

IRON RIVER PIKE CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Iron River Community Center

August 5, 2017

- **CALL TO ORDER** (Eddie Wangenstein) The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
 - Board members introduced.
 - No additions or revisions to the agenda. **MOTION** by Greg Ogren to accept agenda as written. **PASSED** unanimous.
 - PCLA mission reviewed.
- **SECRETARY'S REPORT** (Kris Sandager) Thank you to Debb Sharbanno who was acting secretary at the annual meeting last year. Attendance last year: 94 with 3 new members and 2 visitors. 427 newsletters were mailed in Spring 2017. Please contact Kris if you are interested in writing an article for the newsletter. The 2016 General Meeting Minutes were approved as written.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT** (John Coffey) We are sitting good financially at this time. Refer to printed handouts: 2017 Financial Position to Date and proposed 2017 Budget. **MOTION** by Tony Mullozi and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. **PASSED** unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **AUDIT COMMITTEE** (Greg Ogren) The audit done recently by Howard Lehman and Greg showed that all transactions were accounted for and properly reflected in 2016. Thank you to our current and past treasurer's who have kept excellent records.
- **FUNDRAISING** (Jay Johnson) This past year we've received a few large one time donations marked for EWM management. The likelihood of receiving future DNR grants for chemical treatment is unlikely since we've already been awarded 2 grants so we will need to fund future treatments ourselves and will probably need to retreat every few years. Whole lake treatment costs for this year: about \$10,000 for chemical, \$5000 for permits and \$5000 for sample testing PER LAKE for a total of about \$50,000. If we ask each member to consider a \$200 donation or more per year (versus \$1 per front foot) we could generate around \$44,000. **INFORMATION ONLY.**

The second annual Pine Point Pike Chain party is August 19. There will be a 50/50 raffle again-last year we received \$348 from the raffle.

We can accept stock and real estate as donations.

- **MEMBERSHIP** (Kari Wangenstein) To date, regular membership has increased by about 28%. There's a new membership corner on our website.. An invitation to join was mailed this spring to property owners who weren't members. 2 new classes of membership were developed-business and junior. There are 7 business class memberships so far this year. The membership and mailing list was updated using the Bayfield County Property Tax Records.
- **EDUCATION** (Howard Lehman) Thank you to Al/Barb Bochler, Eddie/Amy Wangenstein, Jay/Marge Johnson for their time collecting water samples needed for whole lake chemical treatments done this year.

Zebra mussels are a potential future threat. Zebra mussels have been found on Big McKenzie Lake and Lake Superior.

- **FISHERY** (Howard Lehman) The DNR Fishery Research Study continues until 2022 so not much will happen until then. The DNR has requested input from us regarding largemouth bass-if interested in working on this contact Howard. Since 2010, the numbers of walleye, small and large mouth bass continue to decline. There are still plenty of blue gills, crappie and muskies.
- **WATER QUALITY** (Eddie Wangenstein) The DNR provides one chemical water test per year. Thank you to Jack Bochler for doing this in the past. Gary Hagstrom will take this over. Secchi Monitoring Volunteers are: Twin Bear-Jay Johnson, Hart-VACANT, Millicent-Eddie/Amy Wangenstein, Buskey Bay-Glenn and Susie Viggiano.

- **AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES-AIS** (Al Bochler) We are in our 2nd year of our 3 year DNR for EWM. 2016 was study year. On June 5 and 6, 2017 whole lake chemical treatment with 2, 4-D occurred on Buskey Bay, Millicent, Hart, and Twin Bear. As of July 4, EWM was essentially gone in these lakes and there's been no damage to native plants. Onterra will be out to survey again in late August. Our best hope is needing to retreat once every 5 years to control EWM. A 3rd DNR grant for future funding for this is highly unlikely. Most often lakes are awarded only one larger grant. We received extra points with our second grant application for our collaboration with the Town of IR and the town landing, setting up a cleaning station at the Twin Bear Campground, and initiating bucket brigade

EWM is now also in McCarry Lake and Flynn. We will apply for a rapid response DNR grant for McCarry and hand pull on Flynn. Onterra will be out to survey McCarry in August. There's been an explosion of EWM noted this spring on Eagle. DASH pulling on Eagle will happen next week. Chemical treatment may happen if okayed by the DNR. A reminder that DNR requires about 10% infestation for consideration of whole lake chemical treatment.

