

Pike Lake Chain Lakes Association, Inc. Board Meeting Fire Hall, **February 23, 2016**

Meeting called to order at: 2:05 pm by President Dick Mace

Statement of Quorum: 7 Present: President - Dick Mace, Vice Pres – Russ Schroeder, Secretary - Jean Nelson, Treasurer -Pam Ahles, Board Members: Ron Ahles, Steve Ave'Lallemant, , Sandy Sironi,
Not Present: Board Members: Brian Kastner, Keith Roeske, Jim Robb, Bob Tabbert, Manny Stein, and
Chairperson: Rick Sironi
Others Present: Member: Jack Wierzba

Agenda: It was agreed to add the “Update to Website” to the agenda.

Secretary’s Report: We dispensed with the reading of the Oct 19, 2015 minutes, as they were emailed out, Sandy Sironi made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Russ Schroeder 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Balance as of February 23, 2016 is \$18,456.10. Sandy Sironi made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Ron Ahles 2nd, motion carried.. Pam stated that the 990 Filing Receipt was done. Membership is 76.

2016 Association projects and potential new projects:

Pam Ahles brought up stocking walleyes - 1000 walleyes, 6 to 9 inches, from Silver Moon Springs would cost approximately \$2100.00. Stocking would be done in October or November. Russ stated that there are no plans to do so at this time with the DNR, because we have been holding up on our own. Steve Ave told us that walleyes do very well in stained waters with better drainage, which is what we have here. Russ stated that walleye reproduction is cyclical. The growth has always been slow on our chain. Steve said that it would be a drop in the bucket, because ma nature is handling it. He also stated that the DNR would probably not be happy about stocking as they are watching our lake as one that they are not stocking. Walleyes lay more eggs than the bass. It was decided at this time to not have the Association do any stocking.

Fish Ladder: Steve Ave wants to look into putting a fish ladder in at the dam, as with the set levels, the fish can leave our chain of lakes but cannot come back in. Can it be engineered? Jeff Scheier would be our contact. Steve has already had a conversation with him and Jeff Scheier thinks it would be feasible. A ladder would not effect botanical invasives. The plying is the problem. The Forest Service would have to say yes and be an active participant as it would be on Forest Service property. There is a ladder at Snaptail Rapids in Sawyer County, if anyone wants to see one. Steve will contact Jeff and continue the conversation.

June 4, 2016 10:00am Annual Meeting:

Social Committee: We need a chairperson to head up the Social Committee, as we have not had one for several years.

Guest Speaker: John Bates; we will have him speak at 10:30ish - we need to find out what he needs us to set up for him.

2017 Proposed Budget: Pam will bring one to the next Board Meeting to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Elections/Nominating Committee: The following positions are up for reelection: Secretary: Jean Nelson - agreed to run, Treasurer: Pam Ahles - agreed to run, Board Members: Ron Ahles - agreed to run, Brian Kastner - Russ will contact, Jim Robb - Sironis will contact, and Manny Stein - Dick Mace will contact. It was decided that we do not need a Nominating Committee.

The following positions will be up in 2017: Pres: Dick Mace, Vice Pres: Russ Schroeder, Board Members: Bob Tabbert, Steve Ave, Sandy Sironi and Keith Roseke

Committee Reports:

Aquatic and Invasive Species - In 2015, the Sironi's placed 12 beetle plants, and dug up and removed several plants. Our problem areas are still in the swamp off Pine Forest Road, Stump Bay by the dam, and the NE corner of Round. Their contact is Brock Woods, Rick will be contacting him soon regarding this years beetles. We do not pay for the beetles.

Fisheries - Pan fish limits are changing on our chain, you can not have any more than 10 of any one species, bag limit is still 25. Possession can still be 50 of any one species, as you may have gotten them at a different lakes where the limits have not changed.

Water Quality: We still have not gotten a final report, or a bill, from Flambeau Engineering. Russ is going to try and contact them. Lake testing: things have remained pretty stable. Jack usually picks up what they need at the convention. Dick will order the part that we need to do the testing.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters - We are in need of a committee chairperson, as we do not have one at this time, but Pam has informed us that she is getting coverage at the Federal landing for the 4th of July weekend. Sandra Wickman, from the DNR, will be there Sat July 2nd. John Preuss will be there Sunday July 3rd. They will be doing inspections and education. Pam has info regarding grants to look into getting funding to pay for inspectors. We need to find out who is our County Conversation Committee person.

By-Laws: There was a review and discussion of a proposed change to our By-Laws (see attached) . Jean Nelson made a motion to propose the change thru our newsletter, to be voted on at our June 4th 2016 Annual Meeting, Pam Ahles 2nd, motion carried. *After the close of this meeting, it was brought up that, due to the fact that we have increased the number of our board members from 4 to 8, that we need to change our quorum from "4" to "a majority". This will amend the proposed change (see attached) and has been emailed out to the Board of Directors for a vote, so it can be put into the newsletter to be voted on at our Annual Meeting. Of our 12 Board of Directors, 7 have voted in favor of the change, no one has voted against it, but, we have not yet heard from Brian Kastner, Keith Roeske, Jim Robb, or Bob Tabbert, Dick Mace would only vote in the case of a tie. As we already have a majority, the amended proposed change will be put in the newsletter.

Shoreland Zoning Legislation: Discussion of proposed changes - the Board of Directors are not in agreement with the directions of shoreland zoning and will state this at our Annual Meeting.

Lakes Convention in Stevens Point (Mar.30 thru April 2 2016): The Association pays for the registration, hotel, sensible meals, and mileage. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Dick Mace.

Website Update: pikelakechain.net is up and running. Eric Mace would appreciate input. There will not be any personal phone numbers or email addresses on the website.

Any other items for consideration:

Facebook - Jean will put Russ Schroeder's pan fish report on Facebook.

It was mentioned that the DNR is going to be looking to do public meetings for input.

Newsletter - Pam and Jean were talking about only putting out one newsletter a year, to be sent out in January, so as to include the dues form. Jean will be putting an article in this next newsletter asking for a new editor.

Next meeting: Tuesday May 10th 9:00am

Adjourned: Ron Ahles motioned to adjourn, Russ Schroeder 2nd, motion carried - meeting adjourned at 4:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Nelson, Secretary