

**Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Annual Meeting Minutes
Held at Iron River Community Center on August 1, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: (Eddie Wangenstein) The meeting was 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 Wangensteen) 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 Wangensteen and seconded to approve the nominees. **PASSED unanimously.**

MEMBERSHIP DUES: (Eddie Wangensteen) 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.

Treasurer's Report – 2014 Highlights

1. Dues and Contributions totaled \$24,704, up from \$21,529 in 2013
 1. 162 members (up from 150)
 2. 145 contributed more than their dues
 3. Average extra contribution of \$151 from each of the contributors (THANK YOU!)
2. \$51,650 of grants received (largely relating to expenditures for treatments made in 2013)
3. Expenditures totaled \$51,907, of which \$47,336 went to EWM consulting, chemical applications and related permits
 1. Remainder went primarily to newsletter printing and postage and launch monitoring
4. 2014 revenues exceeded expenditures by \$26,935
 1. Primarily due to timing of receipt of significant DNR grant funds in 2014
 2. Dues and contributions continue to grow in importance more critical, as DNR grant availability becomes less certain
 3. Slide 4 shows current financial position
5. Federal and state not-for-profit tax returns filed
 1. Special thanks to Rick Tuttle for his donated time
6. 2015 budget reflects a responsible increase in our reserves for continuing treatment needs

6/30/2015 Financial Position

Money Market balance	\$ 57,922.95
Checkbook balance	\$ 25,651.84
Pending payments for fees, treatments, permits	<u>\$ (4,207.55)</u>
Projected cash balance after known disbursements/receipts	<u>\$ 79,367.24</u>

2014 Income and Expenses

Revenues

Dues	\$ 2,715.00
Contributions	\$ 21,989.00
Grants	\$ 51,650.00
Apparel (net)	\$ 988.00
Interest	<u>\$ 72.00</u>
Total	\$ 77,414.00

Expenditures

EWM Treatments	\$ 37,030.00
Consulting	\$ 10,306.00
Newsletter	\$ 1,301.00
Boat inspections	\$ 1,624.00
Other	<u>\$ 218.00</u>
Total	\$ 50,479.00

2014 Net Surplus

\$ 26,935.00*

* Surplus due primarily to timing of receipt of \$51,650.00 from DNR grant in 2014 for expenditures made in 2013 and earlier

2015 PCLA Budget

Actual & Budgeted Results

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>
Income							
Membership Dues	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$2,310.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,715.00	\$3,600.00
Individual Contributions	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$19,219.00	\$20,000.00	\$21,989.00	\$22,000.00
Wisconsin DNR Grant	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$18,828.00	\$51,650.00	\$51,650.00	\$18,000.00
Fund Raiser (net)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$1,632.00	\$1,500.00	\$988.00	\$0.00
Interest				\$51.00	\$100.00	\$72.00	\$100.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 49,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 38,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 35,800.00</u>	<u>\$42,040.00</u>	<u>\$76,250.00</u>	<u>\$77,414.00</u>	<u>\$43,700.00</u>
Expenses							
5 Year Grant							
Chemical Treatment	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,360.00	\$32,670.00	\$20,000.00	\$36,695.00	\$4,000.00
Treatment Contingency							\$5,000.00
Grant Admin & Surveys	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,510.00	\$18,819.00	\$15,000.00	\$10,641.00	\$5,000.00
Annual Recurring							
Community Watch Program	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00	\$62.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Accounting, Tax Preparation	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mailing, Printing	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$833.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,349.00	\$1,500.00
Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$160.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Meeting Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$93.00	\$200.00	\$170.00	\$200.00
County Boat Landing							
Inspections	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$900.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,624.00	\$2,000.00
Lake Association Donation	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Education Committee							
Boat Inspection/Education	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 49,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 36,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 33,870.00</u>	<u>\$53,537.00</u>	<u>\$44,450.00</u>	<u>\$50,479.00</u>	<u>\$22,900.00</u>
Cash Gain (Deficit)	<u>\$ 700.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,930.00</u>	<u>#####</u>	<u>\$31,800.00</u>	<u>\$26,935.00</u>	<u>\$20,800.00</u>

Lake Water Quality 2014 Annual Report

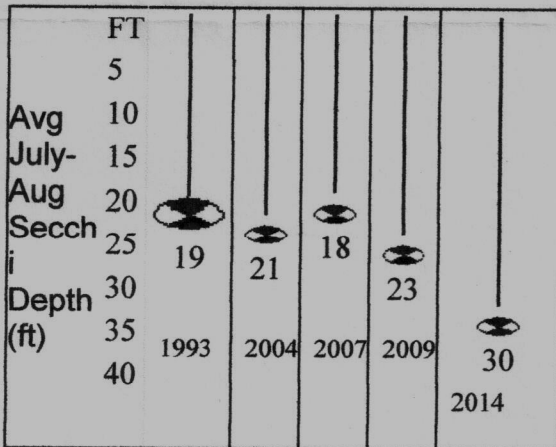
Volunteer - Rita Viager

Hart Lake
Bayfield County

Lake Type: SEEPAGE
DNR Region: NO

Date	SD (ft)	Hit Bottom	Lake Level	Clarity	Color	Perception
08/05/2014	30	YES	HIGH	CLEAR	BLUE	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
08/20/2014	30	YES	HIGH	CLEAR	GREEN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
09/09/2014	30	NO	NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
09/24/2014	30	NO	NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer

