication about moving the buoys.

Adjourned: 7:45 pm

## **SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

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PLDA board meeting 9/17/15

Attending: J Harmon, J. Ivy, M. McKean, G. Pool, R. Kottler, B. Stipanovich, R. Roark, R. Kinsey, and guest Jerrett Decola

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

Treasurer report: The report for July and August was read and approved.

Web report: 404 hits total for both months. 6 per day. Website updated with information on cancelation of Lakefest and the warning about wake surfing.

Christmas light contest: Will be held on Saturday night, December 19th. Prizes will be \$100 for first place, \$50 for second, \$35 for third. J will make a flyer to put on the web page. Possibly invite the members to join the judges for a tour of lights.

Annual meeting: Deposit has been paid to River Bend to reserve April 8 for the meeting. John is talking with someone concerning food to lock down a menu. We would like to have a band after the meeting for a party. PLDA will provide a keg or two.

Weed mat issue: Weeds are reducing but are still present. PLDA is not pressing the issue at the moment and will pick it up again in the new year.

Wake surfing law: J has been talking with members on Lake McQueeney and Placid. They are ticketing on both of those lakes. PLDA will observe what happens with those lake members fighting their tickets. PLDA is not taking a position on this matter.

Old business: none

New Business: J wants PLDA to take a position on whether to have Lakefest next year. If so, then we need to plan early. The board is in agreement that we would like to host the party again but would like it to be lowkey. J is concerned about the transient people living under the I-35 bridge drinking and littering. PLDA will talk to the police chief about them.

Adjourned: 7:45 pm

## **JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

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PLDA board meeting 7/16/15

Attending: J Harmon, J. Ivy, M. McKean, G. Pool, R. Kottler, B. Stipanovich, S. Pullin, R. Roark, J. Boyle

Meeting started at 6:30 pm. Minutes for May and June were approved by the board.

Treasurer report: The report for July was read and approved.

Web report: 404 hits. 13 per day. Website updated with 4th of July information.

July 4th Parade recap: There were a lot of people on the banks watching the parade. Ray had a hard time coordinating the start of the parade. He suggests the board buy a bullhorn and he can use it to start the parade. He also wants it to keep boats in order and not pass the leader. John suggests that we have "marshalls" go up and down the line to keep order. There is a suggestion to start the parade next year at the dam and go all way down to RiverTree Park to include more of the lake. The number of boats was lower than the last few years. We attribute that to the high flow just before the 4th and the uncertainty of when it would be lowered to normal level. Overall a successful parade.

Weed mat issue: J says that there was no buildup of weed mat at Landa Park when he checked last week. Robin and Marcus saw some buildup. Marcus collected many full cans of beer over the weekend. The board wonders if the higher flow and that the construction is complete in the park is keeping the weed mats down.

Lakefest: Lakefest will be postponed until next year because the board was busy with the concerns about flood. J and John will put out a memo to our membership. J went to Riverbend and rolled the deposit over to March of next year for the annual meeting. We will likely have the meeting and then a social with the possibility of a band. The board agreed to move the venue to Riverbend. It will tentatively be April 1.

Old business: none

New Business: The weekly Thursday fishing tournament has gotten a lot of attention from other lake users. The board approached the organizers of the tournament to see how the tournament can be run more safely. The organizers were very receptive to the conversation. They are proactively implementing a speed limit on the fishermen, a no-passing zone down to the first island, keeping the fishermen on the right side of the lake near the Marriott, and are planning to discuss with the Marriott about having one of their employees warn patrons around 6:15 pm that boats will be coming down the lake. PLDA has no enforcement authority; however, we do promote boating safety on the lake.

Adjourned: 7:45 p

## **JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

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PLDA board meeting 6/18/15

Attending: J Harmon, J. Ivy, M. McKean, G. Pool, R. Kottler, B. Stipanovich, S. Pullin, R. Kinsey, R. Roark

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

Treasurer report: The report for June was read and approved.

Web report: 401 hits. 13 per day. Website updated with flood information.

July 4th Parade: Ray will lead the parade. J, Robby, and Marcus will judge. Plaques have already been purchased. Gift certificates will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd boats and docks. \$75 for 1st, \$50 for 2nd, and \$25 for 3rd. Start time will be at 3:00 pm. If the water is normal level, we will start at South Bank. If the water is still up, we will start in front of Dr.

Hill's house. The website should advertise South Bank but give a caveat about if the current is high. John will send out a mass mailer.

Weed mat issue: no updates due to high flowrate.

