

2016 Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association, Inc. (PCLA) Annual General Meeting
Iron River Community Center
August 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: (Al Bochler) The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. Board members introduced. There were no additions to the agenda.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Debb Sharbanno). The minutes from the general meeting on August 1, 2015 were accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Thank you to Rick Tuttle for volunteering to do PCLA 2015 tax returns. Jay Kernan has resigned as treasurer. See Treasurer's report below.

OLD BUSINESS

Web site: (John Joseph) We have a lot of information on our website. Information for the website comes from the members.

Education/Communication Committee: (Howard Lehman) Most questions are about milfoil and invasive species. Clean water boosts property values!! Zebra mussels are only 17 miles away. He will try to schedule a presentation on the logging of the Pike Chain before Labor Day.

Fishery Committee: (Howard Lehman) Spring nets were set by Scott Toshner, WI DNR. In 2010, there were 2 walleyes per acre and now only 1 per acre. Largemouth bass are still in abundance. DNR staffing is low so information is more difficult to obtain. The fish kill on Eagle Lake is likely from the brush/tree that fell recently.

Audit Report: (Greg Ogren) The audit done by Greg and Howard Lehman showed that all transactions were accounted for and properly reflected on statements from 01/01/2015-12/31/2015.

Clean Boats Clear Water (CBCW): (Karen Austin) This year landings are down by about 50% which is positive. 14% of usage at the Twin Bear Landing from Friday through Sunday is from other waters. Karen has lost staff this year. Staff have been frustrated as people are taking the problems of the lake out on them. Volunteer hours have been coming from her staff. She would like a power washer at the Twin Bear landing as boats coming out of our lake are a potential threat to other lakes and need to be washed. She would need people to run the power washer and they will be paid \$12.00 per hour. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the boat landings, contact Karen-you don't need to go through training to volunteer at the boat landings as Karen will walk you through what needs to be done. The WI DNR has no money or staff so we need to take this into our own hands.

Membership Committee: (Jay Johnson) We want to increase our membership numbers so please pass on and encourage others to join PCLA. Give Jay any new names and he will call them. There is a picnic at 5 p.m. today hosted by Pine Point Lodge-all are welcome.

Adopt-a-Highway: (Julie Peck) On June 18, 13 people participated in the highway pick up collecting 5 bags of garbage

Water Quality Committee: (Al Bochler for Eddie and Amy Wangenstein-chairs, who weren't able to be at this meeting): Volunteers do site readings on each lake 3 times/year. Water quality is impressive at 19 feet when bloom happens. Volunteers are: Buskey Bay- Glen and Sue Viggiano; Twin Bear-Martha Oie; Millicent-Eddie and Amy Wangenstein; Eagle/Flynn- Gary Hagstrom will take over for John Bochler who is resigning; Hart Lake-volunteer(s) needed. Buskey Bay, Millicent, Hart, and Twin Bear will receive whole lake chemical treatment in summer 2017 for Eurasian water milfoil as part of a 3 year matching grant from the WI DNR that PCLA was awarded this year.

AIS Committee: The AIS committee report was made as part of the Onterra presentation. Slides showed grant amount and the plans for the three years. Andrew Teal, Bayfield County AIS Coordinator did not show.

NEW BUSINESS

POWER WASHER FOR TWIN BEAR LANDING: Jay Johnson suggested that as a group, PCLA make a donation towards a power washer for the Twin Bear Landing as was recommended by Karen Austin, CBCW. Cash donations were collected.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Martha Oie and Jay Kernan have resigned from the board earlier this year. Kris Sandager and Eddie Wangenstein have completed their second 3 year term and have agreed to serve another term. The committee recommends the appointment of John Coffey as treasurer and Josh Teigen. **MOTION accepted to appoint John Coffey as treasurer and Josh Teigen to the BOD. PASSED unanimously.**

MEMBERSHIP DUES: The BOD recommends keeping the annual membership dues at \$20.00. **MOTION ACCEPTED and PASSED unanimously.**

IDEAS/QUESTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERSHIP:

- Could we have a presentation to close the landings? No action.
- Thank you to all board members for the work they do.
- Could we move the general meeting for earlier in the summer so questions are answered. No action.

EWM MANAGEMENT TREATMENT PLAN presentation by Breaton Butterfield, our consultant from Onterra.

