

Pike Lake Association
Feb 10th 2025 Un-Approved Board Minutes
Location: Pike Fire Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6PM by President Mike Ida. After welcoming all on the Board and those attending from the community, Mike led everyone in reciting the pledge of allegiance. Three community people, one Board person and our communication liaison listened in via zoom. One community member was physically present to listen to the meeting. No community members commented during the public comment section.

Board Members present were Mike Ida, Russ Shroeder, Jeff Witon, Lynne Clemens, Thor Gunderson, Steve Ave'Lallemant, Tom Birchell, Duane Baer, Everett Sammis, Dave Ebert and Communication Liaison Derek Dieringer. Members absent were Jim Clemmons, and Lisa Brandt.

As Lisa was attending her mom's funeral, Steve Ave'Lallemant volunteered to take notes during our meeting. After indicating that there was a quorum Mike proceeded to seek approval of the 9/9/24 Board minutes. Motion made by Lynne and seconded by Jeff and the motion passed with a vote. Mike asked for the 11/9/24 minutes to be approved. Motion made by Steve and seconded by Thor and the motion passed with a vote. Mike then asked for approval of the treasurer's report dated 11/9/24 the motion was made by Jeff and seconded by Tom, the motion was passed with a vote. Lynne then gave her treasurer's report. Three deposits were made and one was an employee match gift of \$144.10. Seven new memberships were received, and 31 returning memberships via online were received so far this year. Mike urged all Board members to remind their friends to renew their memberships for this new year. Lynne shared the current balance of our checking account and recent expenditures. She noted that she renewed our 990 non profit paper work with the government. Lynne's report was approved after a vote. Tom and Jeff made the motion for the vote.

There were no standing committee reports made. At this point Mike reviewed the mission and purpose of our Lake Association, as well as our Board of Directors' responsibility. This is something that Mike does annually at the first meeting of the year to keep our Board of Directors focused on our mission and our responsibilities.

Old Business was discussed.

Tom gave a brief report on Walleyes for Tomorrow. That group will meet in March for the first time this year. Tom will attend their meeting and report back to the Board in April. Dave is gathering factual information from DNR surveys in preparation of sharing that information with Walleyes for Tomorrow. Russ asked a question on when actual walleye reproduction projects would begin on our chain with Walleyes for Tomorrow. Mike and Tom shared that projects were at least 2 years off. Right now we are in the fact finding and authorization phase.

Lynne shared briefly about her revision of the Pike Lake Chain Brochure that she is updating. More details will be shared in April.

Mike and Steve discussed their meeting with the Forest Service and Ranger Dan's team of specialists. Their meeting lasted 2 and 1/2 hours. Mike shared that Dan and his team were impressed with the survey questions and the results of each question on the survey were discussed. Mike stressed that the FS team understood that their attempt to share information about the proposed fish passage was inadequate and that a lot of additional information would need to be provided if the FS had any hope of winning our Associations support for the project. Mike also shared that FS understood that most people these days

have a justified reason to distrust governmental agencies and so-called governmental experts. Ranger Dan acknowledged that his team had to win the trust of our lake community if they were to sell the project. Mike shared that currently the FS has installed a number of expensive water measuring units in various areas of our chain to monitor water levels. It is hoped that these units will provide more information that might be used to address the general concern that many have about the proposed fish passage and its effect on lake water levels. Steve shared that the FS has discovered that the current sheet piling is slowly failing and that eventually it will need to be replaced with something. When that could happen is unknown. Mike answered a few questions that were asked by Board members and underscored that the proposed fish passage project is not dead as far as the FS is concerned. Mike said that the project is currently not on the FS project list, which means that nothing will probably happen with this proposed project for at least this year. As a few rumors have been circulating in our lake community that the Board is in favor of this proposed project Mike reminded everyone that the Board has not taken ANY position on the project. Given that 3/4s of the respondents to last year's fish passage survey were not in favor of the project, Mike asked Board members to help dispel any rumors that the proposed project has won either Board or Association support and will be moving forward in the immediate future.

New Business

Lynne presented a draft of the proposed 2025 Association budget. After some discussion on various line items and anticipated income, and perhaps using a drone to spray for Purple Loosestrife or beetles which eat Loosestrife it was decided that Lynne would revise the budget and bring a new proposed budget to our next meeting.

Dave Ebert shared briefly information from the recent Town Board meetings.

The recent January newsletter sent by snail mail and email was discussed and Mike commended Derek and the authors of the various articles for their fine work.

Mike then asked all Board members who will be up for election this year at the annual meeting if they want to run again. All Board members indicated that they wanted to run for re-election. Incumbents running for re-election are: Mike-President, Lisa-Secretary, Members at Large: Jeff, Thor, Dave, Steve. Mike also shared that any Lake Association member who wanted to run for a position on the Board should share their intent with our secretary Lisa by March 31st. This will allow time for new candidates to meet with the Board officers for an initial interview. The results of that interview is then is shared with the full Board for their approval at their April meeting in order for new candidates to be placed on the ballot.

Mike shared that he recently reviewed our Association by-laws as required by those by-laws. As the by-laws were recently amended in 2024 he saw no need for any revision. The Board agreed with Mike. Duane asked if perhaps the mission of our Board should be expanded to include projects outside its current scope. After some discussion it was determined to maintain the present scope of our mission.

The Board approved the proposed date given by Mike for our annual meeting after it was moved by Lynne and second by Everett. Our annual meeting will take place on June 7th. Mike asked everyone to be thinking about a program for the annual meeting. Some suggestions were made about bringing in a DNR or FS Warden, or possibly the Price County Recreational Deputy to speak about boating and fishing rules and warnings that they have given when patrolling our chain.

Lynne shared that, in keeping with our by-laws, she has given our Association financial records for 2024 to Larry Zimmer for our annual review. Larry has graciously reviewed our finances in the past and we are very grateful for the donation of time in this task.

Mike shared that he recently sold 3 boxes of our Pike Lake history books to the Historical Society in Fifield. A brief discussion then ensued about who should have the copywrite for this book. It currently rests with our Lake Association, but it was suggested that maybe it could be given to the Historical Society being they sell 90 percent of the books. After some discussion it was decided that our Association should retain the copywrite. Mike has spent some time looking through Association files for the copywrite and has yet to locate it. Thor suggested a resource that could be used to help locate the copywrite.

Dave and Everett shared with the Board the need to provide more informed and painted signage on our lake trails. Both will talk to the FS manager in charge of trail signs.

It was determined that our next Board meeting will be on April 7th at 6 PM in the Fire Hall.

Having completed working through the agenda, Mike thanked all the Board and those viewing by zoom for their participation in the meeting. He then asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Lynne and seconded by Tom to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by

Steve Ave'Lallemant