

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

**July 31st, 2024 Board Meeting**

**Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** Pike Lake Fire Hall

**Meeting called to order:**

6pm by President Mike Ida followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lynne Clemens announced that the meeting is being recorded via Zoom.

**Statement of Quorum:**

Board Members Present (10)

President Mike Ida, Vice President Russ Schroeder, Lisa Brandt Secretary, Treasurer Lynne Clemens, Tom Birchell, Duane Baer, Everett Sammis, Dave Ebert, Steve Ave'Lallemant, Jeff Witon via Zoom

Board Member Absent: Jim Clemmons, Thor Gunderson, Derek Dieringer

**Lake Association Members in Attendance:** 3 and no comments were shared with the board.

**Presentation by Walleyes for Tomorrow Greg Walker/Al Luke**

Founded 1991 WFT founded – Lake Winnebago/Wolf River Success

2014 Headwaters Chapter Vilas/Oneida/Iron counties

Projects they work on:

- Private extended growth stocking
- Spawning bed improvement
- Habitat improvement
- Mobile hatcheries
- Warden funding
- DNA
- Population surveying
- Cooperation with WDNR, GLFWC, tribal and lake associations
- Studies

Presenter noted to those present: Takes long time to grow walleye and time to get there. Would need to do studies (water) and research and get the data. The plan would be to get more fish in the lakes. Succeed by maximizing private funding, volunteers and mission partnership with related organization.

WHY traditional fish:

- Enhance headwater counties as a region of distinction

- Differentiates /Attracts from other regions
- Future Health of Aquatic Environment

Why science:

- Decision making shift
- Expanding Variables- environment, human intervention, globalization
- Future health of aquatic environment

Lake Association Cooperation founding partnerships:

- Species goal setting on species emphasis
- Sustainability assessment
- Population enhancement
- Long term stabilization

Potential studies:

- Sex ratio effect
- Hatchery operations-effect of temperature
- Forage availability
- July fry disappearance
- Underwater population surveying
- Creel surveying
- Spawning bed improvement

Headwaters sustainability science program privately funded – Lake Specific:

- Accurately determine current species populations
- Determine maximum sustainability populations
- Resolve natural reproduction capabilities

Next steps if PLCA wants to collaborate with the Walleye's for Tomorrow:

- Form subcommittee and then headwaters will assign a few of their people to be a part of the subcommittee.

**Approval of secretary Minutes from 6/29/24 board minutes:**

A motion was made by Lynne Clemens's/2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Birchell to accept the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** Lynne Clemens presented the year-to-date financials, upcoming expenses, and membership reports. There are currently 164 members. Motion made by Steve Ave'Lallemant/2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ Schroeder. Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fisheries:** none

**Aquatic/Invasive Species:** Steve Ave'Lallement will be checking for purple loosestrife.

**Water Quality:** Russ Schroeder reported that the water quality testing had been completed and Turner Lake was clearer than the other lakes even with all the rain.

**Newsletter/Public Relations:** Mike was speaking on behalf of Derek Dieringer for the newsletter. The 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter has been distributed and that extra copies will be delivered by Derek to Mike for the Welcome Packets.

## **Old Business**

### **Status on the taking over the responsibility for Highway Clean up:**

No official response back from the fire dept. The backup plan is to ask the County if there are areas that the PLCA can assist with for Highway Clean up.

**Status on the Gift Project for Jack & Manny:** Everett will be purchasing the materials for the benches.

**Fishing Line Recycling Project/Loon Platform Update:** none

**Life Jacket Station Update for DNR Boat Landing:** The lifejacket station was put in place at the DNR boat landing and is stocked with life jackets.

### **Review of Fish Passage Survey:**

Fish passage survey rough draft was reviewed by the board. A few minor suggestions were made for the final revision made. A motion to approve the revision was made by Lynne Clemens/2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Ave'Lallement. Motion carried unanimously.

**Any other old business:** none

## **New Business**

**Feedback from Recent Fifield Town Board Meetings:** none

**Welcome Wagon Information Packets:** Mike made these suggestions to put in the Welcome Wagon packets; the PLCA brochure, recent newsletter, Pike Lake Chain History book, and Pike Lake Chain map in the Welcome Wagon packet. We are going to remake the current PLCA brochure. A motion was made to approve the information to include in the Welcome Wagon packet including the cost of printing the new PLCA brochures. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Any other new business:**

Board discussion surrounding partnering with Walleye's for Tomorrow and subcommittee members. A motion was made to partner with Walleye's for Tomorrow and 5 subcommittee members by Tom Birchell/2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Ebert. Subcommittee members: Tom Birchell, Mike Ida, Russ Schroeder, Dave Ebert, and Lisa Brandt

Lynne Clemens suggested that we need better signage for the lake trail system. Many board members agreed with Lynne, therefore, Dave Ebert will get estimates for the cost of the new signage.

Motion to adjourn at 8pm by Lynne Clemens/2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Birchell. Motion carried unanimously.

The next Board meeting will take place on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Pike Lake Fire Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brandt