

Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association
DRAFT BOD Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2014

The PCLA board meeting was called to order at 9:30, May 24 at Al Bochler's home on Eagle Lake.

Present : Martha Oie, Eddie Wangensteen, Greg Ogren, Jay Kernan, Howard Lehman, and Al Bochler.

Secretary's Report was approved by **MOTION** of Greg, seconded by Eddie. **PASSED**

Treasurer's Report: provided by Jay Kernan

The current combined (money market and checking account) cash balance is \$89,090. Major outstanding commitments against this balance aggregate approximately \$36,100 (\$20,000 for Onterra's finalization of the 5 year Invasive Species Control Grant, \$10,300 for Northern Aquatic chemical treatments and \$5,800 for Onterra's role in 2014 chemical treatments). We will apply for the final \$17,600 of DNR grant money upon the receipt of these bills.

Approximately 154 members paid dues in 2013, and approximately 125 of those made additional contributions, with dues and contributions for 2013 aggregating \$21,529.

Future activity will have to be funded from dues/contributions and potential additional grants, as the original 5 year DNR grant of approximately \$161,000 will have been fully received in 2014. **MOTION** by Greg to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Eddie. **PASSED**.

MAILING LIST: Martha has gone through several lists and come up with a more current list base on the 2014 Bayfield County property tax record. She will coordinate lists with 2010 PCLA list, and then a group of folks will re-coordinate.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: The thought of raising dues came up again. **MOTION** by Jay to raise dues to \$20, second by Martha. **PASSED**. This will be brought up at annual meeting.

COMMUNITY WATCH PROGRAM: Thoughts were brought up concerning "Community Watch Program" which has \$2000 sitting there. This is a PCLA reward for people noticing break ins etc on the chain, where when the perps are caught, the person who gave tip gets @ \$500. This may also be brought up at annual meeting. Jay suggested putting \$2500 into category.

BANNERS: Eddie brought up the idea of making banners announcing our annual meeting, having them at various places as a reminder for our meeting, and "Sustaining Our Lakes For Everyone". Money was taken from Education Committee for these. (They are out and up at various places. VERY NICE!! Good job Eddie!)

LAMINATED MAPS: Eddie suggested speaking with guy who developed the map that Bill S. was against us selling. People want them as it is such a nice map. Eddie will see if this guy is OK with us selling the map and making them available for sale.

BEAVER DAM: A request was made by a number of people about the fact that beavers have dammed up the outlet from Pike Lake into Buskey Bay, and wondering if this could it be cleaned out making it easier for kayaks and small canoes to go through. Al did this...but it appears the beaver are busy.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The nominating committee will be looking to fill its open position on the board.

LOONWATCH PRESENTATION: We are having an opening presentation at our annual meeting, concerning loons. It will last about 30-45 minutes. Eddie went to a presentation at another venue and thought our folks will really like it and be drawn to attend our meeting.

FISHERY COMMITTEE: The Fishery Committee will be meeting, hopefully the week of July 28, with Scott Toshner, about our chain's fishery.

GRANT APPLICATION AND ELECTRONIC VOTE: Al brought up the usefulness and timeliness of electronic vote concerning our latest grant application, which was unanimous. Thank you Kris!

A grant committee for applying again includes: Al, Eddie, Jeremy Bates, and maybe a few more.

LAKE MONITORING BY BOD: Al brought up the need for more volunteer time monitoring our lake. Our board is responsible for \$4000 in volunteer time/"in kind labor match". This includes water clarity tests (secchi), looking for exotics, attending seminars etc). Each board member given a charge to do \$400 of this (look at Sept 4, 2013 email to us). Forms are available on web site.

ADJOURN: Greg motioned to end meeting @ 11:30. Jay seconded.

Submitted by,

Howard Lehman
Recorder for the meeting