



PKA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

FEB 29, 2020 – 10:00 AM to Noon – Eden Condominium

The Perdido Key Association (PKA) held its 2020 Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, February 29, 2019, beginning at 10 AM at the Eden Condominium on Perdido Key, Florida. Approximately 40 people were in attendance.

Quorum: PKA President Charles Krupnick brought the meeting to order and welcomed those attending; PKA Director Joe Stone presented the Invocation; PKA Vice President Kelly Robertson led the Pledge of Allegiance and then announced that a quorum for the meeting had been established with 96 membership proxies had been received prior to the meeting.

PKA Board of Directors: Charles covered the selection process for 2020 PKA Directors: of the three Directors up for reelection, two volunteered to remain as Directors and no additional PKA member candidates came forward; with six open positions and two candidates, an election for Directors was not required. Charles then introduced the 2020 PKA Board of Directors: Mae Dean, Alan Dennis, Charles Krupnick, Kelly Robertson, and Dent Williams; Sarah De Lazzer continues as PKA Administrator. Charles expressed PKA's appreciation for the great work done by departing Director Joe Stone and past Director Pat Hodson.

2018 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes: PKA Secretary Mae Dean presented the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes; Charles called for a vote of approval; those present approved the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes as presented.

Membership Report: Charles reported PKA had 395 members at the end of 2019, an increase from 361 at the end of 2018. A membership mail-out to 1204 Perdido Key registered voters who were not PKA members resulted in only 13 new members, but if an additional 10 or 15 new members eventually join the mail-out cost would be covered.

Featured Speaker: Charles introduced featured speaker Dr. Alissa Deming, Staff Veterinarian with the Alabama Marine Mammal Stranding Network and NOAA's Regional On-site Coordinator investigating the ongoing dolphin Unusual Mortality Event. Dr. Deming provided a very informed and interesting presentation on the health of the Gulf Coast bottlenose dolphin population. She pointed out that the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill killed many dolphins and had a substantial effect on dolphin births and young dolphin health; she also noted that about three times the number of dolphins were stranded in 2019 than normal and that the Unusual Mortality Event could be related to increased fresh water in local areas from the past year's weather events. She provided information on how to report a marine mammal stranding while cautioning civilians not to return the animals to the water – they were on the beach because they were sick. Dr. Deming noted the health of dolphins, as the region's top oceanic predator, can be an indicator of the overall health of

the ecosystem they inhabit. She concluded her remarks by responding to questions from members in attendance, completing a memorable and much appreciated presentation.

Financial Report: PKA President Charles Krupnick presented PKA's 2018 financial status using PKA Administrator Sarah De Lazzer's report. He noted the reduced expenses resulting from cancellation of the June 2019 World Oceans Day Event because of expected storms. Charles called for a vote of approval; those present approved the 2019 Financial Report as presented. He also discussed the 2020 PKA budget and particularly the probable cost of the 2020 Perdido Key Property Owner Survey – expected at \$9500 and well beyond PKA's likely 2020 income. He discussed a number of possible ways to pay for the survey, including reducing PKA expenditures for the World Oceans Day Event, charitable contributions, and organizational dues; soliciting sponsors; and, borrowing from the PKA Legal Fund. Suggestions from members present included reducing costs by shifting to an online survey and using condominium and homeowner associations for survey distribution. The PKA Board of Director will consider process and funding alternatives while moving forward with the survey.

President's Remarks: Charles then reported on PKA's activities during 2019. These included the July make-up World Oceans Day Event, International Coastal Cleanup Day in September, and Adopt-A-Highway cleanups on a portion of Rt. 98 every quarter. Good progress had been made on the PKA Board's 2019 goals, such as establishing an online membership payment capability, completing the membership mail-out using voter registration records, preparing for the 2020 Property Owner Survey, and pursuing the Perdido Key Multi-Use Path; less success was reported at shutting down the rogue PKA Facebook page and moving toward underground utilities on Perdido Key. Charles noted the on-going citizen science projects on Perdido Key, such as salinity and seagrass monitoring and monthly profile and tar ball surveys of Perdido Key beaches. He addressed the beach erosion being experienced on the east end of Perdido Key and Perdido Key State Park, with the expectation that the Pensacola Pass Inlet Management Plan would help renourish Perdido Key beaches in the future. He also noted progress on traffic safety improvements, likely full funding of the Perdido Key Multi-Use Path and its anticipated construction within a year or two, and likely approval of the proposed new beach access location next to the Crab Trap Restaurant. With the current number of Directors somewhat reduced, Charles made an appeal for members to consider serving on the PKA Board of Directors.

Good of Order: President Charles Krupnick thanked members for attending and the Eden Condominium for use of its facilities. With no further questions or comments, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn; motion carried and the meeting ended at 12:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mae Dean, PKA Secretary