

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

**November 6, 2023**

**Location: Pike Lake Fire Hall**

**Meeting called to order:**

6:00 pm by President, Mike Ida

**Statement of Quorum:**

Board Members Present (9)

President – Mike Ida, VP – Russ Schroeder, Secretary – Peggy Kuss, Treasurer – Lynne Clemens  
Steve Ave’Lallement, Everett Sammis, Jim Clemmons, Ed Hunter, Dave Ebert

**Absent**

Thor Gunderson, Jack Wierzba and Jeff Witon

**Lake Association Members in Attendance: 6**

**Community Member Comments:**

A member shared his hope that the Ordinance 28 recommendation resulted in sharing the Chain’s resources.

**Secretary’s Report**

The minutes of the September 25, 2023 Board meeting were reviewed. Motion by Lynne Clemens / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Clemmons to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Lynne Clemens presented the year-to-date financials and membership report. There are currently 174 members. Motion by Steve Ave’Lallement / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Ebert to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

**Fisheries:** Dave Ebert – Dave met with the individual from the fish farm and was told he would need to work with the DNR before proceeding. A permit would need to be done first and assigned a number by the DNR. This number would be used by the fish farm to proceed. Jeff Scheirer from the DNR continues to be opposed to stocking walleyes and muskys as the chain has naturally reproducing fish.

The Association could support the purchase of fish financially on their own.

Steve Ave'Lallement stated that until natural reproduction is not happening, he would not stock walleyes. Dave Ebert will follow up with Jeff Schierer to find out the rationale behind his stance for not stocking muskys in the Chain as the DNR is stocking muskys in other lakes.

Bait fish could be stocked but it was Steve's experience that this was not worth investing the dollars to do so.

Dave would like to complete the DNR permit and submit it for an official determination from the DNR. This determination would be communicated by the Association along with the rationale. This topic could also be included in the upcoming newsletter. Dave will draft the article and Steve will review it.

A motion was made by Ed Hunter/2<sup>nd</sup> by Everett Sammis to complete and submit the DNR permit for both musky and walleye stocking. The motion was carried with one Board member dissenting.

**Aquatic/Invasive Species:** Steve Ave'Lallement - No Report

**Water Quality:** Jack Wierzba – No Report

**Newsletter/Public Relations:** Derek Dieringer – Mike Ida reported on behalf of Derek that the apparel sales were going well. We are continuing to stay with our current internet provider and are prepared to conduct Zoom meetings once the current internet speed is increased.

The Town of Fifield Board has asked Warren Johnson to contact CenturyLink regarding increasing the internet speed at the fire hall for meetings and training sessions. Mike Ida will be following up with Warren regarding progress on this.

### **Old Business**

**Thorofare Buoy Coordinates** - Following a lengthy communication campaign and the posting of a contour map there has been no further feedback to President Ida or any of the Association's Board members regarding the buoy placement. As a result, Mike will release a letter to the Town of Fifield Board regarding the Association's recommendation for buoy placement. A motion was made by Dave Ebert/2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Hunter to do so. Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Records Audit:** Lynne Clemens – The financial audit (operational review) was completed in October by Larry Zimmer, a retired CPA. The audit covered the period of 2022 and year-to-date 2023. Lynne reported the results of the audit were acceptable. Mr. Zimmer had only a few points to communicate. He recommended that donations be categorized as memberships to ensure that the Association would not need to file for a Wisconsin Charitable Organization number or file form 1943. He also prepared form 990-N on behalf of the Association for the years 2021 and 2022. Mike Ida, on behalf of the Board, wrote a thank you letter to Larry for volunteering to review our financial records.

**By-Law Changes** – A review of the suggested By-Law changes was completed. Peggy Kuss will update the suggested By-Law revisions for further review.

**Recycling Fish Line: Jim Clemmons** – No report

**Ordinance 28 Recommendation** – The PLCLA Board is tasked with making a recommendation to the Town of Fifield Board regarding an update to Ordinance 28. This Ordinance includes skiing hours, lake speed limits before and after skiing hours and the addition of Amik Lake to the Ordinance.

President Ida reported that Association members were reached via email and USPS for the 13 members where no email was on file to solicit their feedback. Information was also posted on the Association's website and Facebook page. Members were given more than 30 days to respond. Of the members that were emailed, 80% opened their email but far less responded with feedback. There were 67 respondents total regardless of the manner of communication. Mike distributed and reviewed his analysis of the responses. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Lynne Clemens/2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Ebert to set the ski hours from 10 am to 7 pm, eliminate the 12-mph speed limit and to add Amik Lake to the Ordinance. The motion carried with two Board members dissenting. Mike will draft a letter to the Town of Fifield Board regarding the Board's recommendation and will attend the Board meeting where this is discussed to answer any questions that may arise. Once the decision of the Town Board is known, signage will need to be addressed.

#### **New Business**

**Life Jacket Station Year End Report: Everett Sammis** – Everett continues to see use of the life jackets. Only one has not been returned at this point. Everett will remove the jackets to storage when the lake ices over.

**Fish Passage: Mike Ida** – Mike continues to receive questions regarding the fish passage. As before, these questions are being forwarded to Nick Berndt, USFS fish biologist. All of the questions and their answers will be made available to the Association members prior to any vote on the fish passage.

**Feedback from the Town of Fifield Board Meeting** – No report

**Lake Community Study:** Mike Ida – No report

**Other New Business** – Ed Hunter announced his resignation from the Board effective immediately. Ed was thanked for his contributions to the Lake Association. Per the By-Laws, Mike Ida will nominate his replacement and seek Board approval of his selection.

The next Board meeting will take place at 8:00 am on February 3, 2024 at the Pike Lake Fire Hall.

Motion to Adjourn by Lynne Clemens/2<sup>nd</sup> by Everett Sammis. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Kuss, Secretary