

**Pike Lake Chain Lakes Association, Inc.**  
**17JUL2021**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Pike Lake Fire Department Hall**

**Meeting called to order at:**

10:04 am by Dick Mace

**Statement of Quorum:**

Board members present 8-people

Dick Mace - President, Russ Schroeder - V. President, Ann Sloane - Secretary, Bonnie Ida - Treasurer, Steve Ave'Lallemant, Ed Hunter, Mike Ida, Jack Wierzba, Jason Yates

**Absent:**

Sandy Sironi, Manny Stein

**Guests:**

Derek Dieringer (Web designer), Jim Clemmens, Everett Sammis, Kevin Gauthier, Al Wirt, Mattie Mathes

**Secretary's Report:**

The Board minutes of 29OCT2019 were reviewed: Motion to approve by Mike Ida, Steve Ave'Lallemant (2nd), carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bonnie Ida gave a report, {electronic document not received}. Motion to accept by Jason Yates, Jack Wierzba (2nd), carried unanimously.

-No proposed budget at this time; most likely will look similar to past budgets. The plan is to have a budget in place by the annual meeting.

- Membership updates:
  - Current - 101
  - 2020 - 104
  - 2019 - 153
  - 2018 - 145

**Introductions:**

- Derek Dieringer
- Everett Sammis
- Jim Clemmons

**DNR Presentation:**

Kevin Gauthier (Lake Biologist) -

Involved in 2019 lake shore study and survey of our chain (all four lakes), all surveys were repeated each season: sampled our water, early response ALIS survey, aquatic land survey, coarse wood and shoreline survey (35 feet inland and 90 feet out).

- Annual meeting suggestions - Requests prepping board members or ad hoc committee to assist in preparing content for the meeting. Consolidate information to offer a concise snapshot of our chain health and/or concerns to educate landowners to be better stewards of our lakes and shorelines. Offer solutions with short term and long term goals to resolve issues with our shoreline issues, aquatic and terrestrial invasives. Grants available to have properties evaluated for healthier lake practices. Must apply for grants by September 2021 to be considered for a grant in 2022.

Al Wert (ALIS Coordinator) -

Mattie Mathes (intern with Environmental Science degree) -

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Fisheries:**

Jeff Scheirer (via email):

As far as anything new from Fisheries Management on the Pike Lake Chain, I'm not aware of any netting or electrofishing by WDNR or GLIFWC since our most recent walleye recruitment surveys in Pike and Round lakes in fall 2020. I believe I sent you an updated chart with the Chain's walleye recruitment history last winter. If not, let me know. We'll be back again to repeat those in late September or early October 2021.

Our proposal to change the walleye harvest regulation on 20 waters was supported statewide and locally in Price County at the spring 2021 hearings of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. The change would replace the current regulation (daily bag limit of 3, no minimum length, 1 fish over 14") with the standard regulation for walleye in Wisconsin's Ceded Territory (daily bag limit of 3, 15" minimum length limit, 20-24" protected slot, 1 > 24" may be kept). The results are pasted below and online at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/springhearing>. In the next few months we'll be looking at the available information on walleye growth rates to see if we need to make any adjustments to the list of waters.

[2021 DNR Spring Hearings \(Price County\)](#)

[2021 DNR Spring Hearings \(Wisconsin\)](#)

[2021 Walleye and Muskellunge Declarations \(Walleye\)](#)

[2021 Walleye and Muskellunge Declarations \(Muskellunge\)](#)

### **Aquatic Invasive Species:**

Steve Ave'Lallemant noted nothing new since the 2020 Newsletter. Assessment is limited, but some beetle damage and purple loosestrife is present. If loosestrife is found

it's requested that property owners dig it up (roots, tops, stem...the entire plant, bag and dispose) No aquatic invasives were noticed at this time.

### **Water (Testing) Quality:**

Jack Wierzba noted the chain's water clarity is great!

### **Newsletter/Facebook/Website:**

Derek Dieringer - Motion made to formally have Derek Diering take on position as Web Master/FaceBook and Newsletter Administrator....Motion to approve by Steve Ave'Lallemant, Russ Schroeder (2nd), carried unanimously.

Newsletter -

- 109 Newsletter were emailed with a 80% open rate
- 115 Newsletters were mailed
  - \$72 for printing
  - \$66 for postage (still has some stamps)

FaceBook/Website -

- Derek Dieringer would like to see more transparency of our expenditures and more information to be sent to him to add to the website and/or FaceBook; pictures, local information, lake and shoreline activities, announcements, Fire/EMS updates, resident concerns.
  - Encourage folks to like PLCLA FaceBook page

### **Update on Fish Passage Project:**

Jason Krebill F.S. (sent via email):

The Round Lake Fish Passage project has been submitted for funding through the Great American Outdoors Act(GAOA). If funding is approved it would be a multi-phased/multi-year project that would start in 2022. The first phase of funding(if approved) would allow for design and engineering of the project and that would hopefully take place in FY22 or FY23. The second phase(if approved) would be for construction, which would hopefully start in FY23 or FY24. At this point there is no guarantee that this project will receive funding from GAOA for design and engineering or the construction phase. Ample time will be given to stakeholders concerning this project through the NEPA process which is currently on hold while a funding source is secured. I will keep you apprised of any developments concerning this project and whether or not it gets funding.

