

Pike Lake Chain Lakes Association, Inc.
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Unapproved - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Pike Lake Fire Department Hall

Meeting called to order at:

6pm by Dick Mace - President

Statement of Quorum:

Board members present 12-people

Dick Mace - President, Russ Schroeder - V. President, Ann Sloane - Secretary, Lynne Clemens - Treasurer, Ed Hunter, Jack Wierzba, Everret Sammis, Jim Clemmons, Thor Gunderson, Steve AvéLallemant, Mike Ida, Jennifer Morris

Absent: Derek Dieringer (Web Administrator)

Guests: 12

David Ebert, Terry Mantor, John Shroeder, Cathy Tabbert, Troy Tabbert, Robert Borst, Rick Steinbrook, Catie Gunderson, Mike Grandy, Nancy Grandy, Pat Mantor, T. Heisler Jr. -Conservation Warden

Public Comments:

Guest complaints and concerns were heard regarding current placement, reasons, additions and legality of buoys, buoys being illegally moved and added without permission. Issues raised with current ordinances for 'no wake' and 'lake regulations'. Discussion of various citations that have been issued by the Price County Recreational Deputy. Guest insinuation made that Deputy is paid for giving out citations and PLCLA pays for lake surveillance. Suggestion was made to have ordinances and regulations posted at boat landings. It was pointed out, all state regulations and ordinances are outlined when obtaining boating licenses; it's the responsibility of recreational users to understand the laws. Conservation Warden clarified citation misconceptions and lake patrol responsibility.

Secretary's Report:

Ann Sloane:

The Board minutes of 11JUI2022 were reviewed: Motion to approve by Jim Clemmons, Steve Ave'Lallemant,(2nd), carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Lynne Clemens:

Liability insurance is paid annually and is good to 22SEP2023. We currently have 162 Pike Lake Association members. Lynne Clemens stated, further communication with residents may assist in

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gaining new memberships. Cheddar Up, an electronic method for paying dues and/or donations for PLCLA, is being used on our website. PLCLA will be refiling with the state to maintain our 501(3c) status. *Note from Bonnie Ida: State Lake Association Membership; we should be getting notice to renew our membership.* Motion to approve report by Jim Clemmons, Everret Sammis(2nd), carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Fisheries:

Russ Schroeder:

Numerous board members would like to look into the possibility for consideration of stocking our lakes. Thor Gunderson voiced concerns regarding the dense amount of spring fishing done during the spring spawn for Crappie. Currently the Crappie limit is 10. Steve AvéLallemant feels the board should monitor growth rates and cyclical numbers. Muskies are abundant on our chain, but there might be species dynamics affecting the diversity of the other fish species on the chain. Very difficult to regulate fishing as the issue is more the number of folks fishing than fish. This could be a potential topic for the next annual meeting presentation.

Jeff Scheirer - WI DNR

(email)

Last Thursday night (September 30th) our crew and the Forest Service crew did the annual fall electrofishing surveys to measure walleye recruitment in Round and Pike lakes, and we also checked Turner Lake this year, too. Looks like each lake produced a year class of walleye that seemed somewhat better than what we found in recent years. Our Treaty Team should have the final results tabulated for the formal exchange with GLIFWC in early December, and then I can pass on updated charts in time for your January newsletter.

I haven't heard anything lately about the Round Lake fishway, but maybe Nick or Jim (on the cc: line above) might be able to give you an update on that project proposal.

Nicholas Berndt

West Zone Fish Biologist - US Forest Biologist

(email)

The Round Lake fishway is a topic the Forest Service will likely revisit this winter. There has been some turnover within the Forest Service the last few years and this is a project that needs to be introduced to some newer staff including myself. A new timeline needs to be established after reviewing all the work that has been done up to this point, and chart a course to get the ball rolling again.

In summary there are no new action items to report on the fishway that I have, but I expect some meaningful discussions to start back up this winter. Others feel free to chime in if I missed anything.

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I attached 2 pictures from our 2022 Round Lake survey. A 23.2" walleye which was one of the largest seen in our fall electrofishing surveys out there, and a neat tiger musky. (Photos not included)

Aquatic Invasive Species:

Steve Ave'Lallemant:

Purple Loosestrife is still the only known aquatic invasive plant species on the Pike Lake Chain. A complete shoreline survey of all four lakes was done in late August 2022. No loosestrife found on Turner, Amik Lakes or Rice Creek and connecting channels again this year.

