

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

Date: June 22, 2026

Location: Pike Lake Fire Hall

Call to Order & Opening

President Mike Ida called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, welcomed Board and community members, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was confirmed per bylaws. The meeting was recorded via the OWL system.

Board Members Present: Mike Ida, Lisa Brandt, Russ Schroeder, David Ebert, Everett Sammis, Laura Witon, Jim Brandt, Jeff Witon, Mark Luoma, Mike Duhr.

Absent Board Members: Thor Gunderson, Steve Ave'Lallement.

Community Members Present: 3.

A question was asked about the fish ladder. Mike explained it has been on hold for several years and there is no funding at this time.

Secretary's Report

The May 12, 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion to Approve Minutes: 1st – Jim Brandt. 2nd – Jeff Witon. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Laura provided the treasurer's report and presented the 2026 PLCLA budget with variances. Current membership is 148.

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report and Budget: 1st – Mark Luoma. 2nd – Jim Brandt. Motion approved.

Laura explained a bank-required motion was needed to remove Duane Baer as signer and add Laura Witon as primary principal signer along with President Mike Ida.

Motion to Approve removing Duane Baer and adding Laura Witon as principal Signer along with President Mike Ida. Motion to approve 1st – David Ebert. 2nd – Mike Duhr. Motion approved.

Fisheries Report

Dave reported no update.

Water Quality Report

Russ reported testing is done four times per year. Current density and oxygen levels are normal. Testing was completed that day. Mike I. passed around the actual report and explained in more detail all the testing that was done by the Lake Association volunteers.

Public Relations Report

Derek joined via OWL and asked the Board to begin thinking about the July summer president's update letter. He reported the website and domain transfer to a new hosting company went well. The Association's free email/newsletter service has changed, and due to the size of the contact list, Derek believes a paid service may be needed. He will prepare cost options for Board review.

Aquatic/Invasive Species

Steve was absent, so Mike reported on his behalf. Steve and Mike Duhr will check the south end of Pike Lake in July for invasive species and remove some vegetation. Results will be reviewed at the next meeting. Steve also plans to look for purple loosestrife with volunteers this summer. Mike stated no permit is needed for the vegetation work being done.

Old Business

Walleyes for Tomorrow:

Mike reported that he and Al Luke sampled plankton in Pike and Round Lakes. Very little was found on the east side of Pike Lake, an adequate amount on the west side, and a large amount in Round Lake. Since plankton is important for fry survival, Al recommended releasing frye in Round Lake. Board members will meet with Kendall for approval within the next month. Natural reproduction in the lakes may be a factor against approval. Habitat improvement options discussed included fish sticks and possibly placing trees in the lake with Forest Service and property owner approval.

Water Skiing Ordinance Sign:

The sign was replaced and installed by Mike. It had previously been taken down and later broken.

Trail Signage Update:

Dave reported all signs have been received. Installation will take place during a trail clean-up day with volunteers. Dave will also pursue a grant to reimburse the Association for the sign costs.

Wake Boats/Enhanced Waves Listening Session:

Mike reported eight people attended the June 20 session. Discussion included wake boats and enhanced waves, which should be used in at least 20 feet of water. Round Lake was noted as more appropriate than Pike Lake due to depth. The Board discussed whether this is a concern that should lead to an ordinance or community survey. A "respect our lake" sign was also discussed and was received positively.

ILID Program Feedback:

Dave has not heard back from Noah, so this remains on hold. Mike reported that Forest Service, Sheriff, and DNR cannot enforce ILID; only a county ordinance would be enforceable.

New Business

Life Jacket Stations and Fishing Line Recycling Tube:

Everett reported all life jackets are accounted for and are still being used. He checks them twice weekly.

Mike Duhr reported the fishing line tube is used most during spring fishing season and mainly contains fishing line.

Welcome Wagon:

Jeff reported there are no new residents at this time. He continues to work with Derek and Laura to obtain a list of new property owners.

Native Spring Walleye Harvest:

Mike reported harvest counts of 113 on Pike Lake and 702 on Round Lake. David will follow up to confirm whether WICLIF staff are counting fish at harvest.

Boat Landing Signage/Panfish Harvest Limits:

The Board discussed whether new (additional) signage is needed at boat landings regarding suggested panfish harvest limits. The current limit is 25; survey input from 88 community members supported reducing it to 10. Mike also suggested on that signage that other bullets be added with regard to enhanced waves, honoring slow no wake zones, and suggested 300' from shore for water sports activities and other boaters. Approval is needed from Chris at Musky Jack's, Kendall at the DNR and Nick at the Forest Service.

VRBO/Airbnb Outreach:

Mike asked about identifying area VRBOs and Airbnbs so they can receive newsletters, brochures, and lake information. Jeff volunteered to gather a list.

Next Meeting

Date: August 17, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: 1st – David Ebert. 2nd – Mark Luoma. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Brandt, Secretary