

**PLACID LAKES HOME AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES TOWN HALL**  
**Monday, December 14, 2009 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Meeting called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by President Sam Bliss.

Board members present:

President, Sam Bliss; Vice President, Diane Yeager, Secretary, Pam Brewer; Treasurer, Seldon Bailey; Richard Koderhandt, Barbara Mason, Natalie Hastings, Susie Lee, and John Plunkett (absent).

President Bliss reported that Commissioner Don Bates would not be attending the meeting due to the death of his son-in-law. He asked that we keep Mr. Bates and his family in our prayers.

President Bliss led with the Invocation and asked Diane Yeager to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The President asked the Secretary for a determination of a Quorum of the Board. The Secretary announced a Quorum present.

The minutes of the previous Membership Meeting was provided to all attending. Larry Parzygnat moved to accept the minutes. Jeannie Parzygnat seconded. Motion carried.

**1. Presentations.**

The President asked Diane to introduce the speaker. Diane introduced Christy Reed from “Adopt A Road” and “Keep Highlands Beautiful”. Christy spoke on those programs as well as the county Recycling program. Christy thanked Placid Lakes and especially Diane for the clean up work she and the volunteers have done. She reports that she is trying to get a glass recycling container for the Placid Lakes subdivision.

**2. Financial Reports**

**A. Placid Lakes Special Benefit District report:** Seldon Bailey, Treasurer.

**B. Association Financial Report:** Seldon Bailey, Treasurer.

Copies of the financial report for the Association as well as the financial report from the Special Benefit Tax District was provided to the members and reviewed by the Treasurer. Copies of the reports are attached to the written minutes.

**3. New Business**

**A. By-laws Revision Committee:** President Bliss had copies of the proposed By-Laws, Standing Rules and Management Action Plans distributed to the members. He told the members that the By-Laws do not include any change to the annual dues. The board voted on these proposed By-Laws, Standing Rules and Management Action Plans at the Oct. 13th board meeting and the membership was provided copies at the end of the last general meeting. He is now asking for a vote of the membership. Pete Injasoulian moved to accept the By-Laws, Standing Rules and Management Action Plans as presented. Lee Witt seconded. Motion carried.

**B. Lake August Update:** Clell Ford and Eugene Longo were available to answer questions concerning the Lake August Hydrilla problem. President Bliss advised the members that the Board of Directors voted to authorize the county to proceed with a possible purchase of a lot or two lots to allow the lake to be considered a public lake and therefore eligible for state and federal funds to maintain the lake quality. In addition the board voted to spend Special Benefit Tax District money to purchase an additional on hundred grass carp as a stop gap measure until the state gets involved.

**C. Jesse Russell** spoke against the purchase of a lot next to his home. Other discussion from the members concerned the regulation of boat size, the posting of hours for the ramp/park. Clell reports that the best regulation is the regulation of speed.

After the discussion, Larry Parzygnat moved to approve the Board of Directors vote to recommend that the Highlands County administrators move forward to make Lake August a public lake, and the Board of Directors voted to purchase one hundred grass carp for Lake August. Eugene Longo seconded. Motion carried by a large majority of members present with three nays and one abstained. The membership understood that the administration's proposal to make Lake August a public lake would be presented to the Highlands County Commissioners as soon as possible.

#### **4. Old Business and Standing Committee Reports**

##### **A. Membership:** Susie Lee, Chair

Susie reported that we have doubled the number of members since the previous board meeting and now have 90 members. She asked if the members liked having the Christmas Party before the meeting and the members indicated their approval. She stated that there will be a Yard Sale in January and a Valentine Party in February.

She told the members that they have the opportunity to provide articles to be included in the newsletter. Susie also had a hand out to explain the membership drive contest. The winner is the person who signs up the largest number of people to membership in the Association. The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to No Frills Grill Restaurant.

##### **B. Beautification and Preservation:** Dane Yeager, Chair

Diane reported that a large number of trash bags had been collected during the Saturday December 5th pickup. These bags are stacked next to the **Adopt A Road** sign out front of Town Hall for all to see. The next clean up will be held Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. She is now working on improving the looks of the ramp at the town hall. Because so many use it as their entrance, she wants it to also be beautiful.

##### **C. Lighting and Roads:** Seldon Bailey, Chair

Seldon said he had nothing new to report at this time.

##### **D. Recreation and Canals:** Richard Koderhandt, Chair.

Richard is still waiting on the report from the inspection of the canals.

##### **E. Office Operations:** Barbara Mason, Office Manager

Barb is back after knee surgery. The volunteers have been taking care of the office in her absence.

#### **5. Members Questions and Comments** – Don Boulton had a comment about more active code enforcement. It was explained that this is a county issue and that Code Enforcement is behind due to the number of complaints and the lack of sufficient personnel to handle the enforcement.

#### **6. the drawing for door prizes was held.**

#### **Next General Membership Meeting**

**Monday, February 15, 2010 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**This is the annual election of the Board of Directors meeting .**

Sam asked for a motion to adjourn.

Don Boulton moved to adjourn. Joyce Maloney seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Brewer, Secretary