180 volunteer hours/year for our 3 year grant are needed. Please complete volunteer labor forms found on our website and get to Al.

A member requested we prepare a budget for future chemical treatment. Another member wondered if the Twin Bear Boat Landing fee could be increased to help with costs of treatment-members interested in pursuing this should contact the County Parks-no action.

- **CLEAN BOATS CLEAR WATER-CBCW** (Al Bochler for Karen Austin CBCW) PCLA collected money at the annual meeting last year that was donated to CBCW to purchase a power washer for the Twin Bear Landing. The pressure washer provides \$50.00 per hour of use toward the volunteer match rather than the \$12.00 per hour in normal labor.**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY** (Howard Lehman for Julie Peck) 17 volunteers were at the June 1 highway pickup. There hasn't been any fall pick up the last few years as there isn't a need.
- **WEB SITE** (John Joseph) www.pikechain.org Content of the website reviewed that includes volunteer labor forms, vacation check forms with the IR Police, and a schedule of events.
- **FACEBOOK** (Kari Wangensteen) www.facebook.com/PikeChainofLakes. There's been increased membership involvement with frequent postings with views per posting averaging 400-500.

NEW BUSINESS

- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** (Eddie Wangensteen) The first 3 year term for Kari Wangensteen and second for Howard Lehman are completed. Howard has agreed to serve another term. Kari has resigned. The committee recommends the appointment of Jim Bender and Howard Lehman. No other nominees from the floor. **MOTION** accepted to appoint Jim Bender and Howard Lehman to the BOD. **PASSED:** Unanimous.

Re- election of Eddie Wangensteen as Vice President and Kristen Sandager as Secretary was overlooked at last year's annual meeting so they were appointed by the BOD until this meeting. **MOTION** accepted to re-elect Eddie and Kris for the remainder of their third 3 year term. **PASSED:** Unanimous.

- **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:** The BOD recommends keeping the annual membership dues at \$20/year. **MOTION** accepted to keep membership dues at \$20/year. **PASSED** unanimously.
- **IDEAS, QUESTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERSHIP**
 1. Al Bochler: A letter from the IR Lions Club sent by Bob Ruef was read requesting a donation by PCLA for the purchase of a tile for \$100 or \$200 that will be placed on a Wall of Honor for the proposed Playground and Park that is being planned-see letter. Discussion held. PROS: The town of IR and IR Lions Club has been supportive of PCLA; Lions Club is a positive organization for the community; tile wall will be a way for our organization to be recognized. CONS: Doesn't fit with our mission of promoting clean water and could set a poor precedent. **MOTION** by Jay Johnson and seconded by Jim Bender to donate \$200 for the proposed playground. **PASSED** (2 nays)
 2. August 9th is the groundbreaking for the library.
 3. A reminder to keep fire numbers clear from brush.

4. Lake Buoys are getting old. Dave Miller is working on this with the Delta and IR town boards.
5. Question wondering if the county provides any type of grant for AIS management- they provide grants for CBCW.

OTHER BUSINESS

PCLA APPARELL is back!!!

PCLA NOTICE BOARD (Debb Sharbanno) will be going up soon at the old Red Rooster. Thank you Mac Sports and Mark/Shelly Manion who donated money for this.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOTION by Jay Johnson and seconded by Howard Lehman to adjourn. **PASSED** unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

PRESENTATION: Dick Rewault from the Mason and IR Historical Society : “Early Logging in the White River Valley”

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Sandager, Secretary

July 31, 2017 Financial Position

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| Money Market Balance | \$ 62,171.20 |
| Checkbook Balance | <u>\$ 8,124.11</u> |
| Total PCLA resources | \$ 70,295.31 |

Total resources include items
to date 2017 of

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Membership Dues | \$ 2,035.00 |
| Lakes Contributions | \$ 23,485.00 |
| Boat Landing Fees | \$ 432.00 |
| Raffle | \$ 348.00 |
| Reimbursement from Iron Lake Assn | <u>\$ 380.00</u> |
| Total revenue sources 2017 | \$ 26,680.00 |