In January 2016, PCLA received a \$119,000 3 year matching fund grant from the WI DNR for EWM management and treatment.

Facts on EWM:

- Showed up in WI in the 1960's and first documented in the Pike Chain in 2004.
- It spreads and reproduces very quickly and stays over winter and once it gets into a system there is NO way to get rid of it.
- We have aquatic plant growth to 30 feet in the chain but EWM growth only to about 15 or 16 feet.
- In 2014 there was a bit of a jump (less than 2 acres)
- In 2015 there was a very big jump (7.5 acres)
- 2016: They will be on out the Chain next week, August 8-11th, 2016.

EWM management:

- DNR is moving towards whole lake treatment strategy and NOT spot treating anymore.
- With spot treatments, the area is treated with 4 parts per million of 2-4d that must remain at a concentration of at least 2 Parts per million for 24 hours to be effective. With spot treatment, studies show it disperses too quickly in many cases for it to be effective.
- Whole lake treatment provides chemical in the lake area above the thermal at a starting concentration of .3 parts per million and will hold this concentration for a period of about 3 weeks which is why the starting concentration is so much lower. The entire water column above 16 feet will have this concentration.
- Active Management Strategy is to reduce EWM over time.
- PROS: keeps population low→reduces the chance to carry elsewhere→do not want to reduce recreational activities.
- CONS: potential impact to the native aquatic community; don't want to put herbicide into the lake if not needed.

Chemical/herbicide treatment: 2,4-D

- Non toxic to birds
- We can't say the herbicides are safe
- EWM needs to be observed in 10% of the water under 16 feet to apply for the treatment permit from the DNR.
- BENEFITS OUTWEIGHT RISKS

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Debb Sharbanno, recorder for the meeting

Treasurer's Report – 2015 Highlights

1. Dues and Contributions totaled \$21,899, down from \$24,704 in 2014
 1. 130 total members (down from 162 in 2014) paid dues and/or made contributions
 2. 106 (down from 145 in 2014) contributed more than their dues
 - a. Average extra contribution per donor was \$180 in excess of dues
2. \$17,651 of grants received, representing final payment on our old grants
3. Expenditures totaled \$18,399, of which \$16,818 went to EWM consulting, chemical applications and related permits
 1. Remainder went primarily to newsletter printing and postage
1. 2015 revenues (\$40,837) exceeded expenditures by \$22,438
 1. 2015 was largely a year of "living within our means" as we applied for new grants for 2016
 2. Dues and contributions continue to grow in importance, to augment grant money and to demonstrate member support – an important factor in grant applications
 3. Slide 4 shows current financial position
2. Federal and state not-for-profit tax returns filed
 1. Special thanks to Rick Tuttle for his donated time
3. More aggressive treatment plans in the near will deplete reserves built during 2014 and 2015, and will require additional grant assistance as well as continued generous support of all PCLA members and contributors.

2015 Income and Expenses

Revenues

Dues	\$ 2,795.00
Contributions	\$ 19,104.00
Grants	\$ 17,651.00
Apparel (net)	\$ 1,194.00
Interest	<u>\$ 93.00</u>

Total \$ 40,837.00

Expenditures

EWM Treatments/Permits	\$ 16,818.00
Newsletter	\$ 1,290.00
P.O. Box, room rent	\$ 220.00
Other	<u>\$ 71.00</u>

Total \$ 18,399.00

2015 Net Surplus - \$ 22,438.00

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6/30/2016 Financial Position

Money Market balance	\$ 73,050.30
Checkbook balance	<u>\$ 20,268.06</u>
Total PCLA resources at 6/30/2016	<u>\$ 93,318.36</u>

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Major future expenditures	\$ 30,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 30,000
Projected grant proceeds	\$ 22,500	\$ 75,000	\$ 22,500

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Treasurer's Message

This Treasurer's Report marks my final official act as PCLA Treasurer. I've been honored, and fully enjoyed working with our Board and PCLA members over the past 3+ years.

Special thanks to Eddie Wangenstein, who monitored our P.O. box and allowed me to handle the Treasurer's duties remotely during much of 2015 and 2016.

I continue to believe in, and fully support the mission of the PCLA – **To ensure the long term health of the Pike Chain of Lakes** so that future generations are able to enjoy our lakes and generate the same wonderful memories that my family and I have enjoyed over the past 54 years.