

Pike Lake Chain Lake Association, Inc.

April 9, 2024 Board Meeting

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Pike Lake Fire Hall

Meeting called to order:

6:00 pm by President, Mike Ida

Statement of Quorum:

Board Members Present (9)

President – Mike Ida, VP – Russ Schroeder, Secretary – Peggy Kuss, Treasurer – Lynne Clemens
Steve Ave’Lallement, Everett Sammis, Jim Clemmons, Dave Ebert, Jack Wierzba

Absent

Derek Dieringer, Thor Gunderson and Jeff Witon

Lake Association Members in Attendance: 2

Community Member Comments:

None

Secretary’s Report

The minutes of the March 4, 2024 Board meeting were reviewed. Motion by Lynne Clemens/2nd by Jack Wierzba to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

Lynne Clemens presented the year-to-date financials and membership report. There are currently 106 Association members. Motion by Jim Clemmons/2nd by Peggy Kuss to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Fisheries: Dave Ebert – Dave reported that he had put together an article regarding why the lake association is not pursuing the stocking of the lakes. The article includes DNR feedback and rationale. Russ Schroeder would like to see the article published prior to the annual meeting on Facebook and our website. A motion was made by Everitt Sammis/2nd by Dave Ebert that the article will appear in the summer newsletter and on the PLCLA social media sites for the lake community. Motion carried unanimously.

Aquatic/Invasive Species: Steve Ave’Lallement - No Report

Water Quality: Russ Schroeder indicated that testing will be done on April 15, 2024 for all four lakes on the Chain. Lynne Clemens inquired about any oxygen testing costs that may be incurred for the testing. Russ Schroeder will follow up on this to determine if the \$200 charge appearing in the budget is relevant to the testing.

Shoreline Stabilization: Lynne Clemens – As chairperson for shoreline stabilization, Lynne reported that she had confirmed that Jason Tegen and his engineer will attend our annual meeting on June 1, 2024 and will speak for 45

minutes with a 15 minute question and answer period. Jason will cover the contents of the Shoreline Stabilization booklet that will be available. We should print additional copies so that sufficient stock is available at the annual meeting. Jason Tegen indicated that the county could fund 50% of projects up to \$12k with the caveat that the homeowner must install and maintain native plants.

Steve Ave'Lallement reported that the PLCLA could coordinate the projects or be the intermediary to package all grant requests as one grant. The Association's role could be to connect our landowners with what is available for support for their project and available dollars. Steve indicated that the lake projects would be competing for dollars with agricultural projects. The Committee discussed meeting with Jason Tegen on how to move forward and the details.

The Committee is not in favor of offering Association dollars for shore stabilization projects on the Chain.

Newsletter/Public Relations: Derek Dieringer – No report.

Old Business

By-Law Changes – Invites for the April 13th special meeting were sent out according to the requirements of the By-Laws and included the revised By-Laws. It was discovered that there was a redundancy in Article IX regarding the process of revising the PLCLA By-Laws. Mike explained the redundancy. In this Article, the Board can move to remove the Robert's Rules of Order reference or leave this reference for the membership to vote on at the April 13th special meeting. A motion was made to amend the By-Laws immediately by Dave Ebert/2nd by Steve Ave'Lallement prior to the April 13th meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Internet Upgrade

With the Town of Fifield Board's permission, an internet upgrade has been made at the Pike Lake Fire Hall to increase internet speeds to 40 mbps. The actual cost is unknown at this time but the upgrade may only increase the cost by \$5.00 per month. Warren Johnson will advise Mike Ida on the cost to the PLCLA. Lynne prefers that we make an annual payment to the Town of Fifield if payment is required. The Association would use Zoom in the future to connect with members that cannot attend a meeting.

Second Life Jacket Station

Everitt Sammis reported that the project to add a life jacket station at the DNR boat landing on Round Lake is well underway. Jeff Schier, DNR Fish Biologist, filled out the paperwork for us. The DNR office in Eau Claire has sent additional forms to Everitt to complete. The DNR will disposition our request in July and will advise us. Although the DNR has indicated that they supply life jackets for this purpose, this is not apparent.

Loon Boxes

Dave Ebert reported that he was to attend a workshop at Northland College in Ashland. As of now, the course has been postponed due to financial issues at the College. Dave will investigate attending a similar course at Stevens Point if the Northland College course falls through.

"Welcome Wagon"

Jeff Witon has shown an interest in running with the "Welcome Wagon" concept. Jeff will provide further information at a future Board meeting.

Other Old Business

Jim Clemmons will visit the USFS on April 10th regarding his fishing line project.

New Business

Candidates for Open Board Positions

There are currently **four** Board Members at Large positions open. Four candidates have shown an interest in the **four** positions. Board Officers, who comprise the nominating committee, will be meeting in the future with the candidates to explore their interest on being on the Board.

Feedback - Town of Fifield Board Meeting Attendance

Most recently the Town of Fifield Board discussed the human resource position, a code of ethics for the Board and upgrade to the Pike Lake Fire Hall internet. Dave Ebert will be attending their annual meeting.

DNR Inquiry – Wake Boarding

Steve Ave’Lallement attended a DNR and Conservation Congress meeting held in Vilas County. Similar meetings were held in other counties including Price County. This is a process which is held each Spring to determine the public’s position on certain topics and is advisory only. The online access to the survey begins on Wednesday, April 10th at noon and closes on Saturday, April 13th at noon. You can access the webpage at dnr.wi.gov and search Spring Hearings. Questions 32, 42 and 43 address wake/surf boats.

USPS Mailings of Important Club Information

Peggy Kuss indicated there were nine individuals receiving Association correspondence by USPS. Peggy made a motion to send a letter to the nine individuals who have not provided email addresses explaining the delay in communicating with them on time sensitive Association business and the additional work required. They will be asked to provide an email address. The PLCLA does not sell or provide email addresses or USPS addresses to any outside party. Mike Ida is to author this letter with responses to Lynne Clemens as membership chair.

Interesting Facts

Mike Ida provided information regarding his efforts following his nine months serving as President.

Other New Business

Lynne Clemens informed the group that the North Lakeland Discovery Center is holding a conference on Friday, May 3rd in Manitowish Waters at the Discovery Center. Cost is \$60 per person to attend. Please advise Mike or Lynne if interested in attending. Russ Schroeder, Lynne Clemens and Mike Ida will be attending. Carpooling is possible.

Saturday’s special meeting (April 13th) will require at least 15 PLCLA members to be present to meet the requirement of a quorum per the PLCLA By-Laws. Mike Ida will prepare the agenda. Voting on the By-Laws will be completed by colored cards. One vote to be cast per membership.

Our next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at the Pike Lake Fire Hall at 6 pm.

Motion to Adjourn by Lynne Clemens/2nd by Jim Clemmons. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kuss, Secretary