Lakefest: John contacted Fritz catering (who does the DU event). They are proposing \$10 per plate service, based on 300-400 plates. This includes food and services too. We need to book a band too. Marcus recommends Scott Wiggins' band. We will do the cakewalk, live auction, silent auction, bouncy castle, bingo. Will last from 5 pm to 9 pm. We will need to get tables and chairs and the cooler for beverages and ice and security and port-a-potties. There will be a raffle for a free towable...one free ticket per plate. Raffle tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. J will work on organizing the ski show. Robby will work on shirts.

Old business: Lake cleanup is off due to high flowrate.

New Business: The website domain cost is due. Robby wants to add an apparel section to the website so that members can buy PLDA items. The sheriff's department is writing tickets on Lake Placid for wakesurfing/over-sized wakes.

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

## **MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2015**

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PLDA board meeting 5/21/15

Attending: J Harmon, J. Boyle, J. Ivy, M. McKean, G. Pool, R. Kottler, B. Stipanovich, S. Pullin, R. Kinsey

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

Treasurer report: Donations were completed for the Greater Edwards Aquifer and Lake Dunlap volunteer fire department. Greater Edwards Aquifer has been dealing with the issue of sewage plants dumping effluent into the Dry Comal Creek by new Municipal Utility Districts.

Web report: 279 hits. 9 per day. Website updated with lake lowering information. For events such as the sewage spillage into the lake, we should take a quick poll and post that information on the web.

Weed mat issue: J talked to Doug Miller. He was surprised the conveyor was not still in place. PLDA wants to meet with Doug at Mill Pond to show him the pileup of weeds. Doug Harrison will set up meetings with Lamar Smith. Donna Campbell is very busy right now in the Senate so PLDA will wait until she is free to press the issue. Tracy is retiring in June. He will hopefully throw more support behind PLDA's cause once he retires. There was a Facebook post about Hydrilla being in the lake. It is not Hydrilla but is in the family.

Lake cleanup in June: Robbie suggests that we have the cleanup after Memorial day. We would like to clean up the lake before the July 4th weekend. John suggests the 20th of June. The board agrees. Meet from 9 am to noon. Lunch served from noon to 1 pm. The board would like to make up more banners for the event.

Annual party at RiverBend: J suggests that we have a few live auction items. Joe says that we should have silent auction items too. J also suggested that we have a door prize. The party will be catered. A small ski show should be done too. There will be beer sales too. We are looking into bands too. Advertising will be the same as before. Each board member should look for bands and food caterers. Official name is "Lake Fest".

Old business: We have not received an invoice from Melsha about the tree removal. There was a donation from Electric Transmission of Texas. Insurance for the board members has gone up slightly.

New Business: J and Doug have a meeting with GBRA about the Marriott and no-wake zones. They will suggest that the Marriott put up signage to warn their people about the dangers of swimming in a navigable lake. John brought up the fact that in the past GBRA has prohibited commercial entities from operating on the hydroelectric lakes. Lake Dunlap will be raised starting Friday morning. The splash boards will be left down in case of weather emergencies, and this was

coordinated with PLDA. J and John have both been contacted about the mailing list being used for advertisements. PLDA was not aware of this and is investigating.

Adjourned: 7:55 pm

## **APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

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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, Bucces, 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 1st.

New Business: The lake will be lowered on May 4th until the 22nd. 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 p

## **ANNUAL MEETING 2015**

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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 4th 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.

## **MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

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PLDA board meeting 3/19/15

Attending: J Harmon, J. Boyle, J. Ivy, R. Kinsey, R. Roark, M. McKean, G. Pool, D. Shaw, R. Kottler

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

Treasurer report: Dues are coming in. We are up over \$6000 over the previous report. Treasurer's report was approved.

Web report: 160 hits total, 5 per day.

Annual Meeting: Ray has coordinated the setup at the Marriott. Service will start at 6:15 pm. John has door prize tickets. Board members will get there at 6:00 pm for last minute setup. Meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Donna Campbell cannot make it, but J has a guest speaker named Charlie Hickman (GBRA engineer) lined up. David wants board members to be prepared for potential questions, such as permits, the upstream down tree, the Marriott kayakers, and the weed mats, etc. John will get the door prizes this week.

GBRA meeting: J attended the recent GBRA meeting. It was well attended. There will be three Game Wardens with three boats (one new hire). Lake will be lowered first week of May and raised before Memorial Day. The upstream downed tree was discussed without resolution. There was a suggestion for a no-wake zone all the way down to the Marriott, which was shot down. The game warden present was going to approach the Marriott about keeping their kayakers out of the middle of the lake. J presented the weed mat issue and it went well with a lot of support from varied sources (game warden, other lakes, GBRA, etc.). GBRA has performed a cost analysis about what a weed conveyor would cost and a good location for it to be installed. J and John suggest that Doug head up future coordination on the matter.

