

# **Pike Lake Chain Association, Inc.**

## **Unapproved Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** October 27, 2025

**Location:** Pike Lake Fire Hall

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### **1. Call to Order & Opening**

- President **Mike Ida** called the meeting to order at **6:02 PM**.
  - Mike welcomed all Board Members and community members in attendance.
  - The meeting began with the **Pledge of Allegiance**, led by Mike.
  - A quorum of Board Members was confirmed per Association bylaws.
  - It was noted that the meeting was being recorded via the **OWL system**.
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### **2. Attendance**

#### **Board Members Present:**

Mike Ida • Lisa Brandt • Steve Ave'Lallement • Russ Schroeder • Dave Ebert • Jim Clemmons • Duane Baer • Thor Gunderson • Everett Sammis • Jeff Witon

#### **Absent Board Members:**

- Lynne Clemmons (attended online)

#### **Community Members Present:**

- One Association member attended in person; no comments were made.
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### **3. Secretary's Report**

- Previous meeting minutes were reviewed.

#### **Motion to approve:**

1st: Steve Ave'Lallement | 2nd: Jim Clemmons | *Motion approved*

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### **4. Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer **Lynne Clemmons** presented the Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget.

- **Current membership:** 153 members.  
**Motion to approve Treasurer's Report and Budget:**  
1st: Jim Clemmons | 2nd: Russ Schroeder | *Motion approved*
  - **Membership discussion:** Jim asked about average membership numbers. Derek reported that over the past several years, membership has ranged between 150–165, keeping us within the average range.
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## Committee Reports

### Fisheries & Lake Management Updates

#### Panfish Limit Discussion

- **Dave** provided an update on the discussion from the last meeting and shared information received from **Kendall (DNR):**

The DNR is developing a panfish survey to assess what lake associations and anglers would like to see regarding the experimental panfish regulations that are set to expire. The survey will include options for possible regulations on the Pike Lake Chain. It is expected to launch within a few weeks, with proposals due at the beginning of the year.

Results from the survey will help guide future regulation decisions, though any new regulation would not take effect until **April 2028**, meaning that statewide regulations will apply for the next two seasons. The survey will be distributed randomly by email to anglers and separately to lake associations for board input.

This is the first survey of its kind, and the DNR is working with their survey analysis department to ensure accurate data collection. Kendall will notify the Association once it is launched.

- **Dave** suggested distributing the survey to all Association members once received.
- **Thor** expressed concern about declining fish populations and suggested placing signage around the lakes encouraging best fishing practices during the next two seasons.
- **Dave** proposed partnering with local businesses to display these signs, clarifying that they would be *best-practice guidelines*, not official DNR regulations.

#### Electroshocking Update

- **Jim** asked about the recent electroshocking results.
- **Dave** reported disappointment, as no legal-sized fish were captured.
- **Dave** noted a lack of interdepartmental communication within the DNR, as he was informed by **Mike Duhr** that 200 musky were stocked in Pike Lake near Musky Jack's just before the survey. Dave contacted Kendall, who assured him the fish would likely remain in the weeds and not affect electroshocking results.

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## Old Business

### Clothing Sale

- 139 total items sold—consistent with last year’s numbers.
- Items were dropped off at **The Big Dipper** for pickup; only two bags remain unclaimed.
- One sizing issue was resolved by the vendor, who replaced the items at no cost.
- **Thor** noted the drop-off process worked well and recommended continuing the same system next year.

### Highway Cleanup

- **Duane** reported eight volunteers participated, collecting six bags of garbage—typical for past cleanups.

### Fishing Line Recycling / Life Jacket Station

- **Jim** completed the final cleanup for the season, emptying all five recycling tubes. Most were filled with fishing line, except for the Federal Landing tube, which contained mostly trash.
- New **UV-resistant signs** are holding up well.
- **Mike** reported the life jacket station was heavily used, especially during peak boating weekends.
- **Everett** closed the station for the season; no life jackets were missing.

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## Community Engagement

### Welcome Wagon

- **Jeff** reported making several welcome visits to new residents, though some were already members.
- He requested help compiling a current list of area residents.
- **Derek** explained he uses the **Fire District 2** resident list from the Fifield City Clerk and cross-checks it with previous versions to identify new residents.
- **Russ** suggested members notify Jeff when they see new construction or new homeowners.
- Jeff agreed (is currently doing) and emphasized it’s not only new builds but also property transfers that need attention.

### Resource Library

- **Mike** reported light use of the library; some free materials have been taken, but no items have been checked out.
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## New Business

### Board Member Transitions

- Following the passing of **Tom Birchell** (Walleye's for Tomorrow Liaison) and **Lynne Clemmons's** upcoming resignation as Treasurer (effective December 31), both positions will be filled until the next election in **June 2026**. Duane Baer will take over as the Treasurer January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 which creates 2 board positions open for the Board.
  - **Two candidates—Mark Luoma and Mike Duhr—** were nominated  
**Motion to approve appointments:**  
1st: Jeff Witon | 2nd: Everett Sammis | *Motion approved*
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### Boat Landing Video/Audio Camera Discussion (ILIDs)

- Mike led a discussion on ILID camera systems as a preventive measure against **Eurasian watermilfoil**.
  - Discussion points:
    - **Everett:** Questioned enforcement responsibilities.
    - **Steve:** Said cameras reinforce awareness but would not be enforced by the Association.
    - **Derek:** Opposed, believing members would dislike the system.
    - **Russ:** Noted most boaters already know the rules but supported educational messaging.
    - **Dave:** Recalled past volunteer landing monitors; participation was low.
    - **Mark:** Mentioned nearby lakes successfully use ILIDs.
  - **Next Steps:**
    - Dave will contact other lake associations for feedback on ILIDs.
    - Explore alternative prevention methods.
    - Board members to gather community feedback before the next meeting.
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### Buoy Management Request

- **Dave** reported that the **Town of Fifield** asked if the Association could take over placement, removal of the **11 buoys**.
- **Board consensus:** Volunteer support only for placement and removal; the town will retain responsibility for placement and direction.
- The **Fire Department boat** will be used for buoy operations.

**Walleye's for Tomorrow Liaison:**

- **Mike Duhr** appointed as liaison.
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**Next Meeting**

**Date:** January 26, 2026, at 6:00 PM

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**Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn:**

1st: Dave Ebert | 2nd: Jim Clemmons | *Motion approved*

**Meeting adjourned.**

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**Respectfully submitted,**  
Lisa Brandt, Secretary