Pike Lake

A small pocket of plants along the south shore were dug out and removed. There are still a number of plants along the shorelines of a number of residences at the north end of the former Pine Forest Resort but they appeared to be less this year. Perhaps landowners dug them out . If so great and keep an eye out for new plants.

Round Lake

Plants are still present at the WildGoose Resort and neighboring properties north of the state boat landing and around the small bay at Moose Jaw, and at the mouth of MacArthur Creek. At these sites landowners are encouraged to dig them out and dispose of them in the trash. The plants on Round Lake are more numerous and at a number of locations. The density of plants in the two bays north of the dam seems to be increasing. We probably should consider growing/adding loosestrife beetles at this site. Beetles could be grown on site with existing plants

The overall density of loosestrife on the chain is still fairly low. Individual scattered plants are few and we will continue to dig them out as we see them.

Water (Testing) Quality:

Jack Wierzba:

Water testing was completed at the end of August. Water clarity is great and consistent.

Newsletter/Facebook/Website:

Derek Dieringer (Web Administrator):

(email)

- 1. It's getting very close to being newsletter time. I would appreciate any ideas for articles/stories for the newsletter. Also, for committee chairs... Please start thinking about your reports now so I don't have to hound you later.*
- 2. Online payments for PLCLA dues went live a few months ago. I have not advertised it at all but we have had two memberships paid via this method just by people finding it on the website. I will be pushing it hard on the website, Facebook, and newsletter in the upcoming months as we start asking people to renew for next year.*

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Trail maintenance report:

Jennifer Morris:

Trail volunteers are finding disturbing rocks and animal items hanging from trees along the trails. USFS has been alerted and is assisting with removal of these items. The U.S. Forest Service has mandated that no ATVs or chainsaws are allowed to be used on the trail trail system in Doering Woods until active volunteers complete chainsaw and ATV classes. Jack Weirzba will contact the Doering family to gather information regarding the original plans for usage of the property. Dick Mace made a recommendation to contact our legislation to allow volunteers to go back into the trails to continue maintaining the trails. Jennifer Morris will continue contact with the USFS to find a workable solution for volunteers to continue trail maintenance efforts.

Welcome Info Brochure review:

Mike Ida:

PLCLA brochures are available to hand out to new neighbors, resorts, bars and boat landings.

Update on Navigational Hazards and No-Wake maps:

Updated maps have been made available and delivered to resorts, bars and boat landings. Mike Ida noted he continues to replace missing laminated lake maps and brooms at the boat landings.

Discussion and consideration of appointment of subcommittee & funding of shore improvements:

In response to recent DNR shoreline assessments Steve AvéLllemant and Mike Ida as a 'sample survey', will assess board member property shorelines to determine improvement needs.

Discussion and appointment of subcommittee of Pike Lake EMS, Fire Department and Lake Association members for notices & information in newsletter, etc.

Lynne Clemens pointed out more community communication is needed in our area to share information; activities/special events, fish stocking, invasive removal, Pike Lake Fire/EMS Department and community concerns. Lynne Clemens discussed creating a website and facebook page as informational sites for sharing community and Pike Lake Fire/EMS updates.

Fire Fighters, Inc will be meeting Thursday, Oct. 27th at 2pm at the Pike Lake Fire Hall to discuss; community members are welcome to attend.

Discussion & consideration of new Lake Association projects:

Discussion was had and tabled until further review for places to dispose of or recycle fishline. Lynne Clemens proposed PLCLA make a cash donation to Firefighters, Inc. specifically to be used for the 'cash raffle' to purchase raffle items for the Fun Day fundraiser. Discussion was had. Motion made for PLCLA to make a \$1,000.00 donation to Firefighters, Inc. Motion to approve by Lynne Clemens, Ann Sloane(2nd), carried unanimously.

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Any other items requiring Board action:

Discussion to have Zoom available to members that can't physically attend meetings. Motion made to research wifi, costs and gain Town of Fifield's permission to increase ability to have Zoom meetings at the Pike Lake Fire Hall. Motion to approve made by Thor Gunderson, Lynne Clemens(2nd), carried unanimously. Lynne Clemens will research options, associated costs, contact the Town of Fifield, then share findings with the board.

Schedule next Board meeting date:

Monday, January 23, 2023

Ann Sloane will request meeting room reservation at Pike Lake Fire Hall.

Adjournment: 9:24pm, Motion to adjourn by Ann Sloane, Lynne Clemens (2nd), carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ann Sloane - Secretary