

**Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Assoc., Inc.**  
**DRAFT Board of Director's (BOD) Meeting**  
**May 25, 2013**

**Present:** Al Bochler, Eddie Wangenstein, Kristen Sandager, Bill Swenson, Howard Lehman, Tony Mullozzi, Greg Ogren, Debb Sharbonno.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Al Bochler at 10460 Hillside Lane.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT: MOTION** by Greg Ogren and seconded to approve the minutes as written from the BOD meeting on August 25, 2012. **PASSED** unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Al Bochler reviewed in detail the treasurer's report prepared by Bob Ruef. (handouts-balance sheet, budget sheet, checkbook/money market balance and grant activity sheet). As of 12/31/2012: total liabilities and net worth \$49,780.87; income \$34,788.98; expenses \$26,149.98. As of 5-25-2013 the projected checkbook and money market balance after anticipated grant draw is \$72,934.69. There were 158 dues paying members out of approximately 360 property owners in 2012. 33 members "prepaid" dues for 2013 after the newsletter came out in November with an enclosed addressed return envelope.

Al reviewed grant activity. The grant goes through 2014 at which time we will need to consider reapplying. It is questionable if we would receive it a second time. About \$19,000 will be left for next year after this year's treatment.

The proposed budget for 2013 was reviewed. **MOTION** by Greg Ogren and seconded to approve the 2013 budget as written. **PASSED** unanimously.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AIS:** Al Bochler reported that EWM treatment will be late this year because of the late spring. Onterra still needs to come out and determine the final treatment areas-this has been delayed because of the long winter. There are more acres of EWM that will need to be treated this year. In the future, we may need to "pick and choose" areas that will be treated depending on future monies available through contributions to lake management and available grants.

Bill Swenson reported that several hundred loons died last fall migrating south across Lake Michigan from eating mussels contaminated with botulism.

**FISHERY:** Bill Swenson reported that the DNR fishery survey report is still not done as the DNR is understaffed. Al and Bill recently attended a meeting on bluegills.

**EDUCATION :** Bill Swenson stressed the importance of continuing ongoing educational efforts and the need to increase boat landing inspections especially at Hyde's and the IR town landing. Al and he have to Washburn several times working on trying to increase boat landing inspections at these 2 sites.

The laminated map and educational posters were effective. There are 50 posters left.

**Defense Fund:** Bill reviewed a proposal from Northland Community College for EWM management on the Pike Chain. This includes: a) hand pulling of EWM at a cost of \$4800 and b) AIS Launch Monitoring and use assessment at Hydes and the Town landing this summer for 14 weeks ( 3 days per week, 8 hr per day) for \$4700. Hiring Northland College for AIS Launch Monitoring was felt to be positive step to take. It was decided to not pursue hand pulling to keep costs down and because of its questionable benefit. **MOTION** by Eddie Wangenstein and seconded to hire Northland College for AIS launch monitoring for this summer. **PASSED** unanimously.

**FUNDRAISING:** PCLA will have a booth at the Blueberry Festival again this year. Ed Brunner is coordinating selling tshirts and sweatshirts there, too.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Tony Mullozzi was appointed by Al Bochler to work with Greg Ogren for an audit of the 2012 treasurer's books. Greg reviewed the audit process used ("spot check") and reported that Treasurer Bob Ruef's bookkeeping has been very thorough and detailed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The terms of Eddie Wangensteen, Kristen Sandager, Bob Ruef and Tony Mullozzi will be done. Eddie and Kris have agreed to serve another term. Eddie Wangensteen and Ed Brunner have been appointed as the nominating committee for filling the 2 open positions, one which is treasurer.

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting is set for August 3, 2013 from 9a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Iron River Community Center. Suggestions for possible speakers were discussed. Eddie Wangensteen will look into putting announcements about the meeting in the Evergreen Shopper, County Journal, and The Connection.

2012 TAX RETURN: The 2012 Tax Return prepared by Tuttle was passed around for review.

NEWSLETTER: There was a good response with people sending in dues after the Fall newsletter which included a self-addressed return envelope (thank you Amy Arneson Wangensteen for this good idea). It was suggested that at least once a year all property owners receive a newsletter with an enclosed self addressed return envelope for submitting dues.

#### **OTHER**

WATER LEVEL: Al reported that in the last 13 years, the water level in the summer of 2012 was at a record low because of a board being removed by the dam. The low water level makes it difficult for boats to get under the bridge but on the other hand can help lessen shoreline wash off. Now, water levels are 5 inches above normal with all of the rain this spring. Discussion held whether or not to look into dredging under the bridge. No action taken.

PILLARS: The pillars located at the entrance to Pine Lake Road from Cty. A are in need of repair. There will be a Pillar Fund designated for those who wish to donate to this.

PCLA PURPOSE: There is a misperception by some that PCLA is a branch of the DNR or zoning. Ongoing educational efforts to clarify our goal of keeping the water clean needs to be done. Information only.

ASST. TREASURER POSITION: Bill Swenson wishes to resign as Asst. treasurer effective August 2013. Recommendations are to approach Bob Ruef to fill in as asst. treasurer through Dec. 2013 after his term as treasurer is done this August.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Sandager, Secretary