

Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Rustic Roost Restaurant in Iron River, WI
May 29, 2010
Approved August 7, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS:

Present: Al Bochler, Eddie Wangensteen, Betsey McKinney, Bill Swenson, Judy Barber, Greg Ogren, Jerry Peck, Bob Ruef, Kris Sandager

Absent: Jim Swenson, Tony Mullozzi, John Joseph

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Al Bochler.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Al Bochler introduced new board members including treasurer Bob Ruef and secretary Kris Sandager. There was a brief overview of our new organization Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association, Inc (IRPCLA). IRPCLA is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501c3 public charity organization that allows us to receive government grants and donations.

Al and Barb Bochler will be attending the 2010 Northwest Lakes Conference on June 18 in Drummond.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Ruef presented a detailed explanation of the Iron River Lakes Association (IRLA) Profit/Loss statement of January 1, 2009 through March 20, 2010. David Onan, prior treasurer for IRLA, transferred funds from IRLA to IRPCLA. So, the IRLA account is now closed.

It was discussed whether or not an audit of the IRLA books was necessary. With all funds being accounted for and everything in order it was felt an audit was not necessary.

MOTION by Jerry Peck and seconded to accept Bob's review of the IRLA income/expense report, accept the closeout of this account and forego an audit. **PASSED** unanimously.

IRPCLA income/expenses and the 3 year projected budget used to incorporate were reviewed.

MOTION made by Bob Ruef and seconded that the first year of the 3 year projected budget be approved as presented for the 2010 Fiscal Year. **PASSED** unanimously.

Membership: Last year membership increased from 80 to 179 families. With the mailing list being generated from the county tax records it was noted that 60-70 property owners in the past had not been receiving mailings. In 2009 a flier entitled "Join the Team: Help Protect Our Lakes" was handed out door to door. Our database of members was improved in this process and judging by the membership increase this was a success.

The Bylaws state that all applications for membership shall be approved by the Board of Directors. In February and March 2010, membership dues were been paid by Mark /Julie Tanin and Gary/Sandy Tigen.

MOTION by Bob Ruef and seconded to approve these two sets of families for membership. **PASSED** unanimously.

Membership Dues: In the past dues have been paid as a family type membership and have been \$15. Discussion was held whether to increase dues at this time. Whether or not the dues should be increased to meet budgetary needs better versus keeping them at an affordable level was discussed.

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MOTION by Bill Swenson that and seconded that dues be kept at \$15 this year pending review at the general meeting in August. **PASSED** unanimously.

Voting Rights: There was discussion as to how many individuals per family membership have voting rights and what constitutes a membership. This was tabled pending review by the Bylaws committee.

Tax Returns: As a 501c3 organization we need to have a tax return (Form 990) completed yearly.

MOTION by Bob Ruef and seconded to allow the president to enter into a contract with RSM McGladrey to complete 2009 state and federal tax returns. **PASSED** unanimously.

MOTION by Bob Ruef and seconded to authorize the president and treasurer to sign federal and state tax returns. **PASSED** unanimously.

Assistant Treasurer: Bob Ruef recommended we have an assistant treasurer who lives in the area who can also sign checks in the treasurer's absence. This position is allowed by the Bylaws.

MOTION by Jerry Peck and seconded to approve a position for an assistant treasurer and to appoint Bill Swenson for this position. **PASSED** unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Control of Aquatic Species Committee report was given by Al Bochler, Chair. Al reviewed the 2010 contract from Northern Aquatic Services for the treatment of Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM). 15 acres will be treated this year down from 27 last year. Treatment dates, weather dependent are 6/4 or 6/5. Affected property owners will be notified of treated areas with appropriate signage. A map of the affected areas on the Chain that are being treated will be included in the summer newsletter.

Fisheries Committee report was given by Bill Swenson, Chair. The WI DNR will be doing a full scientific survey of the lakes this year to determine what and how many types of fish species are present. It is done every 10 years.

Water Quality Committee report was given by Al Bochler for Jim Swenson, chair. Each lake on the Chain has a person who will be doing a Seki disk reading, a measure of water clarity.

Education Committee report was given by Bill Swenson, Chair. The committee has been working on the following top priorities:

1. Increasing boater inspection, especially weekdays at the County Park. The Twin Bear County Park Campground will be giving one free seasonal rental lot to a camper who will be trained by Karen Austin for weekday boat inspection.
2. Developing an educational brochure to be given to boaters, property owners, as well as to appropriate resorts, restaurants and bars. It was stressed that this brochure is not designed to increase boat traffic on the lakes but to educate those using the lakes to promote sustainability of and safety on the Pike Lake Chain. A draft of the Welcome to Pike Lake Chain Brochure was discussed. Some of the content in the brochure includes a non navigational map of the lakes marking no wake zones, water hazards, and public boat landings; a history of the Pike Lake Chain; information on aquatic invasive species and Eurasian Watermilfoil; and a volunteer section.

