

**PCLA-Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association Annual Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER (Jay Johnson, President): The 10th annual PCLA meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. The mission statement was reviewed, and board members were introduced. There were no objections or additions to the agenda.

As in past years, the unanimous consent approach of Roberts Rules of Order will be used-no objections.

Our condolences on the recent deaths of Jim Swenson and Rick Tuttle. Jim donated money to help start PCLA in 2009. Rick did PCLA taxes for free.

Thank you to:

- Ken Herman, Eddie Wangenstein, Terry/Doris Weiss, and Mike Bochler for their help with whole lake treatment on McCarry Lake this Spring.
- Eddie/Amy Wangenstein for putting out the buoys this year.
- Melanie/John Jensen for new decals for the buoys.
- Al Bochler for treatment of purple loosestrife.

There's an unconfirmed report of possible EWM on Muskellunge Lake. Jay and/or Al will look further into this.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Kris Sandager): The General Meeting Minutes from August 4, 2018 were approved as written. There were 93 attendees at that meeting, 6 of these visitors.

455 newsletters were mailed out in June 2019, 12 of these were to local businesses. We have approximately 143 members.

TREASURER'S REPORT (John Coffey): Our checking/savings account balance as of 7/31/2019 is \$152,000. Even though our balance is healthy, members were reminded that PCLA will need to pay for future ongoing whole lake chemical treatments for EWM that is expensive. Chemical treatment for one lake costs about \$25,000 to \$35,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING/MEMBERSHIP (Jay Johnson): At this time, there's no need for a fundraising push as donations have been good and our account balance healthy.

NORTHLAKES COMMUNITY CLINIC (Reba Rice, CEO): NorthLakes Clinic has taken over managing the local payroll for CBCW boat landings as the town of IR is no longer able to do this. They will work closely with Andy Teal, Bayfield County AIS Coordinator as well as Karen Austin and Tom Turnowski, local CBCW coordinators. 861 hours for inspection/education at these boat landings has been reported from May through 7/31/2019.

NorthLakes Community Clinic is a primary care-public health community clinic that started in 2008 in Iron River and has since expanded to 13 other communities. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the clinics Iron River Appreciation Day on August 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the clinic.

CBCW (Karen Austin): CBCW running smoothly. Boat landing use is a little down this year. No negative encounters.

There's concern about shoreline erosion on "Poison Ivy Island" in Millicent. This has been happening for years because of overuse. (Information only-no action taken).

AUDIT COMMITTEE (Mike Higgins): The annual audit is completed. Thank you John Coffey for keeping excellent records and for a job well done.

AIS (Al Bochler): Thank you John Joseph for maintaining an excellent website and Kris Sandager, newsletter. The "2016-2018 Final EWM Monitoring & Control Strategy Report" by Onterra is on our website.

2019 EWM Chemical Treatment:

- Whole lake treatment was done this spring on McCarry Lake. Our 2016 EWM grant was extended to 2020 that allowed us to use remaining funds for this treatment,
- Whole lake treatment was also done on Eagle Lake paid for by PCLA. Spot treatment was done on the heaviest areas of EWM on Twin Bear, Hart, and Buskey Bay.
- EWM had been spotted in the past in Flynn by the dam but is gone this year.

Purple Loosestrife is treated with Rodeo. Identification is by its square stem. There had been up to 300 plants at its peak, down to 25 this year.

PCLA COLLABORATING WITH UW-MADISON GRADUATE STUDENT (Amber White, PhD student at UW-Madison, Environmental Chemistry and Technology Program): Amber is studying how bacteria and the sun affects the breakdown of 2, 4-D stays in the lakes. She is taking water samples from McCarry and Eagle Lakes as well as 5 other lakes in Wisconsin. She hopefully will the results of her study available next year.

FISHERIES (Howard Lehman): Walleye numbers are down, about 1-2 per acre, and no one knows why-many theories. Check out the fisheries report on our website. The fishery study by the DNR where the Pike Chain is a control lake should be completed in approximately 2022.

EDUCATION (Howard Lehman): Transportation of zebra mussels through the ballasts in wake boats is a big concern. We as individuals can help educate on this.

WATER QUALITY (Eddie Wangensteen): Phosphorous levels have been stable for years and is a sign of a healthy lake. Secchi readings in Millicent were 28 feet in May and June and 23 feet last week. Gary Hagstrom does the chemical monitoring.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY (Julie Peck): Spring clean-up was on June 15. Sept. 21, 9 a.m. is the tentative date for fall-meet at Hydes. As requested, efforts will be made to post pick up dates on Facebook.

FACEBOOK (Jay Johnson and Amy Wangensteen): Facebook has been positive for the Association and gets a lot of hits. Old photos are a favorite.

IRON RIVER POLICE (Tony Williams, IR Chief of Police): Vacation check is for those located in the Town of IR. They are asking those who are already enrolled to re-enroll so contact information can be updated. Contact the IR Police 715-372-4285, their website ironriverpolice.org or pikechain.org for vacation check forms.

There were no break ins on the Chain over the winter. The deep snow was probably a factor.

If you have concerns about reckless boaters, it's helpful to take a video.

In case of an emergency, please make sure your address numbers are visible.

Speeding on the lake roads: The speed limit on lake roads (such as Hart Lake Rd) is 25 mph. There are plans for more signage and enforcement.

IR FIRE AND AMBULANCE (Adam Stegman): Keep address signs visible. Let EMS know if driveway is narrow or difficult to traverse when calling 911. If you have questions on how accessible your driveway is for EMS, please contact them and they will come out and assess.

BUCKTHORN (Joe Rapacz): Buckthorn is a land based invasive species on the shoreline that crowds other plants out. Small diameter plants can be removed by hand, larger diameter plants need to be cut at the soil surface level and then painted with a herbicide. He used Bay Area Restoration.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP DUES (Jay Johnson): The BOD recommends keeping the annual membership dues at \$20/year. No objections.

PIKE CHAIN PARTY (Jay Johnson): The 4th annual Pike Chain Party at Pine Point is Saturday August 17.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Eddie Wangenstein): The last 3-year term for Eddie Wangenstein-Vice President and Kris Sandager-Secretary are completed and the first 3-year term for Josh Teigen and John Coffey-Treasurer. John has agreed to serve another term. The committee recommends the reappointment of John Coffey and to fill the 3 vacancies the appointment of Tom Sandager, Amy Wangenstein, and Paula Millar. There were no nominations from the floor or objections to the committee's recommendations.

The BOD recommends the appointment of Joe Rapacz as Vice President, John Coffey-Treasurer, and Tom Sandager-Secretary. There were no other nominations or objections.

Thank you, Eddie and Kris, for your service on the BOD these past 9 years.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERSHIP

Wake Boats: Many are concerned about the large wakes that are produced that can cause shoreline erosion, damage docks and boats and overall disrupt the quality of other water activities. There is a big concern that zebra mussels can be transported in the ballistics. Several suggestions were made by the audience to address these concerns. As an organization, any action taken by PCLA needs to be related to our mission and further discussed. Currently, focusing efforts on educating wake boat users is probably the best defense we have. The WDNR is joining the MN DNR in a public educational campaign

urging people to “Own Your Own Wake.” Per Karen Austin, there have been 5 wake boats on the Chain this summer and CBCW has been increasing educational efforts with the owners who have been receptive. In the meantime, any concerns about reckless boaters, contact the Bayfield County Sheriff. Discussion only-no action taken.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOTION by Howard Lehman and seconded to adjourn-NO OBJECTIONS. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

PRESENTATION: Greg Bade: “History of Pine Crest Estate and Farm”

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Sandager, Secretary