

Pike Lake Chain Lakes Association, Inc.

June 7th, Annual Lake Association Meeting

Unapproved annual meeting minutes

Location: Pike Lake Fire Hall

Meeting called to order:

9am by President Mike Ida followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Statement of Quorum:

After stating that we had a quorum to do the business at hand, Mike introduced the board to those in attendance.

Board Members Present (11)

President Mike Ida, Vice President Russ Schroeder, Lisa Brandt Secretary, Treasurer Lynne Clemens, Everett Sammis, Dave Ebert, Steve Ave'Lallemant, Jeff Witon, Thor Gunderson, Jim Clemmons, Tom Birchell

Board Member Absent: Duane Baer

Lake Association Members in Attendance: 17

Approval of secretary Minutes from annual 6/1/24 board meeting:

A motion was made by Derek Dieringer /2nd by Rick Saroni to accept the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Lynne Clemens presented the year-to-date financials, upcoming expenses, and membership reports. A question was asked about what the insurance is for, and Lynne noted it is liability insurance and then asked why it is so high. Lynne will check with the insurance agent in August. Motion made by Rick Saroni /2nd by Terry Mantor to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation by DNR warden Tom Heisler: Tom reviewed his work experience and the counties he covers. Explained DNR has statewide authority. The DNR wardens do patrol the chain. Does patrol at least 6-7 times per summer and the DNR will be out more if there are complaints. Pike Lake chain has very few complaints. The common violations are not having 1 PFD (personal flotation device) per person in a boat and the cost is about \$232.00. PFD's must be easily accessible. DNR does have a video to show the importance and why the PFD's need to be immediately accessible in case of an emergency. Anyone 13 or under must wear a US coastguard approved PFD on federal waters but not on the lake chain. DNR did recommend that children and infants should wear a US coastguard approved PFD for safety. You must have 1 throwable PFD for any boat over 16' long and must be accessible. A throwable that is waterlogged or ripped does not count as a serviceable throwable. Kayaks, canoes and paddleboards all require a PFD. The DNR does come and check those that are fishing. They check to make sure you have your fishing license and check the size and bag limit of the fish caught. There are 4 ways to show proof of a fishing license; carry paper license,

carry drivers license, wildcard, or a digital file on your phone. Tom noted it is common for people to fish without a fishing license. DNR also does boat registration. If missing decal, you can go online to order duplicates. UTV/ATVs must have their headlights on at all times including private property. All passengers must be wearing a seatbelt and if a passenger is not wearing a seatbelt, the driver would be the one getting the ticket. Boats must have their lights on at sunset, sunrise and if there is low visibility such as fog or heavy rain. All patrol boats in Wisconsin are blue flashing lights. The slow no wake on the chain has had no complaints the past 2 years. Defined slow no wake as going as slow as you can while being able to steer your boat. If you see the DNR lowering their hand several times, that means to slow down. For water skiers, you need 2 people in the boat unless you have a boat with a wide rear-view mirror, then you only need 1 person in the boat. OWI's have dropped in numbers. It is not illegal to drink alcohol in a boat, but it is illegal to be intoxicated. You can have open intoxicants in the boat. DNR has the authority to do field sobriety tests and BAC (blood alcohol test). In Price County, if you refuse to be tested, then a warrant is obtained to do a BAC. OWI for UTV/ATV does not go on driving record. If 2nd offense, then it is a crime. Recommended to not drink as it does impair. Read the manufacturer's label as there are some ATVs made for 1 person and some made for 2 people. Can use a sled or a trailer attachment and must have lights on. Follow posted speed limits on the trail, if no posted speed limit then must follow the posted street limit. Question was asked about coyotes and wolves, Tom explained that would be a question for the wildlife biologist within the DNR department. Best way to contact the DNR is dnr.wisconsin.gov via email. Tom noted that he has not observed anyone using the life jacket stations, however Mike said that both the Forest service warden and deputy sheriff recreation officer have seen people using the life jacket stations. DNR does carry extra helmets and PFDs to borrow out but must be returned as they do not want people to go without one. The limit for fish is 3 fish with a minimum length of 15". Panfish is a daily limit of 25. The only new boating regulation is the fire extinguisher changes and advised to read the manufacturers label and fire extinguishers are required with any gas motored boats. Question was asked about wake enhancement boats, Tom noted the DNR does not have authority to enforce ordinances and can only enforce state law. Question is the DNR involved during spearing seasons. The DNR does assist but will typically let the reservation conservation wardens handle it. Question can a deputy sheriff enforce DNR laws? Yes, they can but will typically have the DNR handle it.