Actual & Budgeted Results

| | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014 Actual</u> | <u>2015 Actual</u> | <u>2016 Actual</u> | <u>2017 Budget</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income | | | | | | | | |
| Membership Dues | \$ 2,200.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,800.00 | \$2,310.00 | \$2,715.00 | \$2,795.00 | \$3,700.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Individual Contributions | \$15,000.00 | \$13,500.00 | \$13,500.00 | \$19,219.00 | \$21,989.00 | \$19,104.00 | \$28,137.50 | \$35,000.00 |
| Wisconsin DNR Grant | \$32,000.00 | \$22,500.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$18,828.00 | \$51,650.00 | \$17,651.00 | \$0.00 | \$45,000.00 |
| Fund Raiser (net) | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$1,632.00 | \$988.00 | \$1,194.00 | \$105.50 | \$ 500.00 |
| Interest | | | | \$51.00 | \$72.00 | \$92.00 | \$116.18 | \$ 120.00 |
| Total Income | <u>\$49,700.00</u> | <u>\$38,000.00</u> | <u>\$35,800.00</u> | <u>\$42,040.00</u> | <u>\$77,414.00</u> | <u>\$40,836.00</u> | <u>\$32,059.18</u> | <u>\$84,620.00</u> |
| Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| 5 Year Grant | | | | | | | | |
| Chemical Treatment | \$26,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,360.00 | \$32,670.00 | \$36,695.00 | \$16,817.55 | \$5,800.00 | \$41,500.00 |
| Treatment Contingency | | | | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Grant Admin & Surveys | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 11,510.00 | \$18,819.00 | \$10,641.00 | \$145.00 | \$19,716.46 | \$10,000.00 |
| Annual Recurring | | | | | | | | |
| Community Watch Program | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$62.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$ - |
| 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 | \$1,349.00 | \$1,290.30 | \$3,289.86 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Supplies | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$160.00 | \$0.00 | \$71.56 | \$403.87 | \$ 200.00 |
| Meeting Fees | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$93.00 | \$170.00 | \$75.00 | \$25.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| County Boat Landing | | | | | | | | |
| Inspections | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 500.00 | \$900.00 | \$1,624.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| 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 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$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>\$50,479.00</u> | <u>\$18,399.41</u> | <u>\$29,235.19</u> | <u>\$57,400.00</u> |
| Cash Gain (Deficit) | <u>\$ 700.00</u> | <u>\$ 1,400.00</u> | <u>\$ 1,930.00</u> | <u>#####</u> | <u>\$26,935.00</u> | <u>\$22,436.59</u> | <u>\$2,823.99</u> | <u>\$27,220.00</u> |

8-3-17

Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association
Al Bochler, President

Hello Al and Members of Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association (PCLA).

The purpose of this letter is to alert PCLA of an opportunity to gain public recognition through the purchase of a tile that will be placed on a "Wall of Honor" located at the proposed Playground and Park that the Iron River Lions, Iron River Area Foundation and Town of Iron River are jointly sponsoring. Ground breaking on Phase One of the project is planned for this fall. If your organization sees value in having your name on the wall of honor, an 8X8 inch tile or a 12X12 inch tile may be purchased at the respective costs of \$100 or \$200. Should you wish to proceed with the purchase, you may contact me or Jeanne Joseph for details on how to sign up. Payment should be made to the Iron River Area Foundation, a 501 (C) 3 corporation with **Playground** written on the memo line of you check.

Also, we would welcome involvement of PCLA's members who may want to contribute to this project in the form of tiles purchased or a cash contribution. Lion Jeanne Joseph is coordinating tile sales for this project and she will be able to assist anyone wishing to purchase a tile in their name or for remembered loved ones. She can be reached at 715-372-8614.

On behalf of the Iron River Lions, I want to thank you and the members of PCLA for considering our request.

Sincerely,



Lion Robert L. Ruef

CC: Kristen Sandager, Secretary
Lion Jeanne Joseph