

**Portage-Crooked Lakes Improvement Association
Annual Dinner / Business Meeting
Saturday, September 16, 2017 | The Y Club, Garrison MN**

The 46th annual business meeting of the Portage-Crooked Lakes Improvement Association (PCLIA) was called to order at 8:10 p.m. Saturday, September 16, 2017 by President Ed Gysler. 43 in attendance; 2 registered members unable to attend.

Introduction of the PCLIA Board of Directors: Rick Wimmer, Barb Woody-Gysler, Lynn Bremer, Paul Edison, Kris Picken, Bob Manary, Pat Wimmer.

Call for approval of the minutes from the September 24, 2016 annual business meeting: Moved & seconded by Tom Allenburg and Jerry Knudson. Approved

Treasurer's Report: Checking account current balance \$22,512.86 Savings account balance \$29,934.83. Treasury report details are in each association newsletter. If no questions, call for approval of Treasurer's Report: Moved & seconded by Jack Stasney and Lynn Bremer. Approved.

Fish Stocking Report -- Lynn Bremer

In the past two years, lake association members have donated \$4392 to the Walleye Stocking Fund. We have permission to stock the lakes this fall, and have ordered 244 lb of walleye fingerlings, which will go into the lakes between October 15-November 15.

The DNR did a special netting last year to check for Perch; numbers were very low, otherwise the DNR would have stocked Walleye for us. Percentage of Walleye going into each lake (based on lake acreage) is as follows:

Crooked: 59%

Portage: 29%

Hanks: 12%

We can stock the lakes with up to 399 lbs every two years.

The Lake Management Plan (DNR) schedules our lake to be analyzed every 12 years; the last evaluation was conducted in 2012; next one will be 2024.

Per Jerry Knudson, the lake association began its own stocking about eight years ago; the walleye numbers never change; we have too many northern in the lakes (& too little Perch) to ever change the demographics. At what point do we use our fish stocking donation money for something else?

Question: (D. Picken) Can we stock Perch in the lakes? Answer: We can purchase Perch, but they have a very poor survival rate due to the number of Northern.

Question: (P. Edison) Can we cull them (the Northern)? Answer: This was done a few years ago (DNR)

Question: (D. Picken) How did the DNR cull the Northern? Answer: Not sure

Per Ed Gysler, a large part of this is budgetary. Fish stocking money comes solely from the Walleye Donation designation on the membership form; we never use funds from membership dues.

Question (K. Picken) Can we stock Perch in the lakes? As stated previously, we can purchase Perch, but they have a very poor survival rate due to the number of Northern.

Per Harry Kahnert, if donations keep coming in why not just keep stocking walleye, if members are willing to continue donating.

Casual survey among members present: Do we continue fish stocking program, or discontinue?

Show of hands: 22 to continue stocking program; 15 to discontinue.

Per Ed, the Directors will discuss at the next Board meeting.

Lake Navigation

Informational buoys to be placed in the north narrows of Crooked next spring. They will be in locations where the lake is 300 feet or less shore-to-shore. Per MN boating regulations, personal watercraft must travel at slow no-wake speed if they are 150 feet or less from shore or docks. We are hoping these buoys will assist with the traffic that is speeding through the area, causing unsafe conditions.

A letter went out to our County Commissioner last fall requesting assistance in obtaining permission to issue no-wake ordinances, either temporarily (high water issues) or permanently if the lake area warrants. No response, so a follow-up call was made to ensure receipt of the letter. Response then was that Crow Wing County has no ordinances in place to call or decide upon no-wake. Per Ed, should we as a lake association further pursue this. Per member Diane Schweizer, yes, this should be pursued as it addresses safety and environmental issues, not to mention that it is also a common sense-common-decency issue in terms of being a good neighbor to all.

Motion by Diane Schweizer: Pursue with Crow Wing County to have the ability to declare no wake when necessary. Seconded: Paul Edison. Approved

Paul Edison: If lake residents witness unsafe/unlawful boating, please call the sheriff / water patrol. If there are high numbers of legitimate reports, better chances to begin additional patrols.

Ed Gysler spoke to the DNR regarding Curly Leaf Pondweed. The budget has allocated no funds for 96 species of invasive weeds. Write your legislators addressing your concerns.

The lake association is involved with water sampling, which takes place the third Sunday of each month May-September. If you are interested in assisting in monitoring the health of our lakes, please contact Ed. This usually takes no more than one hour to collect lake water for the official samples.

Elections

Thanks to outgoing board members Paul Edison & Bob Manary; Treasurer Barb Woody-Gysler

Current nominations:

Harry Kahnert, Treasurer

Ron Petrusson, Board Member

Scott Maghan, Board Member

Andy Larson, Board Member

Call for nominations from the floor. Nominations closed. Moved by Steve Galzki to accept the slate of nominations. Seconded by Barb Woody-Gysler. Approved

Elected:

Treasurer: Harry Kahnert Term: two years, January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2019

Board Member: Ron Petrusson Term: three years, January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020

Board Member: Scott Maghan Term: three years, January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020

Board Member: Andy Larson Term: three years, January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020

Ed informed the membership that the next PCLIA Board of Directors meeting will be 9 a.m. Saturday, September 30 at Bay Lake Township Hall. All are welcome, and you are invited to ask questions and offer any suggestions. Per Bob Manary, lake residents need to stay invested in the lake and its resources.

Many thanks to Brian Manner and the entire staff of the Y Club for the great service and wonderful meal.

Moved, seconded and passed to adjourn meeting.

Door prizes awarded

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Wimmer, Recording Secretary