

Portage-Crooked Lakes Improvement Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, May 16, 2020
Via WebEx

In Attendance (via WebEx)

Kris Picken, President
Rick Wimmer, Vice President
Ed Gysler, Past President
Joy Larson, Treasurer
Pat Wimmer, Secretary
Susan Hitchens, Director
Andy Larson, Director
Chuck Lund, Director
Diane Lund, Director
Julie Maghan, Director
Scott Maghan, Director
Jill Mertes, Director
Marjorie Safaie, Director

Excused:

Lynn Bremer, Director
Ron Petrusson, Director

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. by President Kris Picken

Call for approval of March 28 2020 meeting minutes:
Moved by Andy Larson, seconded by Rick Wimmer. Passed

Treasurer's Report

The following numbers reflect a correction made by the Treasurer following the conclusion of today's meeting.

Checking account balance:	\$61,298.37
Savings account balance:	53.29
Healthy Lakes:	\$ 4,144.01
AIS:	\$49,201.46
Fish Stock	\$ 1,172.30

Call for approval of Treasurer's report: Moved by Chuck Lund, seconded by Ed Gysler Passed

Healthy Lakes

Per Andy Larson, we now have expanded coverage for inspections at the public access

Friday:	5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday:	7 a.m. – 4 p.m. (two extra hours in morning)
Sunday:	7 a.m. – 4 p.m. (two extra hours in morning)

Inspectors were not at the access last weekend (May 9 / 10) so will extend one extra weekend this fall (September 12 /13)
We were \$43 above our allocation (\$1543)

Potholes in access parking lot: Kris called about this; may take one-two weeks before work is done.

Signage: Andy spoke with deputy & administration. Need approval; DNR took pictures of our milfoil sign. Also need information on locations of decon units; Andy will keep checking with Brad; Jill will contact Nicole Erickson at county.

Purple Loosestrife – Per Scott, Bud Christopherson is aware of this and is interested in having plants removed. No further action as yet.

Milfoil

May have to tolerate some changes to the program due to Covid.

- Possibly no pulling this summer (social distancing)
- Look into the chemical treatment possibility – Need to notify property owners if this is done
- Get DNR to approve as we have smaller patches which could endanger the surrounding good weeds
- Need to act on this now before good weeds sprout or else in the fall after good weeds die off
- Chemical treatment removes the vegetation & prevents fragmentation. Does not get rid of plant, helps the spread
- Ed: ballpark cost? Per Kris about \$1500 - \$2000 We have \$5000 in budget for this year
- Limnopro can assess area & go to DNR with findings; they will also look at our areas before approval of treatment; however, since they know our situation, they might defer the first assessment
- DASH machine? Per Scott, may need to defer this; need to be OSHA compliant and need additional diving equipment
- Discussed possibilities of chemical treatment
- Motion: by Ed Gysler seconded by Andy Larson to contact Limnopro to proceed on this
- Scott Maghan will call Tim Plude to get started

Water Sampling

This is water sampling weekend (Sunday or Monday morning 5/17 5/18)

Hanks Lake: Andy will sample; Rick will join him for initial first time out

Portage Lake: Jill will sample with assistance from Jim Lease/Becky Miller

Crooked/Sugar: Ken Stebbins has been sampling these two areas for a few years and will continue

Navigation: Buoy for Sugar/Hanks channel went missing but was located near the Lupu/Walberg residence and will be placed in the water May 17

Crooked Narrows: Andy is working with the county to clarify the process for the next step in obtaining a no-wake zone status for the narrows.

Fish Stocking: Table discussion for now as we can't stock until fall 2021

Social

Board meetings: Next meeting scheduled for August 1; either web or township hall depending on situations

Northern Fishing Contest: Harry Kahnert will donate fishing rods for kids; have not heard from Jon Steblay

Picnic June 20: Andy and Joy are agreeable to hosting the picnic if the 10 or less has been lifted. Will email & FB any final decision.

Parade: can continue to plan for this. Scheduled for July 4; most community celebrations and fireworks have been canceled, so hopefully a good turnout for this year.

Fall Dinner: menu discussion – will order the Italian buffet at \$20 / person Room deposit \$100 which was to be used for Welcome Back to the Lakes

Reminder that 2021 is the 50th anniversary of PCLIA. Keep this in mind, and think of some ideas to celebrate, i.e. New association logo / stationery, promotional gifts/items, boat decals, recognize past board presidents, contact long-time property owners for any history on the lakes. Per Ed, may want to form a committee

Membership:

Currently at 181. Was at about 224 this time last year. Did not send out reminder letters this year due to current circumstances, but will mention it in the June newsletter

Nomination Committee

Ed will send out emails regarding positions that have terms ending this year (president, Secretary, Treasurer, three board positions)

Newsletter

Will email the June/July edition. Would appreciate articles to Pat by May 25; get the newsletter out in time for people to email RSVP for the June 20 picnic.

Thank you to everyone submitting a news article!!

Facebook: discussion on having board members able to post. Also people wanting to join who are not riparian owners or relatives. We have power to reject if necessary. There are a couple other Crooked Lake FB pages; discussed asking to inform people about the new FB page; invite to join.

Kathe Jukish administers one; Rick Lupu might be admin on the other

New Business

Discussion on possibly establishing a new apparel project.

Jill was impressed with the company that produced the coozies for us (gls promotions)

MN T's was used in 2015 for the last apparel promotion. Response at that time was not very popular; only 16 people ordered. Suggest to possibly incorporate 50th anniversary into this.

Jill and Diane Lund will meet and get some ideas.

Call for adjournment:

Moved by Andy Larson, seconded by Scott Maghan. All in favor

Adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Pat Wimmer

Secretary