

**Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association Annual Meeting Agenda**  
**Iron River Community Center, Iron River, WI**  
**Sat. August 3, 2013**  
**9am to 11am**

1. Call to order
2. Welcome (Eddie Wangenstein)
3. Introduction of board members and officers (Eddie Wangenstein)
4. Revision/ acceptance of agenda
5. Secretary's report (Kristen Sandager)
6. Treasurer's report (Bob Ruef)
7. PCLA's annual audit report (Greg Ogren)
8. Guest Speaker: Scot A. Eisenhower, Chief of Police, Town of Iron River Community Watch Program
9. Guest Speaker: Jeremy Bates, Aquatic Invasive Species Project Coordinator, Bayfield County Land & Water Conservation Dept.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Committee Reports** (Committee reports will be set for up to 5 minutes each)

1. Aquatic Invasive Species (Al Bochler)
2. Website: [www.pikechain.org](http://www.pikechain.org) (John Joseph)
3. Education Committee ( Bill Swenson)
4. Fishery Committee ( Bill Swenson)
5. Fund Raising (Ed Brunner)
6. Boat Landing Inspection and Boater Education (Karen Austin)
7. Adopt-a-Highway: Highway H from The Spot to Twin Bear Bridge (Chair or board member)
8. Water Quality Committee (Al Bochler)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Board of Directors annual membership dues recommendation (Eddie Wangenstein)
2. Nominating Committee report and election (Eddie Wangenstein)
3. Ideas from members: questions, recommendations, newsletter ideas

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Thank you for work done  
Pike Chain apparel drawing

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

#### **Board Members**

Al Bochler, President  
Eddie Wangenstein, Vice President  
Bob Ruef, Treasurer  
Kristen Sandager, Secretary  
Bill Swenson, Assistant Treasurer  
John Joseph, Past President

Jim Swenson  
Tony Mullozzi  
Greg Ogren  
Ed Brunner  
Howard Lehman  
Deb Sharbonno

**Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association, Inc. (PCLA)**  
**2013 Annual General Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)**  
**Iron River Community Center**  
**August 3, 2013 9 a.m.**

**ALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Vice President Eddie Wangenstein.

**WELCOME:** (Eddie Wangenstein) Eddie welcomed all attending (66 members and 4 visitors signed in) and reviewed the history and mission of the association. Board members and officers were introduced.

**ACCEPTANCE/REVISIONS OF AGENDA: MOTION** by Jim Swenson and seconded to approve agenda. Agenda **ACCEPTED**.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** (Kristen Sandager) **MOTION** by Bill Swenson and seconded to approve the August 6, 2012 General Meeting minutes as written. **PASSED** unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Bob Ruef) The organization's finances were explained in detail (handouts). As of 8-1-2013 the projected checkbook balance after anticipated grant draws is \$69,156.85. Grant activity was reviewed with a balance available of \$69,301.34. Income \$34,788.89 and expenses \$26,149.98 for 2012 were explained and as of 12-31-2012 total liabilities and net worth were \$49,780.87. For 2012, there were 158 dues paying members, 128 contributions to lake management for a total of \$19,681.00 and \$500.00 contributed to the Defense Fund. **MOTION** by Tony Mullozzi and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. **PASSED** unanimously.

Last fall, Rick Tuttle of Tuttle Accounting, Inc. in Ashland volunteered to prepare PCLA taxes for free. Thank you Rick.

**AUDIT REPORT:** (Greg Ogren) The audit done by Greg and Tony Mullozzi for 1-1-2012 through 12-31-2012 showed that all transactions were appropriate and accounted for. **NO OBJECTIONS** to the audit report-**ACCEPTED**.

**GUEST SPEAKER Scot Eisenhauer, Chief of Police, Town of Iron River-Community Watch Program.** There were 3 break-ins this winter on Hart Lake. All were by the same 3 suspects who were after prescription medications. Keeping driveways clear in the winter and posting a "security" type sign can "scare" burglars. He also encouraged signing up for the vacation check program through the department-forms available today at the meeting or online. Lake safety is good.

