

Pike Lake Chain Association, Inc.

May 13th, 2025, Unapproved meeting minutes

Location: Pike Lake 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 into reciting the pledge of allegiance. Mike then announced that we have a quorum for our meeting per our bylaw.

Board members present: Mike Ida, Lisa Brandt, Jeff Witon, Russ Schroeder, Dave Ebert, Tom Birchell, Lynne Clemmons, Everett Sammis, Jim Clemmons and, Duane Baer. Absent Thor Gunderson, Steve Ave'Lallement

There was 1 Lake Association member present with no comment or questions.

The Secretary meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion made by Tom and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim. Motion was approved.

Treasurer Lynne reviewed the treasurers report and the proposed budget. Motion made by Jeff and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duane to approve the report and budget. Motion was approved.

#### Committee reports

Fisheries: Dave requested DNR contact name and Mike provided that name to Dave. Russ asked if there was electro shocking that had occurred recently and Mike said there was the night before Easter. All 4 lakes were electro shocked and will have more information to follow. The board asked about the spearing numbers that were on the Pike Lake Chain association website for May 2025, where did the information come from as it appears as this is new information. Dave will follow up on this information and provide update. Dave shared that 301 walleyes were speared on Round lake and 133 walleyes were speared on Pike Lake during the tribal harvest.

No aquatic/invasive species update.

Water Quality: Russ provided update that the water quality is unchanged, and although the level is a bit lower; it doesn't pose any issues.

Newsletter; no updates

## Old business

No updates on walleyes for tomorrow for the Pike Lake Chain Association. Tom did share about his participation in netting and releasing fish through the Walleyes for tomorrow Minocqua chapter.

The Pike Lake Chain brochure has been completed and approved by the board. Lynne has secured a printing company that fits within the budget and the brochures will be available by the end of May.

A motion to schedule the educational/listening session for Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Pike Lake fire hall was made by Jim and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave and subsequently approved by the board.

Thoughts/feedback on 2<sup>nd</sup> edition history book: Suggestion made to bring up at annual meeting and talk to the author who helped write the 1<sup>st</sup> history book. Mike asked the board to check when out in the community to see if there is any interest in a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition history book.

Memorial gift signs for Manny on the thoroughfare bridge and renaming the bridge Manny Stein bridge; Tom followed up with the family and they are honored and all on board. The Town of Fifield is also in agreement. The total cost is 435.00 for 2 signs. The signs will be visible by boats on each side of the bridge. Motion made by Russ and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff. Motion approved. Tom will have more information on a bronze sign, as the board discussed putting up another sign to last for years to come.

Duane reported the highway clean up on April 26<sup>th</sup> went well, with 8 participants collecting a total of 6 bags. Watch for the next highway clean up being scheduled around the middle of October 2025 which will be on social media.

Mike provided update that the DNR set the nets on the lakes; 4 on Turner and Amik and 6 on Round and Pike. A rare silver northern was found and there were some larger walleye that were found in the chain.

Derek expressed interest in handling the Lake Association sweatshirts/shirts and has a design prepared. Lynne requested to review the design, and it was agreed that the board will approve the final design before moving forward. Motion made by Lynne and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim to approve design. Motion approved.

Fish line recycling update: Jim is building 2 new tubes for Moosejaw. Previous signs have completely faded, and Jim will be getting replacement signs for all 5 tubes and will be using a UV spray protection that was recommended to preserve the signs.

Lifeguard station update: Everett found that 1 adult lifejacket is missing at this time and there are now Infant lifejackets in the stations. Everett checks the stations 2 x per week.

Welcome wagon: Jeff had no new updates.

Absentee ballots and bios were ready and available May 7<sup>th</sup>. As of our meeting date, there was no request for absentee ballots.

#### New business

Preparations for annual meeting June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am: Mike will clean up the firehall area and will have volunteers to help with set up for tables and chairs. Refreshments will be provided including water and coffee by Laura Witon. Lynne and Lisa will give out ballots and membership sign up forms. Mike provided agenda suggestions for the annual meeting. DNR warden Tom will be the main presenter. Lynne and Russ suggested the Fire Chief be present for the brief fire chief report. Motion was made to keep to 10 minute and to hold comments or questions for another time with the Fire Department and not during the Lake Association annual meeting. Russ made the motion and Everett 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved by the board other than Dave who abstained.

Mike suggested purchasing a rack for the lake association book/brochures/resources/literature which will be used to display book/brochures/literature to make materials readily available for the community to borrow and return. Everett suggested purchasing 2 to hold all the materials. Motion made by Everett and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff. Motion approved.

Mike suggested the lake association painted sign and plaques that currently are not displayed, be displayed on the walls in the Fire hall. The Fifield town board has approved the placement of these in the Fire hall.

The board officers went through the old lake association reports and water quality testing reports and other old files which are over 20 years old and determined they are of no longer relevant because the information can be found online. The board in agreement with the officers and the decision was made to dispose of these old records. Motion made by Jim and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. Motion approved.

Any other new business

Mike reminded everyone that the annual meeting is on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Fire hall at 9am.

Next meeting date following the annual meeting per bylaws must be within 30 days. It was suggested that the board meet on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and the board agreed.

Motion to adjourn made by Dave and 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Brandt, board secretary