Lake Dunlap Annual Summerfest Fundraiser: tabled until April meeting.

Old business: none

New Business: John has new corporate sponsors that need to be added to the website.

Adjourned: 7:10 p

## **FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

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PLDA board meeting 2/19/15

Attending: J Harmon, J. Ivy, S. Pullin, R. Roark, M. McKean, G. Pool, D. Shaw, B. Stipanovich, R. Kottler

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

Treasurer report: Treasurer's report was approved.

Web report: 144 hits total, 5 per day.

Annual Meeting: Everything is set with the Marriott. There is no band. Senator Donna Campbell may speak at the meeting. Representatives Doug Miller and John Kuempel will be approached to speak as well. Ray will man the table at the front. Greg will have a slideshow presentation. John will send out emails to members twice the week before.

Lakefest Fundraiser: John pointed out that the board membership is down and the Lakefest is hard enough with a full board. He suggests scaling the party down. Maybe bring in a food truck or two instead of us cooking food for everyone. Robin suggests dropping the fundraiser portion in favor of just a party. The suggestion was tabled until the April meeting. J has verbally reserved Saturday, August 1st at River Bend.

Weed mat issue: J will meet with the other lake homeowner's associations and GBRA about the weeds that are in their lakes. He doesn't feel that GBRA will officially commit to fighting the weed issue but will verbally support it. J would like to present the letter from TP&W to the other associations. After getting support from other parties, he would like to meet with the Mayor with the findings in March, and include other interested parties. The board approves.

Old business: We need to the names of the Christmas lights winners.

New Business: Cindy VanEpps has resigned from the board. J will attend the GBRA hydroelectric meeting on February 27th. Board members will need to be elected at the April meeting. PLDA will continue to support the Guadalupe Basin Coalition. Gary Ditmar may be selling his water rights to GBRA for the area just below the Lake Dunlap dam.

Adjourned: 7:15 pm

## JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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PLDA board meeting 1/15/15

Attending: J Harmon, J. Ivy, J. Boyle, S. Pullin, M. McKean, G. Pool, D. Shaw, B. Stipanovich, R. Kottler, R. Kinsey, C. VanEpps

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

Treasurer report: Treasurer's report was approved.

Web report: November: 120 hits total, 4 per day. December: 138 hits total, 4 per day. Christmas lights were added to the front page. Bostow Metal Works was added to the sponsors list. Add new 2015 fishing report to website when it becomes available.

Christmas light contest: The Christmas lights contest was a hit this year. Prizes were given out to first, second, and third places. J made a motion that everyone, including board members, should be eligible for all contests. The board agrees.

Annual Meeting: The meeting will be on March 27th, with mingling at 6:30 and meeting start at 7 pm. Ray brought the Courtyard Marriott dinner buffet menu. The board voted to have the Country dinner option. Door prizes will consist of t-shirts, koozies, tablet, TV, and gift certificates. J has requested that the board of directors not take place in the door prizes. Cindy would like someone to speak at the meeting dealing with the drought issues and how to conserve water effectively. J would like to incorporate that information into his speech. Currently we will not have a guest speaker other than Donna Campbell. Ray will make sure that a projector is available for use. Greg will create a slideshow and presentation. Cindy will create new nametags for new members.

Weed mat issue: The PLDA letters to the city are complete. John Findeisen from Texas Parks and Wildlife has also created a letter. TCEQ does not very supportive of our stance concerning the weed issues. Their position is that the city has the right to divert water into the river. GBRA would like to be part of any meetings but are not actively supporting the issue either. J is questioning whether to call a meeting with all of the parties involved. Cindy suggests that we involve the other lake associations. The board would like to approach GBRA to get their buy-in, especially in light of the support of TP&W. J would like to have a meeting with GBRA. Joe would like to get Senator Campbell involved as well.

Old business: J contacted the Lake Dunlap Fire Department to inquire about the donation letter. J will ask the department captain to join us at our annual meeting.

New Business: John needs the board members name and addresses to turn into the state. Ray suggests that we rename the Gala to either "PLDA Summer Fest" or "Lake Dunlap Summer Fest". Joe wants the board members to start thinking about what we want to do for our raffle items. J gave an update on the GBRA contingency fund. GBRA has spent \$25,000 out of the \$30,000 fund.

Adjourned: 7:54 pm