

**Portage-Crooked Lakes Improvement Association
Annual Dinner Meeting Saturday, September 11, 2021**

The annual PCLIA dinner meeting was called to order by President Kris Picken at 7:55 p.m. with a welcome to all as the lake association celebrates its 50th anniversary. The Invocation was given by board member Andy Larson. There were 67 members in attendance.

Introduction of the board of directors: President, Kris Picken; Vice President, Rick Wimmer; Treasurer, Joy Larson; Secretary, Pat Wimmer
President thanked the board for their service; all board members served an extra year in their positions due to the COVID situation. We did not have an annual meeting in 2020, and no voting.

Call for approval of annual meeting minutes of 9/21/19 – moved, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account: \$43,712.71

General:	\$25,516.79
Healthy Lake	\$ 5,543.01
AIS	\$ 9,081.61
Fish Stocking	\$ 3,571.30

Savings Account: \$ 53.29

Revenue from dues this year was \$6840. Received approximately \$8265 in donations to our Healthy Lakes, AIS and Fish Stocking. Expenses of \$24,694. Call for approval of Treasurer's report – moved, seconded and approved

Milfoil abatement – used chemicals in seven large areas – approved by the DNR, and the chemical we used does not kill off the good weeds. Also hand-picked milfoil thanks to those that went into the lake snorkeling. DASH was used and plans are to use again in 2022. Will need to assess areas next year. Members, please educate your guests regarding areas that are marked for treatment.

Received a grant of \$250 from Crow Wing County – for educational uses – will hand out cozies & Swedish towels advising to “stop the spread.” Have a newer invasive in Minnesota, which we can't stop (yet); they seem to be eating the plankton at the bottom of the lakes.

Fish Stocking: Have \$3500 to stock Walleye this fall. The next campaign will go for whatever fish may be more advantageous to our lakes, as Walleye do not seem to thrive in our waters. Per Lynn Bremer, we can stock 194 lb of fingerlings, with 32 percent going into Portage, 49 percent going into Crooked, and 18 percent going into Hanks. This is a formula from the DNR. A DNR fish assessment is conducted every 12 years, with the next study scheduled for our lakes in 2024.

The “dig” between Portage and Hanks was conducted in July, with over 50 volunteers helping to dig and haul away sand, which could not be dumped anywhere near the lakes. Boating activity that same day caused a lot of sand drifting back into the channel. Discussed a possible permanent solution – cannot use rock, logs or willow bundles. A mechanical barge would cost at least \$20,000 to bring in plus dredging costs. If you see boats speeding through the channel, or blocking traffic, please call the sheriff's office or 911.

DNR boat landing – we received a grant in 2021, plus added some of our own money in order to expand inspection hours. Hours given to us for inspections were 9 am – 5pm Saturday & Sunday plus holidays. Our additional funds were used to staff the landing Friday evenings, and increase Saturday & Sunday morning inspections an extra two hours (7 am – 9am)

We will be updating the lake directory this year. If you have address/phone changes, please email them to the association email.

Andy Larson called for the membership to acknowledge outgoing President Kris Picken for all the work she has done for the lake association.

Crooked Lake Narrows: with all the concerns about unsafe boating in this area, the lake association conducted a poll of all property owners. A postcard was enclosed in the November 2020 newsletter which was sent to everyone with a current address on file. Question: Do members support a no-wake zone in the narrows. The results that came back were a solid 2-1 in favor of the no-wake. Our request was submitted to the Sheriff, with: (a) yes, a specific portion of the narrows be designated a no-wake; or (b) no, this does not warrant a ruling of no-wake. The lake association board will support whatever the Sheriff recommends to the Commission. This may back to us with the decision of not implementing a no-wake on the narrows. If so, and you observe unsafe boating, please don't hesitate to contact the Sheriff, call 911, take video for the Sheriff to see. The board will keep the membership up to date on this.

Elections: Elected to the PCLIA Board of Directors: President: Scott Maghan; Vice President: Andy Larson; Treasurer: Diane Lund; Secretary: Joy Larson. Directors elected for the term January 1, 2022 – December 31 2024: Tom Kaufhold, Mike Stuber, and Kari Bunkers, with continuing directors Lynn Bremer, Chuck Lund, Jill Mertes and Marjorie Safaie

Northern Fishing Contest: Winners by cabin (adult): 1st: Frykholm, 2nd: Oberding, tied for 3rd: Stuber & Kunish. Kids contest – Ages 0-8: Eli & Cole Kunish; Ages 8-16: Katie Schult. About 100 northern were caught and entered. If you catch small northern, bag and freeze, take to Wild & Free.

Talk to Jill Mertes about possibility of ordering more PCLIA shirts / sweatshirts
Acknowledged outgoing board members Rick Wimmer, Ed Gysler and Pat Wimmer
Moved & seconded by Scott Maghan and Ed Gysler to adjourn. Approved
Meeting adjourned; door prizes awarded

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Wimmer Recording Secretary