

# IRON RIVER PIKE CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2018

- **CALL TO ORDER** (Eddie Wangenstein): The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Board members were introduced and the mission statement read. No objections to the agenda as written. **PASSED.**

Tony Williams, IR Chief of Police reviewed the IR Vacation Check Program for property owners—forms for this are available online at IR Police or PCLA website. The PCLA vandalism/reward stickers for members are considered a great deterrent against break ins. Drug use continues to be on the uprise in the area—meth, heroin, cocaine, prescription drugs. No burglaries occurred on the Chain last year. The fireworks ordinance was reviewed as requested by a member because of ongoing fireworks way past July 4<sup>th</sup> that are often shot often late into the evening. Private use of fireworks requires a permit. Contact the Bayfield County Dispatch with any firework complaints/concerns.

- Secretary's Report (Kris Sandager): Nothing to report.
- Treasurer's Report (John Coffey): The checking and savings account balance of as of July 31, 2018 is \$87,500. Refer to handout: 2018 PCLA Budget-Actual & Budgets Results. No objections to the treasurer's report. **PASSED.**

## 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 for 2017.
- Aquatic Invasive Species-AIS (Al Bochler) The results of the whole lake chemical treatment for EWM on Buskey Bay, Millicent, Hart, and Twin Bear last year was impressive, killing 95% of the existing EWM with little impact on natives. Thank you to Jay Johnson, Eddie Wangenstein and their families for the monitoring they did to establish the thermalcline needed to determine when to apply the chemical treatments last year.

There are spots of EWM all over Eagle and some small spots on Flynn that were managed with DASH this summer. DASH doesn't control EWM as well as whole lake treatment but EWM needs to be at 10% before whole lake chemical treatment is done.

EWM noted on McCarry Lake in 2016. We are in the process of applying for a rapid respond grant for approximately \$20,000 for whole lake treatment hopefully in 2019. The most likely cause is animals.

Eddie Wangenstein, Al Bochler, and Jay Johnson will be meeting with Pam Toschner, WDNR per her request on 8/21/2018.

Question from audience about the green floating algae: this is considered to be a harmless, "natural" algae related to water temperature, and has been around for along time

Fish kill this spring was minimal and is a natural occurrence, not related to our chemical treatment.

Thank you to Gary Hagstrom who is doing the chemical monitoring—see water quality report. Phosphorous levels remain stable which is positive.

See website for the chemical treatment report.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE** (Howard Lehman) The potential for zebra mussels continues to be a big concern. They have been found in McKenzie Lake (Burnett and Washburn County) and also in Lake Superior.

Howard clarified the PCLA mission stressing it is for lake management, not property management etc. Since we've already received 3 WDNR grants for EWM management, we will need to rely on donations in the future for chemical treatments which are expensive.

**FISHERY COMMITTEE** (Howard Lehman): We continue to be a control lake for the WDNR Fishery Study until 2020. On 8/11/18 from 9-11 a.m at Pine Point Lodge Scott Toscher, WDNR Fishery Biologist will talk about the latest fishery findings on the Pike Chain and answer any questions. See WDNR Fishery report on our website.

**FUNDRAISING/MEMBERSHIP** (Jay Johnson): Donations for lake management are greatly appreciated. Even though we are in great standing financially with donations received to date, we will continue to need monies from donations for future EWM treatment as one treatment is very expensive. We will never get rid of EWM, but can control it with chemical treatments every few years.

- **WATER QUALITY** (Eddie Wangenstein) Secchi readings are done on each lake 6 times/year. Get names of people on each lake. On Millicent this year readings were 20-23 compared to last year where reading of 28 on two occasions.

Gary Hagstrom is doing the chemical monitoring. 3 chemical water tests are done per year and paid for by the WDNR.

There are 137 different plants on the Chain.

#### **OTHER REPORTS:**

- **Boat Landing Inspection and Education** (Al Bochler for Karen Austin-CBCW): It's been a peaceful year with good people working for Karen and the public has been courteous. 69 boats were inspected on Blueberry Festival Day and 70 on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The power washer donated through volunteer donations at our meeting 2 years ago has been a lifesaver, with reimbursement at \$50/volunteer hour of use. The Leonidas and Maynard families also volunteer.
- **Adopt a Highway** (Howard Lehman for Julie Peck): Approximately 20 people participated in the Spring Clean up.
- **Web site** (John Joseph): [www.pikechain.org](http://www.pikechain.org) Website updated yesterday with new information on PCLA apparel.
- **Facebook** (Amy Wangenstein): [www.facebook.com/PikeChainofLakes](https://www.facebook.com/PikeChainofLakes) Facebook going great. We have 618 friends with an average "event" getting about 500 hits. The membership agreed that it's okay to use Facebook as a lost and found. A member suggested having a webcam during the winter -no action.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Annual Membership Dues: The BOD recommends keeping the annual membership dues at \$20/year. No objections. **PASSED.**

- Volunteer Hours (Jay Johnson) Volunteer hours are needed for our DNR grant. If you do any lake monitoring for EWM, beach clean up, etc. please fill out volunteer forms that are available on our website.
- PCLA Lake Apparel (Debb Sharbanno): We have switched the vendor to Idea Design Studio in Iron River. We will receive a kickback from sales. Apparel was available to purchase at the meeting today. You can also purchase online (information on our website) or you can go directly to the store in town.
- Pike Chain Fisheries Presentation by Scott Toshner, WDNR on Sat. August 11 at Pine Point Lodge from 9-11 a.m.
- Pike Chain Party at Pine Point Lodge on Sat. August 18.
- Nominating Committee (Eddie Wangenstein): The third 3 year term for Al Bochler and Greg Ogren are completed and the term for Debb Sharbanno, Jay Johnson and Joe Rapacz are completed. Debb, Jay and Joe have agreed to serve another term. The committee recommends the reappointment of Debb, Jay and Joe and to fill the 2 vacancies, the appointment of Jake Gress and Mike Higgins. There were no nominations from the floor and no objections to the committee's recommendations. **PASSED.**

The BOD recommends the appointment of Jay Johnson as President. There were no other nominations from the floor and no objections. **PASSED.**

Thank you Greg Ogren and Al Bochler for your years of service on the BOD. Al Bochler will serve as Past President. Jay Johnson presented Al with a new diving mask and snorkel in appreciation for all his work with PCLA.

#### **OTHER**

- Ideas, Questions, Recommendations from membership
  - Jack Martinson from Pine Point-reminder about the Pike Chain Party on August 19 that is open to anyone. Bring friends.
  - Kris Sandager-contact her with any ideas for the newsletter.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Motion by Tony Mullozzi and seconded by Jay Johnson to adjourn. **PASSED** unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

**PRESENTATION:** Jim Bender: History on the Pike Chain. Presentation information is available on our website.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kristen Sandager, IRPCLA Secretary