**GUEST SPEAKER Jeremy Bates, Aquatic Invasive Species Project Coordinator of Bayfield Count Land & Water Conservation Dept.** Jeremy gave a power point presentation reviewing common native and invasive species in the area lakes. Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) continues to be our biggest concern and zebra mussels still confined to Lake Superior our biggest urgency. Rusty crayfish are a potential threat. The CBCW boater inspection and education program has been very successful. EWM weevil may be helpful in controlling EWM. Lake Namekagon is using "eyelids" as a means to monitor boat landing activity. In future, he hopes to hold some workshops and increase correspondence.

Questions from audience: 1) White Stem Pond Weed, a native species, on Lake Millicent 2)increase in snails (Chinese Mystery Snails)-these can be removed and buried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS):** (Al Bochler) As required by our grant, Onterra will be out next week to look at the effects of chemical treatments. 22.5 acres were treated in 2013 and treatment has been successful this year. Handout of treated areas was available.

There is a small residual of money left for next year from our 5 year grant. We will need to reapply for the grant next year and hopefully we can receive a partial grant. Therefore, to help cover future costs of treatment, we need to expand the core group of those who contribute to lake management and also work with Northland Community College for other available grants. 20 individuals helped with monitoring last year.

**Website:** (John Joseph) We now have free hosting through Dreamhost saving us \$150.00 per year. A link to the DNR fisheries report and NR115 which is up for revision again is on the website.

**Education Committee:** (Bill Swenson) The projects the committee has implemented were reviewed: laminated map, education posters; and increased weekday boat inspections at Twin Bear Park. Individuals were encouraged to think about becoming certified licensed treatment applicators, an on line program. These individuals can then treat the smaller areas of EWM. Because of increasing costs for EWM treatment and the uncertainty of future state funding and grants, the "Pike Chain Defense Fund" was developed last year. Only 2-3 individuals contributed for a total of \$500. The Northland Community College contract for boat monitoring this summer at Hyde's and the Town landing was reviewed.

Bill voiced his concern about selling the laminated maps and explained that "the lake map was created through the cooperation of Sportsman's Connections with the understanding it would be used for the CBCW program and would not be sold."

**Fishery:** (Bill Swenson) The DNR report is now done showing a decrease in walleyes and increase in the largemouth bass population, which is not a surprise. The committee will respond to the request from the DNR with ideas as to how to maintain a healthy fishery.

**Fundraising:** (Ed Brunner) The committee needs more members. PCLA had a booth at the Blueberry Festival again this summer. Matt Steve donated some photographs of loons and landscapes from Hart Lake to sell with the monies going to PCLA. 4 Pike Chain apparel items were raffled. Apparel items have been popular and are still available to order.

**Clean Boats Clear Water (CBCW):** (Karen Austin) The CBCW program was reviewed. Britt Marx, college student and long term staff person with CBCW, was introduced and briefly spoke about her background and history with the program. The CBCW program run by Karen is highly respected throughout the state. The 1:1 contact they have with boaters is felt to be extremely important.

A member suggested giving a bag to fishermen to keep their weeds in so they don't throw them back into the lake.

**Water Quality:** (Al Bocher for Jane Swenson) Al read Jane Swenson's email report. A secchi monitor is needed on Hart Lake and a loon monitor on Buskey Bay. Water chemistry monitoring is being done on Buskey Bay by Jack Bocher. Secchi readings are available on the Pike Chain website.

**Adopt-a-Highway:** (Julie Peck) The spring clean up was delayed until July because of the late spring. 14 people participated and 7 small bags were collected. The next pickup will be this fall sometime.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Membership dues:** The BOD recommended keeping dues at \$15 a year. **NO OBJECTIONS** to keeping dues at \$15 a year-**ACCEPTED.**

### **Nominating Committee:**

- Last year, Jim Swenson whose term was done had agreed to serve another term. This had been accidentally overlooked at the 2012 annual meeting so was then approved by the BOD. **NO OBJECTIONS** to re-electing Jim Swenson to serve a second term-**ACCEPTED.**
- The terms of Eddie Wangenstein-Vice President, Bob Ruef-Treasurer, Kristen Sandager-Secretary and Tony Mullozi are done. Eddie Wangenstein and Kristen Sandager have agreed to serve another term in their current positions. **NO OBJECTIONS** to Eddie serving as Vice President and Kris serving as Secretary-**ACCEPTED.**
- The committee recommends the appointment of Martha Oie. **NO OBJECTIONS-ACCEPTED.**
- The committee recommends the appointment of E.J. Kernan as treasurer. **MOTION** by Tom Sandager and seconded to appoint E.J. Kernan as treasurer. **PASSED** unanimously.
- Bill Swenson has resigned from his position as assistant treasurer. Al Boehler recommends the appointment of Bob Ruef as assistant treasurer until 12/31/2013. **MOTION** by Tom Sandager and seconded to have Bob Ruef serve as assistant treasurer temporarily. **PASSED** unanimously.

