

Pike Lake Chain Lakes Association, Inc.

May 14, 2024 Board Meeting

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Pike Lake Fire Hall

Meeting called to order:

6:00 pm by President, Mike Ida

Statement of Quorum:

Board Members Present (8)

President – Mike Ida, Secretary – Peggy Kuss, Treasurer – Lynne Clemens

Steve Ave’Lallement, Everett Sammis, Jim Clemmons, Jeff Witon, Thor Gunderson

Absent

Derek Dieringer, Jack Wierzba, Russ Schroeder, Dave Ebert

Lake Association Members in Attendance: 2

Community Member Comments:

None

Secretary’s Report

The minutes of the April 9, 2024 Board meeting were reviewed. A revision referencing the correct title of Jeff Schier was communicated by Secretary, Peggy Kuss. A motion was made by Steve Ave’Lallement/2nd by Jim Clemmons to accept the revision. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to accept the April 9, 2024 minutes in their revised form by Lynne Clemens/2nd by Thor Gunderson Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the April 13, 2024 Special Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Lynne Clemens/2nd by Jim Clemmons to accept the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

Lynne Clemens presented the year-to-date financials and membership report. There are currently 148 Association members. Motion by Thor Gunderson/2nd by Jeff Witon to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Fisheries: Dave Ebert – No Report

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

Water Quality: Mike Ida reported on behalf of Russ Schroeder that the water quality testing had been completed and that the water testing results looked good.

Newsletter/Public Relations: Mike Ida reported on behalf of Derek Dieringer that the postcards reminding previous members to renew their Association membership had been mailed out.

OLD BUSINESS

Shoreline Stabilization: Lynne Clemens reported that she had confirmed with Jason Tegen that he and his engineer are ready to present at the annual meeting on June 1st. Lynne has advised them to arrive 30 minutes before the annual meeting begins. Lynne also reported that Jason will be available to meet with her shoreline stabilization committee on May 21st at 1 pm in Phillips. One of the discussion points at the meeting with Mr. Tegen will be about the best role the Association can play relative to shoreline restoration. Lynne will be printing 50 copies of the Shoreline Stabilization brochure as discussed previously for the annual meeting attendees. Another brochure, Healthy Lakes Wisconsin, also has grant programs available.

Snail Mail Letter: President Ida reported that he had authored a letter sent to those members who required USPS communication. There have been two responses each stating they did not have email and would need to work through a relative.

Fishing Line Recycling Project: Jim Clemmons reported that he had installed the fish line recovery tube at the Federal boat landing. Nothing has been done at the state boat landing. Jim purchased materials to build two additional fish line recovery tubes to be placed at Musky Jack's and Idle Hour. Jim will install where businesses ask him to.

Life Jacket Station: Everett Sammis reported that he had his first customer to use a life jacket last weekend. Everett has contacted Linda from the DNR regarding expediting the DNR approval. The DNR is currently stating a decision would occur in July. He has not had a response yet but is pushing.

May 11th Listening Session Feedback: Mike Ida informed the Board that 15 people attended the listening session. Seven of those had no previous information on the fish passage. Nick Berndt, USFS Fish Biologist, was presenting and did his best to explain the project.

Other Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination Committee: The Committee met with all candidates. Three candidates were met on the evening of May 6th and the fourth candidate was met by Peggy Kuss and Mike Ida on the afternoon of May 9th. All new candidates did a nice job of presenting themselves. Peggy Kuss distributed the bios that were available to Board members for review. A motion was made by Thor Gunderson/2nd by Lynne Clemens to accept the nominations for the four at large candidates. These four new candidates will join two incumbent candidates who are also running for the four positions open on the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Based on the new By-Laws, absentee ballots are allowed. Peggy Kuss will be responsible for responding to requests for absentee ballots and will include the bios of nominated candidates. Both the absentee ballot and in-person ballot were reviewed by the Board. Steve Ave'Lallement made a motion to accept the ballots in their current form and Thor Gunderson placed the 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Town of Fifield Meeting Feedback: No Report

Pricing for Purchasing Zoom Equipment: The expense for the Zoom equipment had been approved at a prior meeting with the OWL (device to transmit sound and picture) budgeted at a cost of \$1,100. Derek Dieringer advised that we

should connect the equipment to a personal laptop. Derek also advised that the Board should trial the system for a period of one month. A test is needed to ensure that the equipment functions properly with the internet speed available. Mike Ida has not heard back from Warren Johnson relative to the cost of the upgraded internet that is to be passed along to the PLCLA. Mike indicated it would be less than \$15 per month. A motion was made by Jim Clemmons/2nd by Thor Gunderson to advise Derek to move forward in securing the equipment and software that is needed pending a successful internet speed test. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Meeting Preparations/Agenda: Mike Ida has been cleaning the fire barn for the meeting on June 1st. Everett Sammis and Steve Ave'Lallement will assist him with set up. Thor Gunderson committed The Big Dipper to take care of and donate refreshments for the meeting.

Mike Ida has spoken to Dan Eklund, Wildlife Biologist for the USFS and the individual that will be responsible for the fish passage if the project is authorized by the USFS regarding performing a cursory vote at the annual meeting on June 1st. Mr. Eklund would be comfortable with a cursory vote. Lynne Clemens would prefer that no voting take place based on miscommunication that can occur. A vote such as this could be confusing to members not in attendance. It was also discussed that the individuals attending the annual meeting represent a small portion of the total membership. Lynne suggested that the Association conduct an online survey. This type of survey could have a broader scope and must be carefully drafted. Such a survey could take place in July or later in the summer. Mike Ida will draft the questions along with Steve Ave'Lallement. When drafted, the survey will be sent to all Board members for input.

Lynne Clemens also wondered if a field trip to the dam would be good to inform those interested about what is being discussed.

There will be no fire report this year at the annual meeting, but committee reports will be included.

The Board discussed and approved a moment of recognition in the annual meeting agenda. Ideas were discussed and Steve Ave L'allement will investigate this further. The PLCLA website contains history of the Association and those who started the Association.

Other New Business: Mike Ida informed the Board of the conference he and Everett Sammis attended at the Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters. They learned that lake associations have already enacted ordinance changes regarding wake surfing/boating. Most town ordinances are unenforceable without DNR regulations in most situations.

Mike Ida shared results of the statewide DNR and Wisconsin Conservation Congress survey conducted in April 2024. Over 70% of respondents statewide were in favor of regulations relating to ballast tanks in wake boats. With regard to limiting the use of wake boats, 72% of respondents statewide were in favor of restricting the use of wake boats to lakes 1400+ acres and with a 20 feet depth or more.

Peggy Kuss has tendered her resignation as secretary for the PLCLA effective June 2, 2024. The Board was saddened and surprised by this unexpected news. Lisa Brandt has been appointed and confirmed by the Board as interim secretary with a motion by Jim Clemmons/2nd by Everett Sammis. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to adjourn at 7:29 pm by Lynne Clemens/2nd by Thor Gunderson. Motion carried unanimously.

The next Board meeting will take place on June 29, 2024 at 8 am at the Pike Lake Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kuss, PLCLA Secretary