

Portage Crooked Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting Minutes

08/05/2023

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 and Julie Maghan, Andy and Joy Larson, Dean Forchas, Kris Picken, Tom Kaufhold, Christine Lasley, Lynn Bremer, Sue Weber, Chuck and Diane Lund, Tim Kensock

Absent: Kari Bunkers

Excused: Mike Stuber

Guest: Barb Vann

Call to Order Called to order at 9:00.

Barb Vann was present to discuss improving the channel navigation between Portage and Hanks. Proposed a long term plan for dredging the channel, including hiring a firm for long term strategy, learning the longevity of the dredging and planning for future channel maintenance. Barb also had ideas for short term/stop gaps to deal with the issues. Current permit cost for a dig is \$1200, increased from \$300 last time. Kris Picken added that the permit cost could be \$1,200 up to \$12000, based on several factors, including amount of sand removed, amount of shoreline, fees paid to dredging company, etc. Discussion regarding movement of the existing buoys out to reduce sand movement from boat motors going in and coming out of the channel. Barb volunteered to head a committee to bring in a contractor to assess the channel and bring back a report to the board. Clarified that no costs would be incurred. Kris Picken and Scott Maghan will serve on the committee. Kris will also be contacting CWC to see about movement of the buoys.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes for 05/06/23

Chuck/Dean moved, seconded to accept the 5/6/2023 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Diane created a new reimbursement form for reimbursement of expenses. Received significant funds through the sale of the SOTA lake apparel, (\$3,893.44 with another check of \$1,300 coming.) Current funds total approximately \$44,827.51 Current under budget but expenses will be coming in soon. Newsletter printing and mailing and buoys are our biggest expenses so far. Kris moved, Sue Weber seconded to accept treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Lake Management Plan (Kari) – Present updated version for approval Plan to present at annual meeting as required by bylaws. Tom K. asked that in the future we include a "Conclusions" in the plan. Chuck / Tom moved/seconded to accept updated management plan. Motion carried.

Owners and Officers Insurance (Scott) – Per discussion from last month’s meeting, the insurance policy is not being renewed Savings of \$700 per year.

Healthy Lakes: (Kris and Scott)

- Milfoil (Kris/Scott) – EWM has been found in Portage, the channel between Sugar and Hanks, and in Crooked.
 - None of the patches found are large
 - Will need to see if we can treat them if we wait until October

Kris noted we have \$4,500 grant money (\$1500 for 3 out of 4 lakes—not Portage) which must be used prior to 6/30/2024. If can’t treat chemically, can use it to hire someone to manually remove the milfoil. Can’t treat the channel until the fall due to the water lilies. She noted we will need to hire a separate company to assess the milfoil from the one treating the milfoil per grant requirements.

Membership: (Julie)

- 196 paid (67%) of property owners
- 38 members in 2022 have not paid this year

Newsletter: (Julie) - Julie sent out a newsletter outline with items that need to be addressed in the October/November Shoreline. Deadline for articles is September 11th. Discussed the cost to print and mail newsletter, which is approximately \$4 per newsletter (X 4 times a year). Plan to include an informational blurb in the fall newsletter and asking people to consider submitting extra money if they want the newsletter include information in membership form additional cost for paper. Cost \$4.00 to blurb in newsletter telling costs and consider submitting extra \$ to cover printing/postage.

Fundraising: (Sue/Christine/Kari)

- Clothing (Kari)
 - Total amount raised - \$3,893.44
 - Will there be another round? Kari Bunkers came to the meeting as we adjourned and advised there will be another round, but probably limited in what will be offered. She will request the availability of winter type beanie.
 - Can we get more information about it in the fall edition of The Shoreline?
- Non-Profit Education/Fundraising:
 - Silent Auction – (Sue, Christine, Kari, Andy Tom) Deadline is August 15th for submission of auction items. Auction items can be bid on two days prior to dinner on website. items will be put up on the website earlier for people to see and think about.
- Membership Opportunities: (Chuck, Tom, Dean, Mike, Tom, Julie)
 - Tiered Membership – (Chuck) – Need information for the next Shoreline and article
 - Automatic Dues Payments & Vanco– (Tim/Tom) –
 - Update
 - Next Steps - Will be introduced at Fall dinner.

- Golf Tournament – (Chuck/Tom) Postponing golf tournament due to course closure and problems. Postponed until Spring, 2024.
- New Landowner Outreach – (Christine/Kari) - Christine has made personal contact with several new residents, providing them with a directory (from the extras) and inviting them to join PCLIA. Doug Picken is also monitoring the tax records/real estate and updating the database of lake landowners.
- Fish Stocking – We can stock walleyes this year
 - Lynn Bremer reported we can stock walleye this year. We have \$4,600 in the fish stocking fund. Lynn will order. Kris Picken asked if we can know the date of the stocking to get pictures for the website. Lynn stated we could probably have a date range but won't know the exact timing.
- RMB water testing and alternatives (Andy) - Andy will get a price estimate for new vendor for next meeting.

Diane noted that with our designation as a non-profit, we are required to issue receipts to all donations \$250 or more. Scott and Julie will review and provide names of members so we can issue receipts.

Election:

- All officers are up for re-election this fall.
 - Status of Scott, Andy, Diane, and Joy for re-election All expressed interest in continuing in their current positions.

Annual Meeting

- September 9th
- The Bridge Tavern
 - Buffet - Smoked brisket and honey/orange glazed bake chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, gravy, garlic parmesan green beans and cheesecake \$30/plate
 - Walleye dinner - \$32/plate
 - Auction will close at the start of the business meeting. Christine and Kari will be “greeters” to educate that the silent auction is a fundraiser and encourage high bidding.

Status of 2023 Goals

- Fundraising – Merchandise/Apparel – Completed
- Communication Plan – Completed
- Lake Management Plan – Completed
- Non-Profit Education/Grant – Education completed
- Membership Opportunities – Completed

Goals for 2024

- To be discussed at the next meeting

New Business

- Hanks/Portage Channel
 - Are there options to keep this as a navigable waterway all summer long?
(Discussed at start of meeting)

Kris reported there is a 14"-16" by 4" hole in the dam. Water is flowing under the dam. Kris sent email to DNR request fixing it before it becomes a big problem. No response yet. Kris will follow up.

Adjourn

Julie moved, Sue seconded to adjourn at 10:15 am.