### **Other:**

- Eddie Wangenstein had been approached by Nan Olson, President of the Iron River Lyon's Club, wondering if PCLA would consider donating \$250.00 for the Blueberry Festival. No objections or concerns voiced.
- The "culvert" between Buskey Bay and Mudd Lake needs to be cleaned out which has been done in the past. Al Boehler is aware of this.

**MOTION** by Jim Swenson and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Sandager, Secretary

**Timeline for Wisconsin DNR Fisheries rule-making proposals including NEW provisions imposed by Act 21 (underlined in red font)  
(This example is for management plans or survey data assembled on or before spring of 2013 that suggest a need for a rule change.)**

Spring 2013—DNR fishery biologists throughout the State lead fish monitoring surveys on lakes and streams that may reveal the need for a change in harvest regulation.

Summer 2013—DNR fishery technicians enter spring data into statewide database and age fish from sampled structures (e.g., scales); biologists analyze/summarize data.

Fall 2013—DNR fishery biologists consult with stakeholders and local wardens, then submit detailed proposals in standard format to change a rule or several rules.

Winter 2013—DNR unit and district supervisors review proposals and return for revision or forward for consideration by statewide DNR Species Teams and the DNR Fisheries Management Board.

Late Winter 2013-14—DNR Species Teams review proposals and advise the DNR Fisheries Management Board whether or not to approve. Questions approved by the Fisheries Management Board are prepared for the April 2015 Spring Hearing Questionnaire.

April 2014—DNR holds Fisheries and Wildlife Spring Hearings in each county in conjunction with the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, but only “advisory” questions may be posed because, in even-numbered years, legislative committees will not review “formal” rule-change proposals from about mid-March through the following January. Advisory questions seek to measure hearing attendee sentiment toward one or more draft versions of questions that may be posed formally by DNR at a future spring hearing. ADVISORY questions may be posed in any year by the DNR or the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, but **procedures mandated by Act 21 lengthen the rule-making schedule to such an extent that DNR may pose FORMAL questions only in alternate (odd-numbered) years.**

July 2014—Statewide Policy Team (DNR Fisheries, DNR Law Enforcement, DNR Legal Services, Wisconsin Conservation Congress, GLIFWC) meets to review and discuss proposals. **Governor’s office approves scope statement of Fisheries rules to appear on 2015 Spring Hearing Questionnaire.**

August 2014—If there are no major objections at the Statewide Policy Team meeting, proposals are finalized to appear in the April 2015 Spring Hearing Questionnaire. **DNR Natural Resources Board (NRB) reviews the scope and hearing questions.** If approved, DNR Fisheries staffers in the Central Office draft the rule language.

October 2014—**DNR prepares Economic Impact Analysis (EIA) and provides public 14-day open comment period.** DNR staffers prepare other rule documents.

January 2015—Conservation Congress Executive Council meets. April 2015 Spring Hearing questions are due for printing.

April 2015—Spring Hearings are held by DNR in conjunction with Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

May-June 2015—Final rule language is developed, which may be modified based on spring hearing comments, approved by NRB; **Governor’s office reviews rules.**

June-July 2015—DNR submits Governor-approved rules to Wisconsin State Legislature for their review (maximum time allowed for review = 140 days).

July-October 2015—Legislative review period; WDNR prepares regulations booklet for publication.

April 2016—Rule in effect for 2016-17 fishing season – three years after the local DNR fisheries biologist first identified need for a rule change in spring 2013.

