

**Pike Lake Chain Lakes Association, Inc.
February 3, 2024 Board Meeting
Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes**

Location: Pike Lake Fire Hall

Meeting called to order:

8:04 am 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, Dave Ebert, Jeff Witon

Absent

Derek Dieringer, Thor Gunderson and Jack Wierzba

Lake Association Members in Attendance: 6

Community Member Comments:

Has there been any follow up on the fish ladder? Per Mike Ida, all inquiries that have been received have been forwarded to Nick Berndt, USFS fish biologist for a response. All of his responses have been recorded and will be shared with the membership.

The Town of Fifield Board will need to decide the placement of the buoys. There will be no additional buoys placed. This member believes that the law requires buoys to be placed no less than 200 ft from the bridge. He likes the current buoy placement.

This member is wondering how much further out the buoys will be placed from the buoy’s placed previously. The number of feet from previous placement and proposed placement of the buoys has not been measured. The number of feet could be calculated using the GPS coordinates.

Secretary’s Report

The minutes of the November 6, 2023 Board meeting were reviewed. Motion by Lynne Clemens/2nd 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 24 members. Motion by Peggy Kuss/2nd by Everett Sammis to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Fisheries: Dave Ebert – Dave reported that his meeting with Jeff Scheirer of the DNR had occurred. Mr. Scheirer shutdown any idea of stocking walleyes. He explained that the Pike Chain is a control body of water for walleyes and will continue to be so until 2026 meaning that no potential stocking can take place until 2026. With regard to musky stocking, .25 to .5 inch muskys are stocked every other year and will be scheduled next for 2025/2026. The musky population will be inventoried at that time.

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

Water Quality: Jack Wierzba – No Report

Shoreline Stabilization: Lynne Clemens – Lynne has spoken to Jason Tegen, Price County Land Conservation Technician regarding obtaining copies of the shoreline stabilization booklets for distribution at our annual meeting. Lynne will pick these up. Jason has agreed to participate in the annual meeting for one hour. Perhaps there could be an education session this summer. There are three properties on the south end of Round Lake that are working with Jason and his team to stabilize their shoreline.

Newsletter/Public Relations: Derek Dieringer – The Newsletter has been emailed to all members with email addresses and sent via USPS to those who have no email. Input has been favorable so far regarding the Newsletter. There will now be two newsletters per year. Lynne would like non-Association members contacted regarding the availability of the newsletters and where they are available.

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 or his designee regarding progress on this.

Old Business

By-Law Changes – It has been some time since the Association's By-Laws have been reviewed. The Board has been working on this. Peggy Kuss presented Revision #3 to the Board identifying proposed changes that have been made. A discussion occurred regarding a proposed change to the manner in which votes are cast. Specifically, allowing absentee ballots.

Per Robert's Rules of Order, there must be two membership votes with no accepted changes before the revised By-Laws are finalized. It does not appear that the By-Laws will be finalized prior to the annual meeting meaning that absentee balloting will not be allowed. Membership will first vote at a special meeting on April 13, 2024 with the second vote taking place at the annual meeting on June 1, 2024. A motion was made to adopt the By-Laws as discussed by Lynne Clemens/2nd by Jeff Witon. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was also made to send the By-Laws to the membership in advance of the Special Meeting by Steve Ave'Lallement/2nd by Dave Ebert. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval to Fill Vacant Board Position At Annual Meeting Election – A motion was made by Lynne Clemens/2nd by Russ Schroeder to fill Ed Hunter’s open Board position as part of our annual meeting election in June. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Town of Fifield Feedback Regarding Ordinances 28 and 99 –Approval of Ordinance 99 (buoy placement) by the Town of Fifield Board is pending some modifications not related to PLCLA recommendations. Ordinance 28 was approved with some modifications not related to the PLCLA recommendations.

Approval of 2024 Budget – Lynne Clemens reviewed the 2024 budget with the Board. A motion was made to accept the proposed budget by Jeff Witon/2nd by Everitt Sammis. Motion carried unanimously. This budget will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting in June for adoption.

Newly added to the budget is \$1,500 to attend the Wisconsin Lakes Conference in Stevens Point and a second kiosk for the Kids Don’t Float program at the DNR boat landing. Everitt commented that he has sufficient life jackets currently to support the new kiosk. It was suggested that the same high school shop class could build the additional kiosk.

Review of Future Meeting Dates – Mike Ida reviewed a handout containing proposed dates for upcoming Board meetings, a fish passage listening session and the annual meeting. The following dates were discussed:

March 4th – PENDING Board Meeting at 6 pm

April 13th – Board Meeting/Special Meeting at 8 am

May 11th – PENDING speaker availability for a fish passage listening session

May 13th – Board Meeting at 6 pm

June 1st – Annual Meeting at 9 am

Approval of Costs Associated with Ordinance 28 and 99 – Following a brief discussion, a motion was made to pay for the signage and legal costs associated with Ordinance 28 and 99 by Steve Ave’Lallement/2nd by Dave Ebert. Motion carried unanimously.

DNR Letter – A letter was received by the Association as well as other parties of interest concerning dredging that will occur on Round Lake. Following discussion, Mike Ida will be responding to the DNR that the Association has no objection to the dredging.

Other New Business – Russ Schroeder will contact Chris at Musky Jack’s regarding potential signage posted near their boat landing relative to Ordinance 28 and 99.

An email was received from John Berg of the Price County Historical Society requesting the Association to provide additional Pike Lake Chain history books to the Society or to assign the copyright for the book to the Society so that they could print as needed. Mike Ida confirmed that there are 25 unopened boxes

of the books available and that the Association would make 2-3 boxes available to the Price County Historical Society for their use.

The 2024 Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention will take place April 10-12th in Stevens Point. The cost would be \$180 for early bird registration. There is also a virtual option available for \$80. Mike Ida and Everitt Sammis will attend in person. It has been several years since an Association member has attended.

The Board discussed preparation for the upcoming fish passage listening session. The Board will be sending a few of the slides prepared for last year's annual meeting presentation to members prior to this year's listening session to help with the education of the membership on this topic. It was also suggested that a postcard be sent to members reminding them of the fish passage vote and to attend the annual meeting.

The next Board meeting will take place at 6:00 pm on March 4, 2024 at the Pike Lake Fire Hall.

Motion to Adjourn by Jim Clemmons/2nd by Dave Ebert. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Kuss, Secretary