

Portage Crooked Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting Minutes

10/08/2022

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 with all property owners on the chain of lakes.

Attending: Scott Maghan, Julie Maghan, Chuck Lund, Diane Lund, Christine Lasley, Andy Larson, Kris Picken, Tom Kaufhold, Kari Bunkers, Mike Stuber, Sue Weber, Dean Forchas, Jill Mertes Joy Larson

Excused: Marjorie Safoie, Lynn Bremer

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by President Scott Maghan. Happy birthday to Julie Maghan!

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes for 8/06/22 Andy Larson moved, Kari Bunkers seconded to accept minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Lund reported YTD Income \$7,697.81 Expenses of \$8,606.15. Total funds of \$45,633.37. Kari Bunkers moved, seconded by Mike Stuber to accept Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Annual Meeting: (Scott) Scott reported he is looking for a new venue for Annual Dinner.

Change to a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit: (Tom, Andy) 501(C) 3 Tom reported he filed for non-profit status the day after Annual Meeting; \$600 was paid to the IRS for the filing fee. Waiting to hear outcome. Tax deductibility will be retroactive to the day we filed.

Website: (Kari) Website is done, except decided to wait on electronic dues. Doug can take it over by calling Kari's daughter Marianna. Doug would like to put a lake history section. Doug will connect with Marianna to learn how to do that. Thanks to Marianna for all her work in setting up the new website.

Healthy Lakes (Kris and Scott)

Milfoil (Kris/Scott) Healthy Lakes: Treated milfoil last Tuesday. Invoice needs to be submitted to Crow Wing County for the grant reimbursement. Kris will work with Scott to accomplish that. Chuck and Scott will pull buoys tomorrow or Monday.

Membership: (Julie)

222 paid 71% of property owners. Membership form will go out with next newsletter. Bay Lake gives gift memberships/pet membership to tie in next generation. Expanded income and participation. Will be discussed in goals section.

Lake Management Plan Kari Bunkers did some research on how to go about establishing a lake management plan and how we want to create ours. Clearwater Lake has a brief, succinct plan. Basic categories might include:

- Aquatic Species
- Invasive species
- Wildlife
- Fishing
- Shoreline
- Access/recreation (safe boating)
- Community
- Water Quality

Kari will start modeling a plan after Clearwater Lake's plan for the board to consider.

Navigation: (Chuck) Chuck asked about the numbers on the buoys. Kris stated the numbers are our permit number. Discussion on what would it take to light the buoys (solar). Dean brought up the idea of liability of the lighted buoy if the buoy is not lit. Chuck will research costs of buoys/lighted buoys. "Adopt a buoy" was also discussed. Chuck will connect with George Jukish for placement of the buoys for winter.

Boat Landing: 55% of CWC landings were staffed. We had only 36 hours covered out of our requested 300 hours. Volunteers can be trained to cover our landing, without "enforcement" powers. If we had 10 volunteers Crow Wing will come out to train. Coordination of volunteers would be time consuming. Tabled until the spring.

EWM: Looking at alternative methods to treat. Initially board's goal was total eradication but we more realistically will be looking at management, much like Bay Lake does. Discussed the use of 2-4D as Bay lake does. Jill Mertes said there are a lot of variables to apply chemicals correctly. May need licensing/permitting.

Water Testing: Kris Picken reported that volunteers are doing weekly secchi disk testing weekly on Portage and Crooked Lake, which is monitored by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. She and Doug have volunteered to do the weekly testing on Sugar and Hanks lakes. There is also the monthly RMB water testing being done on the 4 lakes. She also reported Zebra Mussel, Spiny Water Flea testing that is done yearly by Andy. In addition, Starry Stonewart testing will be done July, August and Sept. Because there are so many layers of testing, Kris will organize into one document what testing is being done weekly/monthly and types of testing being done and by whom. Test results are available at RMBEL.info/data/. Kris volunteered to sign up to report on lake ice.

2023 Budget

Discussion on budget for 2023. Budget as presented with the following changes:

- Newsletter and postage supplies combined into one line item and set at \$1,600.
- Lake Directory line item will be omitted.
- 501 (c)(3) line item can be removed.
- Quicken line item at \$50
- Fish stocking \$175 removed

Kris moved, seconded by Julie to accept the revised budget. Diane brought up that our budget exceeds our income. Talk of an online store for lake merchandise as a fundraiser. Scott redirected discussion to be discussed during our goals portion of the meeting. Budget accepted.

2023 Meeting and Event Calendar

- Meetings
 - 4/1/23
 - 5/6/23
 - 8/05/23
 - 9/30/23

- Annual Meeting
 - 9/9/23

- Events
 - Back to the Lakes – 4/29/23
 - Picnic – 6/24/23
 - Summer Fun Event – 7/4/23
 - Boat Parade – 7/2/23

Goals 2023

Kris will work on getting together something (key float) in order to get for \$250 CWC educational grant from this year.

- Fundraising: Sue/Christine/ Kari (Merchandise/Apparel)
- Communication Strategy: Scott
- Lake Management Plan: Kari
- Non-Profit Education/Grants: Tom/Mike/Andy
- Membership Opportunities: Chuck

Other: Scott reported that Lynn Bremer advised DNR will allow Perch and Walleye stocking next year. The perch will need to be purchased in early spring and stocked in May/June. Walleye will be stocked in the fall. Perch help increase the size of sunfish. If we choose to stock both, we need to communicate in newsletter. Scott and Julie will work on communication.

Adjourn: Chuck moved, Andy seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.