Approval of 2025 annual budget. Mike noted this is a projection of what the costs will be, and the board has already approved. There were no questions. Motion made by 1st by Tammy Fanning, and 2nd by Jim Clemmons. Motion approved.

Election of 2 officers and 4 members at large: Mike asked how everyone would like to vote. He stated that they could either vote individually with ballots or they could vote as a group and cast a unanimous ballot as there are no incumbents. Motion made 1st by Paul Withey and 2nd by Rick Saroni to cast a unanimous ballot by voice vote. Motion approved.

Committee Reports:

Fisheries: Dave reported that musky stocking occurs every other year. There are no new cribs being put in. In the spring, there was electro shocking and there will be a report coming out later this summer. There are 4 pairs of loons this year and some singles. Turner is the only lake with a sighted nest. Dave reported that the week of fyke netting, by the DNR, produced 1163 walleyes in Round

lake, 663 walleyes in Pike lake, 236 walleyes in Amik lake, and 130 walleyes in Turner lake. He also shared that the spring tribal harvest took 178 walleyes from Pike lake and 161 walleyes from Round lake. No questions were asked of Dave by those in attendance.

Aquatic/Invasive Species: Steve Ave'Lallement noted there is more purple loosestrife compared to the past but there are no concerns at this time. More common around Round lake.

Water Quality: Rick Saroni reported that they did go out for testing once the ice was out. There will be 3 more tests the rest of the summer in June, July, and August. As a whole, the water quality is stable. You can go on the DNR website to see more information.

Newsletter: Derek noted that every 2 years the Lake Association sponsors a sweatshirt sale. The sale for this year will be sweatshirts-hooded or crew neck, t-shirts- short sleeve and long sleeve. He passed around the picture of the design for the sweatshirts and t-shirts. All orders will be online (will be able to order up to a week past Fun Day) and pick-up will be at the Big Dipper sometime in October. To place an order the QR code or website will be posted on the Pike Lake Chain association website and Facebook page.

Mike talked about the Pike Lake History book and discussion of 2nd book and reviewed possible chapters that could be found in a possible 2nd edition book. The possibilities could include the history of the fire dept, history of the lake association, history of snowmobile and ATV clubs in our area, the history of the hiking and horseback riding trails, local resorts, and eating establishments. Mike mentioned that the cost of the 1st book was about \$50,000 and the lake association board got a grant to cover it through the DNR. After hearing Mike's presentation, a good majority of those attending said that the board should continue to pursue looking into creating a 2nd edition history book. Mike asked for volunteers to help find facts needed for the book.

Mike also shared that the first literature display rack has resources the community can check out for free and return. A second literature display rack contains free pamphlets and materials. People interested in viewing the 2 literature racks can view them on Tues and Thurs 9-10 am at the Fire Hall. The dates and times to view these literature racks will be posted on the Pike Lake Chain association website and Facebook page.

Mike shared there is an upcoming educational workshop, June 28th at 9am on the 2019 DNR shoreline survey. Mike will show participants how to access that survey and view their parcel of land that they own on the chain. He also will show them how to unlock the many layers of information that are available to them about their parcel of land.

Mike asked if there were any questions about the past or current lake association projects and there were none.

The Fire Chief, Les Nordrum could not attend our meeting because he was participating in a practice burn with fire station #1. Mike did share that there will be an open house at the fire hall coming up sometime in July. The date and time of that open house will be posted on various social media websites.

1 Lake association member asked if people and visitors could use caution driving in our neighborhoods and to observe the posted speeds as there are people walking with their kids and dogs.

Motion made to adjourn. 1st by Lynne Clemens and 2nd by Jim Clemmons. Motion approved.

Mike thanked everyone for attending and wished them a good day.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brandt, Secretary