

Pike Lake Chain Lakes Association, Inc.
26JUN2023
Educational/Listening Session Minutes
Pike Lake Fire Department Hall

Meeting called to order at
5pm by Mike Ida - President

Statement of Quorum

Board members present 10-people

Mike Ida – President, Russ Schroeder - V. President, Lynne Clemens - Treasurer, Ed Hunter, Jack Wierzba, Jim Clemmons, Steve AvéLallemant, Dave Ebert, Thor Gunderson

Absent

Ann Sloane - Secretary, Derek Dieringer (Web Administrator), Everret Sammis, Jeff Witon

Guests – Approximately 35

Welcome/Introduction of our Board Members

- Mike welcomed all the guests and the appreciation.
- Mike Ida Discussed buoys and fish ladder and need to be a member.

Ground Rules reviewed for open discussion time

If you choose to ask a question or make a comment tonight, please state your first and last name and share if you are or are not an Association member. Due to time limits, please try to state clearly your concern about the (4) four Slow/No Wake buoys and try to be brief.

A look at where the buoys were placed in 2022

Review of flip charts reflecting approximately the location of the buoys.
Mike Ida reviewed buoys and shoreline impact.

A brief look at the recent DNR Shoreline Study – A lake chain map developed by the DNR was presented along with the background history of the map development. A brief review of the detail used by the DNR on shoreline conditions on all four lakes.
DNR Study included 35 feet on shore 90 feet off shore

A brief look at the process used by the board to place the buoys

The correct buoy placement process needs to take place was discussed with public input. A review of the application and approval process of buoy positioning with GPS location was discussed. The process may include written recommendations from PLCLA Board to the Town of Fifield who submits the necessary paperwork to DNR for denial or approval was confirmed. In that process for getting buoys approved, the Fifield Town Board re-writes their lake ordinance for each lake affected by a change in the buoy(s) then submits that new ordinance along with the proper DNR paperwork to the DNR for approval. If approved by the DNR, the Town of Fifield places the buoys with GPS confirmation.

Submitted emails to our board President – emails read by board members.

Several comments for buoy placement for and against placement of new buoys and placement of current buoys were made by non-PLCLA members and PLCLA members.

Summation/closing words:

A show of hands was requested for those attending the meeting to “take the temperature of the room” on the position whether to add or not add additional buoys to the lakes.

A show of hands resulted in the majority attending were against additional buoys being placed in the lakes.

Our Board thanks you for your presence at our educational/listening session. Please remember to attend our August 12th educational/listening session about the proposed Fish Ladder project. That session will take place at 10am and will feature a number of presenters from the DNR and Forest Service.

Open Comments:

1. Email states - DNR Kevin said he did not recommend the placement of buoys. Town involvement with buoys. Tickets were issued with illegal buoys.
2. Point made on the lack of contacting her and placement of buoys and questioned who approved buoy in front of resort.
3. Boaters were fined. Fine for buoy placement because the process by law was broke. Possible fines for the board because of illegal placement of buoys. Mike responded how situation happened. Nate’s second comment was buoys are fine where they are.
Russ responded – Keep the buoys where they are with more enforcement. When asked Nate didn’t know of anyone being fined as a result of being to close to the buoys.
4. Slow no wake buoy to buoy not 100 feet beyond buoys.
5. Option to move buoys out further.
6. Suggestion Land owner responsible for shore line improvement with knowledgeable landscape companies understanding DNR laws for improvement. Owner responsibility would be better served.
Member, Map does not show erosion in Round. Why was there a buoy placed on Round.
7. Can we be selective on what gets placed.
8. Board should be taking suggestion on moving buoy. Need to go to Town for approval to move the buoys. Needs approval By Robin of the DNR.
9. Point made - that DNR officer said buoys would not be approved.
10. Commented that illegal movement of buoys could be a fine and 6mo jail whoever moved buoys.

11. Where are the bi-laws posted. Response was given that bi-laws on the web site.

12. Comment made to allocate funds for land production.

13. Be good to have non-board members involved and voting process of what impacts the lake.

14. Explanation why not being a member. Sign on bridge taken down "slow no wake" Would not want to be a member of the board. Being a non-member, I should have a say in what happens and what impacts the lake.

15. Not a member – Fish Ladder have meeting and voting.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by,

Jim Clemmons

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