### **Update on ADA Fishing Pier:**

The Ad Hoc committee's (Ann Sloane, Manny Stein, Jack Wierzba) recommendation was to forgo having PLCLA build an ADA fishing dock on the chain or river. The DNR/Forest Service currently has plans to install an ADA dock at the Federal Boat Landing on Round Lake. It's the opinion of the committee to use membership funds to educate lake users, fund a lake authority to police our chain, and promote lake and shoreline health.

### **PLCLA Sweatshirt/t-shirt sale:**

Sandy Sironi (sent via email):

Since I will not be at the meeting I'd like to give an update on the sweatshirt sale. Thanks to Derek the sweatshirt sale began in June when it was posted on our Facebook and Website. He did a great job of creating the ordering page for us!! Several hundred dollars worth of orders have come in already. The sale will continue all summer and end on Fun Day. The first week in September I will need a check to cover the apparel that was ordered at Fun Day since I can't accept any money on Fun Day and I expect to get some orders there. If there needs to be a motion made for that to happen, please do so at the meeting. I'd say a motion not to exceed \$2000 would be more than enough since the online orders are paying ahead of time. We should make a few hundred dollars profit, although it's not a fundraiser. Motion to approve was made by Mike Ida, Jason Yates (2nd), carried unanimously.

### **Update Lake Management Planning Project and Lake Survey: DNR has completed work**

**Definition:** *'Standardized survey that holistically looks at water quality, fish data, and state of environment for the whole lake. Having a lake management plan helps to obtain grants, gives a snapshot of lake health, and insight on how to resolve lake problems.'*

### **New Business/Other items for discussion:**

- Shoreline/Lakeshore trail stewardship - A group of landowners have been trained by the Federal Forest Service in first aid and trail management. This group of individuals are actively maintaining the hiking, biking, X-country, shoeshoe and horse trails along Round Lake and the Logging Dam. The volunteers have been using their own equipment, tools, first aid kits, etc. Motion made by Dick Mace to approve up to \$500 for 2 more First Aid kits and various maintenance supplies, Jason Yates (2nd), carried unanimously. Ann Sloane will create the added First Aid kits and track other needed supplies.
- Online payments for PLCLA membership - Derek Dieringer made the recommendation to add an online membership renewal form. The implementation for the online payment plan would begin JAN2022. The assertion is, due to ease of renewing online this should increase membership and ease of renewing. There would be a .85 fee per membership that renews online. Motion to approve absorb online convenience fees and authorizing online membership payments for PLCLA memberships after we obtain a new Treasurer by Russ Schroeder, Steve Ave'Lallemant, (2nd), carried unanimously.
  - Bonnie Ida stated she is planning to step down as Treasurer beginning SEP2021.
    - The board is actively looking for a replacement for the Treasurer vacancy.

- Shoreline erosion - Mike Ida noted that boaters are ignoring the 'NO WAKE' ordinances along high traffic areas. Mike Ida reached out to the town to obtain permission to install two added buoys. Mike Ida made a request to purchase 2 more 'NO WAKE' buoys at a cost of \$200 each to be placed on both sides of the bridge. Mike has agreed to install them himself, the town will remove the buoys at the end of the season. Motion to approve purchase of 2 - \$200 'NO WAKE' buoys to be placed along either side of the bridge made by Jason Yates, Ed Hunter (2nd), carried unanimously.
  - Due to the rapid shoreline erosion and boater high speeds along the shoreline/properties next to Idle Hour. Mike Ida will also reach out to the Town of Fifield to obtain permission for two more 'NO WAKE' buoys to be placed near Idle Hour.
    - Ann Sloane will contact the DNR to get a copy of the shoreline survey along Pike Lake/Idle Hour to present to the Town of Fifield.

**Annual Meeting:**

Suggestion was made to delay the Annual Meeting to June 2022. Dick Mace will reach out to the State Lake Association (Eric Olson, Patrick Goggin) to get recommendations on what other lake associations are doing regarding delaying Officer votes and Annual meetings due to Covid.

**Prepare proposed nominations for Directors/Officers elections:**

Jim Clemmons and Everet Sammis offered to fill the empty positions on the board. Motion to approve Jim Clemmons and Everet Sammis to fill appointments was made by Mike Ida, Jason Yates (2nd), carried unanimously.

**Next Board of Directors Meeting:**

Monday, September 20, 2021 @6pm at the Firehall

**Adjournment:**

1:15pm, Jason Yates moved to adjourn, Russ Schroeder 2nd and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Ann Sloane