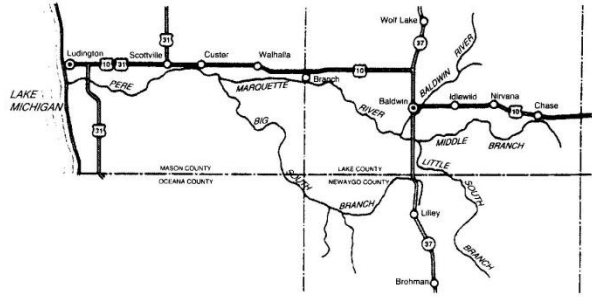


# Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



## Board of Directors' Meeting 7:00 P.M. July 13, 2019 AmVet Club, Baldwin, MI Meeting Minutes

### Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Bos at 7:00 p.m.
2. Attendance: Jay Barnhart, Mike Batcke, Jim Bos, Paul Bigford, Jeff Carpenter, Ian Davison, Dave Gabrielson, Marv Hanna, Michael Hoag, John Karakashian, Scott Lachniet, Dick Schwikert, Tom Seroczynski  
Excused: Troy Harrison, Mark Raven, Chuck Turk  
Absent:  
Guests: River Interns Ian Hatting and Luke Bontrager, Pete DeBoer, Auctioneer Glen Blackwood, Banquet attendees
3. President's Notices:
  - A. Welcome Guest: Paul Bigford was introduced welcomed everyone to the 48<sup>th</sup> annual banquet of the PMWC. Paul presented the Excellence in Conservation award to Pete DeBoer
  - B. Mike Hoag asked for a moment of silence to honor the passing of John Towsley. John was a long-time friend of the PMWC who supported the river and was involved with all aspects of wildlife and habitat management. John and his family had participated in the first C4C and continued supporting the fund-raising event for 23 consecutive years.
  - C. Paul Bigford introduced the river interns, Ian Hatting and Luke Bontrager, who are working to encourage responsible behavior on the river and monitor permit use.
  - D. President Bos gave a brief update the the newsletter he sent out indicating more progress on the rail road erosion site. Three members of the railroad participated in a meeting promoted by our local legislators and Senator Gary Peters. They indicated that they were willing to participated in helping the project move forward.
  - E. President Bos presented a plaque to Paul Bigford in honor of his ten years of service to the PMWC as it's president.
  - F. Three new life members were introduced, Ian Davison, James Hirdes, Tony Verplank
  - G. The winning team for the C4C was Jamie Kimball and Greg Farr who were guided by Mike Batcke. They also caught the largest fish, an 18 inch brown trout.
4. Public Comment – Auctioneer, Glen Blackwood, urged all conservationists in the room to take action to protect our natural resources. He complimented the PMWC on its continued efforts to protect the river resource and encouraged all to assist in helping find the funds to remediate the erosion site. Glen went on to state that private funds were needed to augment the grant and governmental funds available because the need was so great.

### New Business

4. New business –
  - A. Tom Seroczynski, vice president and chair of the nomination committee, took a moment to thank all of the donors who provided items for the auction and auctioneer, Glen Blackwood, who has continually supported our work by donating his services.
  - B. Nominations for directors whose terms will end in 2022
    - Nominating committee candidates for consideration
      - Mark Anderson
      - Jay Barnhart
      - Jason Hackney

- Marv Hanna
    - Dick Schwikert
    - Tom Seroczynski
  - Other Nominees
    - none
- C. Nominations for a director whose term will end in 2021 to fill the vacancy due to a Board member resignation
  - Nominating committee candidates for consideration
    - Matt Jacobson
  - Other Nominees
    - none

**There were no additional nominees and a motion to close nominations and vote in favor of the nomination committee's recommendations was made by Dave Gabrielson and seconded by Mike Hoag. Motion passed**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM

Next meeting will be held on August 3, 2019 at the Lake Osceola State Bank in Baldwin, MI at 10:00 am

Minutes submitted by Dave Gabrielson, Secretary

August 3, 2019

September 7, 2019 – Labor Day is Monday September 2, 2019 so there is no conflict

October 5, 2019

November 2, 2019

December 7, 2019