

**Pike Lake Chain Lakes Association, Inc.
Board of Directors**

26JUL2016

Pike Lake Fire Department Hall

Meeting called to order at: 6pm by President Dick Mace

Statement of Quorum: Present (9 people):

President - Dick Mace, VP- Russ Schroeder, Secretary - Ann Sloane, Treasurer -Pam Ahles, Board Members: Ron Ahles, Steve Ave'Lallemant, Jim Robb, Sandy Sironi, and Manny Stein.

Secretary's Report: Approval 10May2016 minutes; Sandy(motion of accept), Manny Stein(2nd), motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Ahles; 26JUL2016 Checking account balance of \$11,410.89. Total receipts \$3,935.00. Total disbursements \$3,704.49. Checking account balance as of 26JUL2016 \$11,641.40. CD balance as of 26JUL2016 \$5,022.71. Total assets as of 26JUL2016 \$16,664.11. Total members = 151. Jim Robb (motion to accept), Sandy Sironi (2nd), motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports-

Aquatic and Invasive Species: Purple Loosestrife is still our primary species. Sandy shared that there are still a few at the north end of Round Lake. They pulled what they found and feel the area seems to be improving. Her concern is that the hot weather may have promoted new growth so will go out again to check area. Path to Tucker had a few blooms that were pulled. Must go out with a canoe for further review. Requested 12 buckets of beetles; still waiting for buckets to arrive. Beetles should be arriving any day...Sandy and Rick Sironi will pick up beetles and place as soon as available. They are still checking for other invasives, but have not found any.

Water Quality: Ron Ahles and Russ Schroeder - Water looked clear and in good shape. Interesting side bar; while testing they saw 7 loons together on Pike Lake.

Dick Mace questioned if rocks, stumps, etc. should be marked as a safety measure for boaters. Dick is going to look further into our liabilities. Russ/Jim feel it may be a liability. Pam and Ron indicated that someone at a previous Board Meeting indicated that new legislation may have been introduced or is now in effect to minimize liability issues for Lake Associations marking hazards. Doug Noetzel may be contacted to see what he knows about this issue.

Newsletter: Dick voiced concern regarding as to who is responsible for the Newsletter. The understanding of the group was that Jean Nelson was going to continue to do so. This needs to be further reviewed.

Facebook: Jean Nelson and Sandy Sironi will continue with the Facebook page.

Website: Interest was voiced in speaking to Larry Bresina from Lakes Association regarding getting our website up and running. Dick indicated he had a proposal from Bresina for development of a website using the Lakes Association network; the fee would be \$25 for the remainder of 2016 including 2 hours of consultation by Bresina and \$50 per year in 2017. Mention was made that these fees could be a donation and we need to decide who is in charge of administering the site. Pam Ahles feels that all board members should contribute info for inclusion on the site and she and Ron offered to help administer the site. Currently the only person able to access the site is Dick Mace. The consensus of those present was that we should proceed ahead with this offer from Bresina and thanked Ahles for their offer to help.

Consideration of new/replacement appointments for Board of Directors, Roeske &

Tabbert: Roeske indicated he cannot fulfill obligations to the PLCLA. Tabbert was willing to step down due to lack of attendance. Consider nomination of Mike Ida who is moving to the lake for retirement and Jeff Hellenbrand who is a seasonal resident from the Madison area. Both have expressed interest. The bylaws state that they can be appointed by action of the Board. Sandy Sironi (motion to accept), Pam Ahles (2nd), motion carried unanimously.

Update on proposed Fish Ladder project: Monitors in place under dam, purpose to view year around flows. Sill under dam (scour pool) nothing can pass that area during low flow; this must be repaired along with dam. Russ Schroeder concerned about catfish getting into chain. Steve Ave'Lallemant stated there are catfish in the area, but the fish will get a shocker to discourage them from moving into our chain. Steve reiterated the fact we're not at the pre-proposal phase yet. The state and DNR must check the logging dams status due to the historic registry. DNR has great mapping of the dam, but must go through Forest Service for approval. Fish passage with dam in draft now, every dam will be reviewed for danger of invasive plants and fish. Steve reiterated this all takes time, Flow monitoring, footprint of dam, historic registry and proposal for DNR review is at least a 2 year process. Catfish are a huge concern as the flowage is their habitat. Red horse also shares habitat and is the main food source for Musky.

I-LIDS report/update (Lac du Flambeau): Pam and Ron Ahles and Dick Mace, both who recently visited the landings, discussed the Fence Lake ramp's audio feature that educates boaters about invasive species and prevention as they back up their boats. It provides a message about checking for invasives, takes pix that are then monitored. The cost at Fence Lake was \$16,000 for 2 units, \$4000 grant money is available for each unit, but our chain must have a 'Clean boats/Clean water' campaign in place for one year to be eligible for grant. Speaker system at the landing site is another option albeit a costly option. We have previously been pre approved for use of the ramp on the state site on Pike Lake. If we were to do so, we

would need to install electricity or solar energy for power. We also need to find out if DNR, Sheriff's office or another entity would monitor the installation and how violators would be dealt with. The current monitoring fee is \$160 per month by the company installing the lids (Environmental Sentry Protection, LLC). Manny Stein will speak to Sue Reinecke and/or Bob Hennis at the Forest Service office to discuss the availability of the federal ramp for such an installation. Potential volunteers or personnel to monitor inspections could include high school NHS students looking for service hours, Northland College or Stevens Point research students during the summer months.

New Business: Sandy brought up the idea of selling sweatshirts of Pike Lake Chain for generating community awareness: \$25 hoodie, \$20 crew neck (add \$2 for larger sizes). There is a \$2000 start up fee and \$50 for artwork. Sweatshirts would be sold to the community; not a fundraiser. Specific orders would be taken rather than pre ordering a large number of shirts. Russ Schroeder (motion to accept), Pam Ahles (2nd), motion carried unanimously.

Newsletter : Submissions must be submitted to editor by January 8th deadline. Newsletter should be out via email or hardcopy by beginning of January to assist Treasurer with dues/deposits.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 17, 2017; 6pm at Fire House.

Adjourned: Ron Ahles (motion to adjourn) , Manny Stein (2nd), motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Sloane, Secretary