

PCLIA Membership

Portage-Crooked Lake Improvement Association

Our Purpose

The purpose of the PCLIA is to preserve and improve the condition and quality of our lakes and the surrounding area. We strive to create a spirit of cooperation and community with all property owners on the chain of lakes.



Membership helps support:

- Control of various types of invasive weeds
- Shoreline protection/restoration projects
- Water quality monitoring
- Fish management
- Social events
- Newsletter
- Safety buoys
- Lake directory

Thank you for your continued support of our lake association!

Do I need to pay dues?

The year shown on your address label indicates dues are paid through December 31st of the year. If your label has "0000" or no number, we invite you to become a new and contributing member of the Portage-Crooked Lakes Improvement Association.

☐ My information has changed ☐ New member

Name(s) _____

Newsletter Mailing Address _____

Lake Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Lake Phone _____

Email(s) _____

☐ Seasonal Owner ☐ Year Round Resident

☐ Crooked ☐ Hanks ☐ Portage ☐ Sugar Bay

☐ I'm interested in being an active participant in PCLIA activities

Newsletter delivery:

☐ Electronic (add email above) ☐ Paper

In addition to annual dues, the categories listed below are optional if you wish to contribute to and support a certain fund or funds. Just add the extra amount to your dues total. We would appreciate your payment by **January 31, 2023**. Thank you.

ANNUAL DUES \$ 30

Additional Contributions (optional):

Healthy Lakes \$ _____

Aquatic Invasive Species Fund \$ _____

General Fund \$ _____

***Fish Stocking \$** _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Questions?

info@pclia.

Please send this form with your dues to:

PCLIA

PO Box 564

Deerwood, MN 56444

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Fish Stocking



For some time the PCLIA has been stocking walleyes in our chain of lakes. However, we have not seen a fishable walleye population take hold. There are many factors that may contribute to this, such as heavy predation by northerns, limited spawning habitat, or limited food supply.

There is a strong link between a successful walleye population and an adequate food supply. In many lakes this food supply is perch. In our chain of lakes, the perch population is almost non-existent.

As we look to 2023 and our walleye stocking opportunity, we are also evaluating the need to stock perch. Perch are stocked in early summer and walleyes are stocked in late fall.

As we begin the annual membership enrollment, we want to be clear that while we plan to stock walleyes in the fall, we are considering our options to improve the food supply for these walleyes by stocking perch in the spring.



-Submitted by Scott Maghan

Why Be a Member of PCLIA?

We are fortunate to live on and enjoy a beautiful lake in northern Minnesota. The beauty and health of our lake is maintained by three sources: Mother Nature, the DNR, and the PCLIA. The PCLIA works with and under the guidance of the DNR to identify and administer programs to preserve and improve our lakes.



PCLIA conducts water testing in each lake to identify needs for treatment of invasive species and plants to maintain healthy lakes. A big undertaking over the past 3 years was the treatment of milfoil in the lakes. While eradication may be difficult, continued monitoring and possible additional programs need to be in place to reduce the spread of milfoil.

Other programs to maintain and improve the lakes are the boat launch monitoring, shoreline restoration, and fish stocking. The PCLIA also arranges for the social activities like the boat and pontoon parade, family fun day, welcome back to the lakes, the fall dinner meeting, and the summer picnic.

Although we work in partnership with the Minnesota DNR to maintain our healthy lakes, the cost of doing so is predominately borne by the PCLIA. Since 2019 the PCLIA has spent over \$64,000 to combat aquatic invasive species. Of this amount, only 11,500 is offset by grants. Our ability to fund this effort is based on lake owners' generous contributions and annual dues. Please consider becoming a member of the PCLIA and contributing to maintain a healthy lake for future generations.

As a member, you will receive future editions of *The Shoreline* newsletter listing opportunities to help with preserving and improving our lake for future generations to enjoy.

With many people helping, the job is not overwhelming, and can be a fun social activity with your lake neighbors.

-Submitted by Mike Stuber