

Pike Lake Chain Association, Inc.

September 29th, 2025 Unapproved meeting minutes

Location: Pike Lake Fire Hall

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.
 - Mike confirmed that a **quorum of board members** was present per the **Association bylaws**.
 - It was noted that the meeting is 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

Absent Board Members:

- Thor Gunderson
- Lynne Clemmons
- Everett Sammis
- Jeff Witon

Community Members Present:

- **Two Lake Association members** attended in person. **Two members** in attendance via zoom.
 - Both members who attended in person expressed interest in:
 - **Joining the Board**
 - **Volunteering as representatives for Walleyes For Tomorrow**

3. Secretary's Report

- **Previous meeting minutes** were reviewed.
- **Motion to approve:**
 - **1st:** Jim Clemmons
 - **2nd:** Russ Schroeder
 - **Motion approved**

4. Treasurer's Report

- **Treasurer Lynne Clemmons** was not present.
- The **Treasurer's Report** and **Proposed Budget** were presented by Mike and reviewed by the Board.
- Current membership total: **152 members**.
- **Derek** clarified the **Cheddar Up processing charge:**
 - A member had disputed a charge, unaware it was from **Cheddar Up**, the third-party payment processor.
 - The issue has been **resolved**.
- **Motion to approve Treasurer's Report and Budget:**
 - **1st:** Dave Ebert
 - **2nd:** Jim Clemmons
 - **Motion approved**

Committee reports

Fisheries Report

DNR Spring Fishery Report (Fyke Netting & Electrofishing):

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) completed their spring fishery survey using fyke nets and electroshocking methods. The results showed the following walleye populations per acre:

- **Amik Lake:** 4.0 walleye/acre
- **Round Lake:** 7.1 walleye/acre
- **Pike Lake:** 1.6 walleye/acre
- **Turner Lake:** 1.3 walleye/acre

Board members discussed that the walleye per acre on **Amik and Round** was unusually high. Dave will check with the **DNR** to see if those numbers are truly accurate.

Upcoming Electrofishing:

Fall electroshocking is scheduled for **September 30, 2025**. This fall survey targets **young-of-the-year walleye** to assess natural reproduction and recruitment. Spring electroshocking focuses on **adult walleye** populations.

Participation with DNR:

Dave will be accompanying the DNR during the fall electroshocking survey on **9/30/25**.

Boat Landing Video/Audio Camera Discussion

Dave presented an idea about installing **video/audio cameras at boat landings**. These cameras could record individuals at the launch site and play audio messages related to:

- Fish limits
- Aquatic invasive species prevention (e.g., cleaning boats)
- Other educational or compliance-related topics

Dave received a preliminary estimate of **\$8,000 for 3 cameras**.

Next Steps:

- **Mike** suggested Dave explore this idea further:
 - Contact the **lake associations that are currently using this camera** or
 - Reach out to the **camera provider**
- Information needed includes:
 - **Who monitors the recordings?**
 - **Data storage and privacy protocols**
 - **Legal or regulatory considerations with the DNR or Forest Service**

Fisheries & Lake Management Updates

Crappie Limit Discussion

- Dave shared information, passed along from Thor, that there may be a **change in the crappie limit from 10 to 25 fish**.
 - This raised concerns about the impact on the **health of our crappie population in our chain of lakes**.
 - Dave will follow up with the **DNR** to confirm whether this change is being implemented and gather more details.
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Aquatic/Invasive Species Update

- **Steve** conducted another survey of **purple loosestrife**.
 - The **infestation appears to be lower** than last year.
 - **No noticeable damage from beetles** used for biological control.
 - Spraying and other treatments were discussed but are **not recommended at this time**.
 - Steve noted that while loosestrife is **present**, it is **not currently problematic**.
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Water Quality

- **Russ** completed the **last water quality check in August**.
 - **No data available at this time**; full results will be shared at the **next meeting**.
 - **Water testing is now paused until next spring**.
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Old business

Clothing Sale

- A total of **139 items were ordered**, which is **consistent with last year's numbers**.
- Orders will be **ready in the next few weeks**.
- Distribution will be **coordinated** once the items arrive.
- Pickup will be available at the **Big Dipper**.

Community Projects & Updates

History Book Project

- **Mike** researched potential **grants** to fund a community history book but **did not find any available grant opportunities**.
- Discussed the option of **self-publishing**, which could help **reduce costs**.
- Mike is collecting information, including **history of the fire department**, and has already spoken with **two community members**.
- **Thor** offered to assist by **interviewing additional community members** to gather stories and historical content.
- **Volunteers are still needed** to help collect and organize historical information.
- **Jeff Stein** suggested reaching out to his brother **Scott Stein**, who may have **valuable information on the fire department history**.
- **Russ** will also talk to another community member who might contribute to the project.

Memorial Plaques

- **Memorial plaques for Manny** have been installed on the **bridge**.
- Mike reported that the plaques **turned out very well**.

- **Jeff**, Manny's son, expressed **thanks on behalf of the Stein family** to everyone involved in honoring their Dad with the memorial plaques.
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Fishing Line Recycling / Life Jacket Station

- **Jim** continues to maintain the **fishing line recycling tubes**, cleaning them **several times each summer**.
 - The **final cleanup for the season** will take place in **late fall** when the last boats are off the lake.
 - **Mike** noted that the **life jacket station** was **well-used** this year, especially during periods of high boat traffic at the **state launch**.
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Community Engagement

Welcome Wagon

- **Jeff** has made a **couple of welcome visits** to new residents.
- One new resident was **excited to join the lake association**.

Resource Library

- **Mike** brought out the **resource library** during **Fun Day** to increase visibility.
- The materials have seen **some light use**.

New business

Board Member Transitions

- **Mike** acknowledged the **loss of Tom** from the board, resulting in **one open board position**.
- **Lynne** has announced her **resignation effective December 31st**, creating a **second open position**.
- **Mike** spoke with **Duane**, who has agreed to step down from his board member at large position and take over as **Treasurer** starting on January 1st 2026.
 - Per the **bylaws**, the **President can appoint people to the board to fill vacancies**, with **board approval**.
 - **Motion to approve Duane as Treasurer:**
 - **1st:** Dave
 - **2nd:** Russ
 - **Motion approved.**

- With two open board positions, **three individuals have expressed interest.**
 - The board discussed and approved the following next steps:
 - **Interview all three candidates** in the next couple of weeks.
 - **Present a recommendation at the next meeting** for board approval.
 - **Motion to proceed with interviews and board approval at next meeting:**
 - **1st:** Russ
 - **2nd:** Dave
 - **Motion approved.**
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Highway Cleanup

- Scheduled for **October 11th.**
 - **Two couples have signed up** so far.
 - **Derek** will post on **social media** this week to recruit more volunteers.
 - **Duane** picked up **extra garbage bags** for the event.
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Walleyes For Tomorrow

- Mike noted the need for a **new representative.**
 - Decision is **on hold** until **new board members are selected.**
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Newsletter

- **Mike** thanked **Derek** for putting together the **July newsletter.**
 - **Extra newsletters** will be brought with the clothing orders and some will be placed in the resource library and others will be stored in the file cabinet.
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Next Meeting

- **Date:** October 27th at 6:00 PM
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Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn:**
 - **1st:** Dave
 - **2nd:** Duane

- **Motion approved**
- **Meeting adjourned**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brandt