Date	Collector Comments
08/05/2014	Party sunny/cloudy- mild. Bald Eagle activity continues in current nest located just off "deep hole" in small bay. Two large juveniles occupy nest. Adults hunting nearby. Pair of loons in bay today coming near my pontoon. Beautiful! Have noticed loons show virtually no fear of boats especially last two summers. Several loons occupy Hart Lake.
08/06/2014	1 of 2 juvenile bald eagles out of nest- and perched on branch of 1st tree just east of nest tree. It is perched approx. 10-15 feet below nest height on small branch. No adults in area at this time.
08/20/2014	Group of 5 adult loons in close proximity fishing together just out past my dock. Also- group of 3 otters fishing just off my dock. Humid- overcast- 60's.
09/09/2014	Several adult loons present on Hart Lake- no chicks sighted. Bald Eagle nest still occupied by 2 juveniles occasionally- as they are now both flying on their own with parents in close proximity. Partly sunny + mild today- low 70's.
09/24/2014	Mild- low 70's- partly sunny. Two juvenile loons- and one immature bald eagle spotted today. Eagle was perched at nest site. No adults in sight at this time.



Past secchi averages in feet (July and August only).

Year	Secchi Mean	Secchi Min	Secchi Max	Secchi Count
1993	19	19	19	2
2004	20.75	19.75	22	5
2007	18.5	15.7	21.3	4
2009	22.8	21.5	25.5	5
2014	30	30	30	2

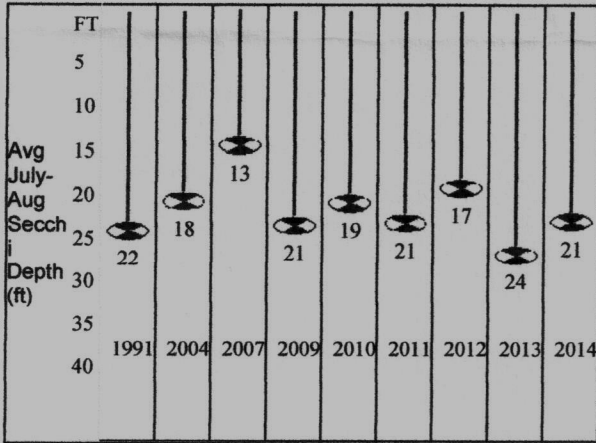
Lake Water Quality 2014 Annual Report Volunteer - Jack Bochler

Eagle Lake

Lake Type: DRAINAGE

Date	SD (ft)	Hit Bottom	CHL	TP	TSI (SD)	TSI (CHL)	TSI (TP)	Lake Level	Clarity	Color	Perception
05/28/2014	20	NO		12.7	34		48	NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
06/13/2014	21.5	NO			33			NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
06/22/2014	22.5	NO			32			NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
06/26/2014	21	NO	2.99	12.2	33	43	48	NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
07/07/2014	20.5	NO			34			NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
07/16/2014	20.5	NO			34			NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
07/22/2014	21	NO			33			NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
07/28/2014	20.5	NO	1.92	12.3	34	40	48	NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
08/04/2014	21.5	NO			33			NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
08/15/2014	21.5	NO			33			NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
08/20/2014	21.5	NO	2.82	17.7	33	43	50	NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
08/31/2014	18.5	NO			35			NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer

Date	Collector Comments
05/28/2014	Sunny
06/13/2014	Sunny.
06/22/2014	Cloudy.
06/26/2014	Sunny.
07/07/2014	Sunny.
07/16/2014	Sunny. Some suspended algae.
07/22/2014	Sunny.
08/04/2014	Sunny.
08/15/2014	Sunny.
08/20/2014	Cloudy. A lot of floating junk- weeds and grass.
08/31/2014	Sunny. Rained 5 inches this week.



