

Papakeechee Protective Association

LAPSI Team Meeting 3/7/14, 7:00pm

Minutes

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

Guests: None

Old Business:

Upcoming Speaker - Jim Donahoe: Next Saturday at 10:00am at Syracuse Community Center. Anthony will bring projector if needed.

Brainstormed questions should we ask him? Jan has list. Diane to e-mail questions to Jim in advance.

Thank you gift: Decided on Papakeechee mug and packet of Papakeechee greeting cards. Diane will get with Steph & Becky.

Future of speakers: agreed we still thought 2 to 3 speakers a year was a good target. Potential: Laura Esman (from Watershed Academy), Laura Clark (Clean Lakes Program). David Lodge (Environmental Change Initiative). Steve Carpenter (Wisconsin).

Virginia added that The Turkey Creek Township Historical Center will be open at community center also.

Weed treatment: Discussed what is known of current practices.

Meeting Agendas: We discussed having a formal agenda for future minutes. We have been working of the previous month's minutes.

Water Testing:

This year we will add Nitrogen (N) and Phosphorus (P) our testing program. Tony purchased the two testing devices for N & P. Hanna Instruments: [HI 96786C](#) for Nitrate ISM and [HI 96717C](#) Phosphate High Range ISM. Tony finished working on the testing protocols which Hannah began last year for turbidity and E coli.

Discussed purchasing a DO meter. Last year these ran about \$1,500. Virtually same unit as Clean Lakes' meter. With the purchase of a DO meter we will be "self-contained" regarding any testing. We agreed to use LaPSI funds to purchase DO meter.

Chlorophyll? Equipment is costly.

We want to try to control all of the testing ourselves. This ensures we control costs and also ensures continuity across tests.

Graphing Software: Tony mentioned Prism again which he favors. He also suggested getting a LaPSI laptop. Could install Prism on that PC. Leave in lab for anyone's use.

Student interns: Everyone seemed positive about continuing to use students.

Tony has found two students willing to work with us. Diane @ WACF – may be interested in working with student also. We could make a connection with WACF on a technical level. Tony has reached out but no response from Diane yet.

Grants: Tony sent out an e-mail on 2/27/14 containing a [link](#) to funding sources. He continues to look for funding sources

Finances: We discussed our finances. Virginia to get with Sally to determine where Diane's Watershed tuition came from.

Watershed Leadership Academy:

Implications on our own testing: We discussed reducing the density of the data points on the lake, but then focus extra efforts in game reserve and beyond into some ag areas for E coli, P, & N. We will decide on data points as we run up to testing season and maybe brainstorm some at the next Watershed Academy in late March.

Bathymetrics: John to take two weeks in spring to run over a few places, clean up some of the goofs. We again discussed who should have access to this info, including water testing results. There was a great deal of discussion – culminating in our usual need to bring this issue to the board. ...sooner rather than later.

John to tell board at tomorrow's meeting that Tony will make presentation at either April or May board meeting (depending on Tony's availability).

Future Vision for LaPSI? Create a bona fide lab, that is, a central location for equipment, properly set up lab, place to store data. ...kind of like WACF's.

Wikipedia: Papakeeche article was updated by Mark. It looks much better expressing a more positive image.

Web site status – Kendall to discuss with board tomorrow regarding moving forward.

WACF: Tony attended their last meeting – They did an exercise to decide on what projects they would work on next year. Tony suggested forming a Regional Lake Council. Diane Castell & Joan Moore (and Tony) are supposed to be working on this. For reference it appears a similar organization already existed in the 1980s called the Kosciusko County Lakes Preservation and development council. (Editor's note – The Council authored a report in 1989 which you can find [here](#). Diane was also in possession of some of their material which she found in the archives of Ron Corson.)

Tri-County Fish & Game Tour: Jerry to guide us on a Tri-county tour sometime in May.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: Yes

Next meeting: 7:00pm on 4/11/14 at <location>.