**Summary Implication:** After at least three years of analysis and deliberation by Fisheries biologists and supervisors, Fisheries staff assistants, staff from other WDNR programs, tribal representatives in Ceded Territory waters, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, the WDNR Natural Resources Board, the Wisconsin State Legislature, and the Governor of Wisconsin, a length limit or daily bag limit for a species or group of fish may be changed on a lake or stream in Wisconsin.

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## Balance Sheet

	12/31/2010	12/31/2011	12/31/2012
<b>Assets</b>			
Check Book	\$ 26,274.11	\$ 7,412.29	\$ 5,971.23
Money Market Unrestricted Use	\$ -	33,729.58	\$ 43,309.64
Money Market Defense Fund			\$ 500.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 26,274.11</u>	<u>\$ 41,141.87</u>	<u>\$ 49,780.87</u>
Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Worth	\$ 26,274.11	\$ 41,141.87	\$ 49,780.87
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	<u>\$26,274.11</u>	<u>\$41,141.87</u>	<u>\$49,780.87</u>

## Income and Expenses

	12/31/2010	12/31/2011	12/31/2012
<b>Income</b>			
Member's Dues	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 1,830.00	\$ 2,220.00
Member's Dues Prepaid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 195.00
Member's Contributions	\$ 18,610.00	\$ 13,755.00	\$ 17,466.00
Member's Contributions Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Non member Contribution	\$ 8,229.21	\$ -	\$ -
Sally Witz Art Sale	\$ -	\$ 70.00	\$ -
Shirt, Poster & Map Sales	\$ -	\$ 108.00	\$ 5,447.00
Memorial Income	\$ -	\$ 525.00	\$ -
Interest Income (Money Market)	\$ -	\$ 26.23	\$ 80.06
DNR Grant	\$ 18,977.19	\$ 45,237.63	\$ 8,880.92
	<u>\$ 47,391.40</u>	<u>\$ 61,551.86</u>	<u>\$ 34,788.98</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Lake Treatment	\$ 10,105.00	\$ 15,213.00	\$ 16,620.00
Town of Iron River (Josh Teigen)	\$ 1,342.54	\$ 1,244.37	\$ 1,906.80
Treatment Permits	\$ 505.00	\$ 555.00	\$ 430.20
Purple Loosestrife Chemicals	\$ 85.00	\$ -	\$ -
Cost of Bank Checks	\$ 104.84	\$ -	\$ 87.23 *
Initial Organization Expense	\$ 5,142.48	\$ -	\$ -
Consultant Fees	\$ -	\$ 25,376.00	\$ -
Neighborhood Watch Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 257.00
Bulletin Printing	\$ -	\$ 368.20	\$ 225.00
Boat Inspection Program	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ -
PO Box Rental and Postage	\$ 403.67	\$ 85.07	\$ 89.00
Web Site Creation Cost	\$ 10.00	\$ 190.80	\$ -
Treasurer's Supplies	\$ 39.14	\$ 103.22	\$ 86.61 *
State and Federal Tax Preparation	\$ 425.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 699.08
Education Committee	\$ 1,878.00	\$ 1,744.15	\$ 572.11
Newsletter Printing and Mailing	\$ 822.14	\$ 594.34	\$ 547.29
Annual Meeting Expenses	\$ 254.48	\$ 124.95	\$ 78.66
Shirt and Related Expenses			\$ 4,521.00
State Fees	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 30.00 **
	<u>\$ 21,117.29</u>	<u>\$ 46,684.10</u>	<u>\$ 26,149.98</u>
Excess Income over Expenses	<u>\$ 26,274.11</u>	<u>\$ 14,867.76</u>	<u>\$ 8,639.00</u>

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**2013 Annual Meeting 3 August**  
**Treasurer's Report**

<b>Checkbook balance as of 8-1-2013</b>					\$11,719.24
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			<u>\$ 51,675.24</u>	X 75%	\$ 38,756.43
	<b>Projected Checkbook Balance After Anticipated Grant Draws</b>				<u><u>\$ 69,156.85</u></u>

**Grant Activity**

Starting Amount of Grant	\$ 161,225.25
2009 Draw	\$ (18,977.19)
2010 Draw	(11534.28)
2011 Draw	\$ (33,703.35)
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2012 Draw Paid in 2013	(\$18,828.17)
<b>Balance Available</b>	<u><u>\$ 69,301.34</u></u>

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