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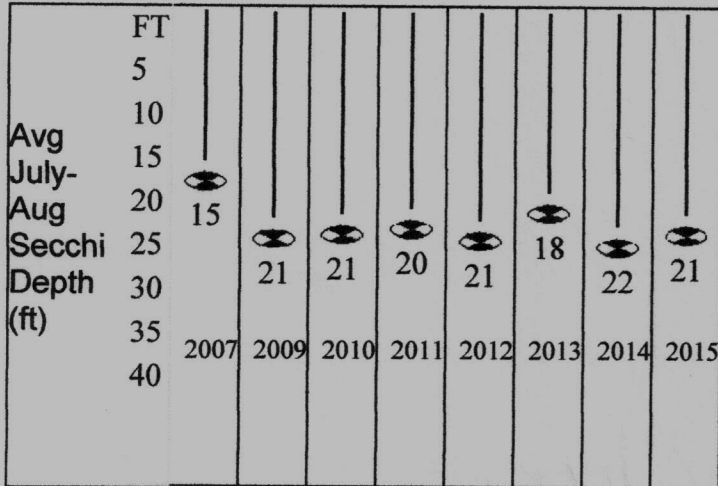
Year	Secchi Mean	Secchi Min	Secchi Max	Secchi Count
1991	21.5	21.5	21.5	1
2004	18.5	16.5	20.25	6
2007	13.05	12.2	13.9	4
2009	20.92	17	24.5	6
2010	18.7	16.5	20	5
2011	20.86	16.5	23	7
2012	17.17	15	22	6
2013	24	21.5	28	7
2014	20.69	18.5	21.5	8

Lake Water Quality 2014 Annual Report
Volunteer - Glenn Viggiano

Buskey Bay

Lake Type: SEEPAGE

Date	SD (ft)	Hit Bottom	Lake Level	Clarity	Color	Perception
07/03/2014	20.75	NO	HIGH	CLEAR	BLUE	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
07/26/2014	20.4	NO	HIGH	CLEAR	BLUE	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
08/02/2014	24.75	NO	HIGH	CLEAR	BLUE	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer



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Year	Secchi Mean	Secchi Min	Secchi Max	Secchi Count
2007	15.35	15.2	15.5	4
2009	21.25	21.25	21.25	2
2010	20.75	20	21.5	2
2011	20.19	18.5	22	4
2012	21.33	17.5	24.75	3
2013	18.5	18.5	18.5	1
2014	21.97	20.4	24.75	3
2015	20.75	20.5	21	2

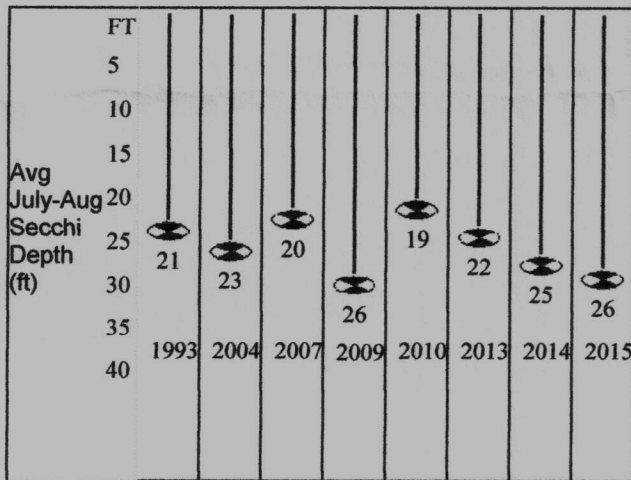
Lake Water Quality 2014 Annual Report Volunteer - Eddie Wangenstein

Lake Millicent

Lake Type: DRAINAGE

Date	Hit Bottom	Lake Level	Clarity	Color	Perception	
05/11/2014	15.6	NO	HIGH	MURKY	GREEN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems
05/31/2014	21	NO	HIGH	CLEAR	GREEN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems
06/22/2014	23.5	NO	NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems
07/07/2014	23.5	NO	NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems
07/28/2014	25.5	NO	NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems
08/10/2014	25	NO	NORMAL	CLEAR	GREEN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems

Date	Collector Comments
05/11/2014	ICE WENT OUT ON THE 8TH FOR THE MOST PART. VERY NICE MORNING- CALM AND ABOUT 70 DEGREES. THERE IS A LOT OF DEBRIS IN THE WATER STILL- STICKS- LEAVES- BARK- ETC. HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL THE MOTHERS!!
05/31/2014	It was partly cloudy and started to rain as we were returning to our dock. Fairly calm but some wind.
06/22/2014	Beautiful- calm morning. A little overcast. Loons are nesting down in the bay of Millicent by King's. Amy does the readings.
07/07/2014	Partly cloudy a little windy
08/10/2014	Nice day but mostly cloudy. The loons and the 2 baby's are growing up and out of the bay and into the big lake. All seems well.



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Year	Secchi Mean	Secchi Min	Secchi Max	Secchi Count
1993	21.25	21	21.5	2
2004	23.2	21.5	25	5
2007	19.95	19.6	20.3	4
2009	26.5	26	27	2
2010	19	19	19	1
2013	21.83	20.5	23	6
2014	24.67	23.5	25.5	3
2015	26	26	26	1