

2015 Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association, Inc. (PCLA) Annual General Meeting

Iron River Community Center

August 1, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: (Eddie Wangenstein) The meeting was to called to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members were introduced and the PCLA mission reviewed. The agenda was accepted as written.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Kristen Sandager). The minutes from the general meeting on August 2, 2014 were accepted as written. If anyone is interested in writing about a special memory on the Chain or an educational article for the newsletter please contact Kris.

TREASURER'S REPORT: See written report by Jay who was unable to attend the meeting. There were no questions on the written report that was approved as written.

AUDIT REPORT: (Greg Ogren) The audit done by Greg and Howard showed that all transactions were accounted for and properly reflected on statements from 01/01/2014-12/31/2014.

LAKE'S ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY WATCH PROGRAM: (Scott Eisenhauer, IR Chief of Police) Scott announced that this month he will be leaving his position as Chief of Police and moving to Black River Falls to be closer to family. Officer Mitch Steeb will serve as Chief of Police until a new person is hired. No burglaries occurred on the Pike Chain in 2014. Keeping driveways plowed, posting a security monitoring sign, and signing up for the Watch Program through the police department were encouraged to deter burglars.

NATURAL GAS: (John Podlesny) Only about 50% of property owners returned the questionnaire sent out earlier this year by Excel Energy regarding interest in a proposed natural gas line, some never received one. Contact John if you didn't receive one or have questions. There is still need for an investor(s) for needed upfront money with a return of this to the investor in about 5 years. There will be a meeting on August 25 with Excel management.

GUEST SPEAKERS- WALLEYETES FOR NORTHWEST WI: Tony Cross-Bayfield County, Joe Gindrich and Bob Shuster-Sawyer County. Tony is in the early stages of organizing a chapter for Bayfield County. Joe and Bob reviewed the work and activities of the organization in Sawyer County. The mission is to improve the fishery on lakes for all.

OLD BUSINESS

Web site: (John Joseph) Because we are a 501 (c)3b we have free web hosting that saves us a few hundred dollars per year. Any photos etc. to share on the web site, please send to John.

Water Quality Committee: (Jane Swenson): Handout: 2014 Annual Lake Water Quality Reports

Clean Boats Clear Water (CBCW): (Karen Austin) Boat launchings continue to be down this year with use of the Town landing up a little and Hyde's down. Stats from 5/2/2015 through mid July:

<u>Lake</u>	<u># Inspected</u>	<u># people talked to</u>	<u># boats coming from threat waters</u>
Twin Bear	703	1400	88
Hydes	77	181	7
Town	117		14

Karen met with Pine Point Lodge as they have a landing-Pine Point will do their own boat inspections.

Membership Committee: (Kari Wangenstein) There were approximately 162 members in 2014. A survey will be sent out in the near future.

Education/Communication Committee: (Howard Lehman) The educational maps are still available for anyone interested. The majority of the audience was interested in having Dick Rewalt speak in the future on the history of logging on the Pike Chain.

Fishery Committee: (Howard Lehman) The Education Committee has arranged to have Scott Toschner, WI DNR Fisheries Biologist for Douglas and Bayfield Counties, speak on the fishery on the Pike Chain on Sat. August 8, 2015, 10 a.m. at Pine Point Lodge. We are the control lake in the 5 year fishery study by the DNR with 4 more years remaining.

Adopt-a-Highway: (Julie Peck) 15 people participated in the highway pick up this year on 6/27. This year they extended the pick-up area to the pillars. If interested in volunteering, contact Julie.

AIS Committee: (Al Bochler) There were many questions on EWM and treatment. Al stressed that EWM can be controlled but not eradicated. In the future, fundraising will be needed to help cover the cost of treatment and we will continue to apply for grants.

Fundraising Committee: (Ed Brunner) There is a limited supply of the remaining Pike Chain apparel that is for sale today. In the future, individuals can purchase single order embroidery apparel through Shirts Unlimited; single order screen printing is not available.

NEW BUSINESS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (Eddie Wangenstein) Ed Brunner has resigned; Al Bochler, Greg Ogren, and Jim Swenson have completed their second 3 year term and Debb Sharbonno her first. Al, Greg, and Debb have agreed to serve another term. The committee recommends the appointment of Jay Johnson and Joe Rapacz. There were no other nominations from the floor. **MOTION** by Kari Wangenstein and seconded to approve the nominees. **PASSED unanimously.**

MEMBERSHIP DUES: (Eddie Wangenstein) The BOD recommends keeping the annual membership dues at \$20.00. **NO OBJECTIONS: ACCEPTED.**

IDEAS/QUESTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERSHIP:

- Email read from a member unable to attend the meeting today concerning people continuing to shoot off fireworks past the 4th of July. Information only.
- Suggestion on having a speaker talk about the adverse possession of property. Information only.
- Island in Lake Millicent: Concern about people removing rocks from the shoreline. Information only.

QUESTION AND ANSWER WITH ANDREW TEAL, our new Bayfield County AIS Coordinator:

- A citizen monitoring network video was filmed on the Pike Chain and available to view through the DNR website
- Vouchers, funded through a grant, are given to boaters who lake hop to wash off their boat at the C-Store- statistics on use pending.
- Report of self application of herbicide for EWM on the Chain which he advised against doing.
- Many questions on the increasing number of clams. Clam are a sign of healthier water. Dead clams can be removed.
- Future AIS threats to be aware of: zebra mussels, starry stone wart, spiny water fleas.
- Chinese banded snails can be removed.
- Volunteers needed for 4 hours shifts at the AIS booth at the Bayfield County Fair on 8/6 through 8/9 2015.

MOTION by Joe Rapacz and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Kristen Sandager, Secretary.

