

**Pike Lake Chain Lakes Association, Inc.
Board of Directors
Unapproved- Meeting Minutes**

16MAY2017

Pike Lake Fire Department Hall

Meeting called to order at:

6:04pm by President Dick Mace

Statement of Quorum:

Board Members Present (10 people):

President - Dick Mace, VP- Russ Schroeder, Secretary - Ann Sloane, Treasurer -Pam Ahles, Ron Ahles, Steve Ave'Lallemant, Mike Ida, Jeff Hellenbrand, Brian Kastner

Others Present:

Newsletter Editor - Jean Nelson

Absent:

Jim Robb, Sandy Sironi, Manny Stein

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of 17JAN2017 were reviewed; on a motion by Pam Ahles, Steve Ave'Lallemant (2nd), the motion carries unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

See note-

The report was submitted by Pam Ahles on a motion by, Steve Ave'Lallemant, Jeff Hellenbrand (2nd), it carried unanimously. Pam also announced membership status at 104.

Committee Reports:

Fisheries:

WALLEYE

Russ Schroeder- Pike and Round continue to be surveyed as control lakes for an ongoing study on Walleye. The study is following lakes with similar Walleye conditions, some of which are being stocked, however; Pike and Round aren't being stocked. The new Walleye regulations allowing a daily bag limit of 3, with only 1 over 14", is using

2012 data as the base and will compare it to data gathered in the 2018 netting. Early data show some improvement in the numbers of overall larger fish.

Walleye Reference Graph:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B1SWwKc26cHSTUJSd3g2cFM2cmo3WlpmNE5DZFU3Y0xWR2xN>

Explanation of reference (Pike and Round Lakes)

Information from fall electrofishing surveys designed to evaluate the reproductive success of walleye provides convincing evidence that the population can sustain itself without supplemental stocking. Because the Pike Lake Chain reliably produces natural walleye year classes, Pike and Round Lakes will serve as two of 14 'reference lake' in an evaluation now underway to learn why walleyes are struggling to reproduce successfully in many other northern Wisconsin lakes, and what we can do to help them recover. Foregoing stocking and monitoring natural reproductive success in reference lakes will allow us to document the natural ups and downs of walleye recruitment throughout the region, so we can learn the extent to which any changes measured in lakes targeted for restoration are a result of natural fluctuations (e.g. weather patterns) versus our stocking efforts. Designation as a 'reference lake' for this study will ensure that Pike and Round Lakes are surveyed more frequently than they would have been surveyed otherwise, allowing us to keep a finger on the pulse and take remedial action in a few years should conditions take an unexpected turn for the worse.

STURGEON (non PLC report):

In mid-April Russ Schroeder volunteered for the Sturgeon Patrol on the Wolf River down state. Every Spring the Sturgeon leave the Winnebago Lake system and go upstream and spawn. The numbers were low about 35-40 years ago; concerned citizens and the DNR got together installing rock areas for the fish to spawn and formed a 'patrol' to monitor illegal harvesting. Long story short, it's been very successful, with thousands of fish moving up river, an online daily status of the spawn progress where spawning can be viewed and thousands of people going to view the spectacle. PUT IT ON YOUR BUCKET LIST...it's amazing!

Aquatic Invasive Species:

Sandy Sironi - Has contacted Brock Woods to inquire about acquiring (at no cost) beetles for eradicating Purple Loosestrife.

Water (Testing) Quality:

Email from Rick Sironi: The first survey was April 28th, next one will be end of June with two more to follow.

Newsletter:

Jean Nelson - No news.

Facebook and Website:

Jean Nelson will add; Jeff Scheirer (DNR Fish Biologist) will be our June guest speaker. Jeff will provide a program related to the Fish Passage initiative. She will also add reminders for members to pay dues, add walleye chart, and 'no wake zone' etiquette reminders.

Website costs:

Pam Ahles stated the website receives approximately 12 hits a day...people are using contact/informational tabs. Pam will add 'no wake' etiquette information, mapping of buoys, speed restrictions, and annual meeting information. Jeff Scheirer (DNR Fish Biologist) will be our June guest speaker, he will provide a program related to the Fish Ladder initiative.

I-LIDS and Clean Boats/Clean Waters report/update :

The decision has been made to continue educating the public about Clean Boats/Clean Waters. Mike Ida suggests signage and providing brooms at the launch sites to remove invasives from under boats. Dick Mace will ask for volunteers at the 03JUN2017 annual meeting to monitor boat landing during our boating season.

Proposed 2018 Budget:

See notes -

Next meeting

03JUN2017, 10am at the Firehouse

Set up:

Dick Mace, Rick Sironi, Mike Ida, Steve Ave'Lallemant @8:30am *bring history books for Jim Robb to sell.

Program:

Jeff Scheirer (DNR Fish Biologist) will be our June guest speaker; Jeff will provide a program related to the Fish Ladder initiative.

Cookies:

Sandy Sironi, Jean Nelson, Bonnie Ida

Water:

Jeff Hellenbrand (cooler w/ice and bottled water)

Agenda items:

Dick Mace will provide last year's agenda as a guide.

Signage:

Jean Nelson will have signage at the dump promoting annual meeting and the fish passage informational program.

Discussion of upcoming appointments, election of officers and directors at annual meeting:

The following members are up for re-election at the 2017 annual meeting, Dick Mace (President), Russ Schroeder (Vice President), and the following Directors at Large; Steve Ave'Lallemant, Jeff Hellenbrand, Mike Ida, and Sandy Sironi. These board members have agreed to renew their terms.

Fish Passage Project:

Steve Ave'Lallemant suggest tabling further discussion until annual meeting.

Benefits vs. Problems...Project objective is unclear, the hope is that fish (sturgeons, walleye, musky, etc.) will be able to pass more freely into our lakes for spawning (reproduction) or growth. Would need to monitor to confirm success. Not true qualifiers for success; however, current structure allows free passage downstream but difficult to access upstream. But, it is not an absolute barrier. During very high water levels some fish can get in, including invasives.

Annual Meeting:

03JUN2017

Next Board of Directors Meeting:

25JUL2017 @6pm

Adjourned:

Ann Sloane (motion to adjourn), Mike Ida (2nd), motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Sloane, Secretary