The committee had discussed whether to include privately owned boat landings on the map.

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MOTION by Greg Ogren and seconded that private boat landings not be put on the map.
PASSED unanimously.

Several other items were discussed for inclusion including rocks at the end of the channel into Hart Lake, enlarging some fonts and a section regarding tax deductible contributions. Board members are encouraged to look at the brochure and provide any further feedback to Bill soon.

Bill reviewed various print costs depending on paper material, laminating, and quantity.

MOTION by Betsey McKinney and seconded that the education committee purchase through their education funds 5000 on 80 wt card stock, laminate 200, and that one goes to each property owner. **PASSED** unanimously.

Each property owner will receive this brochure with their summer newsletter.

Fund Raising Committee: A need for a Fund Raising Committee was brought up by Al Bochler. Al appointed the following to serve on the committee: Tony Millazo - Chair, Betsey McKinney, Eddie Wangenstein, and Larry Bowman. Al will act as a liaison.

Bylaws Committee: Al Bochler brought up the need for a Bylaws committee to review the new articles and bylaws of our new organization. Al appointed John Joseph, Jerry Peck, and Bob Ruef to serve.

NEWSLETTER

Recommendations to be included with the upcoming newsletter are:

- Written application form for membership
- Volunteer
- Comments/feedback for the board
- Campground expansion
- Map of EWM areas and general treatment policy
- Welcome to Pike Lake Chain brochure

WORKING NAME

It was approved that **Pike Chain Lakes Association (PCLA)** be the organization's working name.

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP SIGN

Bob Ruef noticed an IRLA highway clean-up sign posted near the Twin Bear bridge. No board members are familiar with the sign. Recommendations are to bring this up at the annual meeting and in the meantime consider taking the sign down especially since IRLA no longer exists. Al Bochler will research the history of this.

MOTION by Bill Swenson and seconded to have Al Bochler contact the County to take the sign down.
PASSED unanimously.

MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENT ZONING

Al Bochler and Bill Swenson reviewed an email from Karen Saarinen, secretary of the Bayfield County Lakes Forum and also a member of the Long Lake Property Owners Association, regarding zoning

concerns pertaining to Multiple Unit Developments (MUD) and Conservation Subdivisions (CS). Per her email, current Bayfield County zoning ordinances allow up to 8 Multiple Units on a parcel with 800 ft of shoreline.

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Only 4 single family homes could be built on that same 800 ft parcel if it was subdivided into 4 lots. The Town of Barnes was successful in passing an overlay making the zoning requirements similar for MUD/CS and single family units that passed through the Bayfield County Board unanimously.

The Bayfield County Lakes Forum is contacting lake associations and others in the county to inform them about the threat of MUD and CS. They are advocating that the Iron River Planning Commission recommend a similar overlay making MUD/CS development play under the same rules as single family units. No action was taken and this was for information only.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Bill Swenson brought up the idea of recognition awards that would be given annually at our general meeting. One would be for volunteer recognition and the other for donation of the year. No action taken.

SUMMARY OF EMAIL RESOLUTIONS APPROVED PRIOR TO THIS MEETING

Our new bylaws allow us to complete business by email so that we're more nimble.

Transfer of funds from IRLA to IRPCLA: On August 2009 at the Annual Meeting for the IRLA, it was approved to form a new 501c3 organization called the Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association, Inc. and transfer funds from the IRLA to the IRPCLA. The Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association, Inc. board approves the following email resolution from the previous IRLA Board:

MOTION made and seconded to allow the transfer of funds from the IRLA to the Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association, Inc. **PASSED.**

Secretary and Treasurer board positions

MOTION to approve Bob Ruef as treasurer and Kris Sandager as secretary. **PASSED.**

Northern Aquatic Services contract

MOTION made and seconded to authorize Al Boehler to sign the 2010 contract with Northern Aquatic Services for chemical treatment of EWM. **PASSED.**

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2010 at 9 a.m. the Iron River VFW. Recommendations are to keep the annual meeting as short as possible and limit an outside speaker to 10-15 minutes. No outside speaker is proposed at this time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The board of directors will meet at 8:30 a.m. on August 7 prior to the general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Sandager
Secretary

