

Portage Crooked Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting Minutes

08/02/2025

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, Christine Lasley, Dean Forchas, Sue Weber, Kris Picken, Chuck and Diane Lund, Tim Kensok, Jill Osborne. Also present, Tom Kaufold.

Excused: Andy Larson, Joy Larson, Mike Stuber, Kari Bunkers

2025 Goals

- Assess Hanks/Portage channel options and determine what course of action, if any, PCLIA will take
- Improve attendance at all Lake Association functions
- Hold a winter event
- Include boating and shoreline preservation/restoration articles in the Shoreline newsletter

Call to Order

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes for 5/03/25

Dean moved, Sue seconded to approved the 5/3/2025 minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Kris moved, Sue seconded to approve the Treasurers' Report as printed. Motion approved.

New Business Topic – Education Fund

Tom Kaufhold made a presentation for an \$10,000 per year educational initiative. Ideas include funding education, books, speakers, events, focusing on youth. Also to join the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers. Tom K. would be willing to help in the set up but would like someone else to be the main contact (or a subcommittee). The subcommittee would bring ideas to the board.

Committee Reports

Milfoil Status:(Scott/Kris)

There is a lot of milfoil on the lakes, but luckily these are mostly small patches. Kris talked with the new DNR representative, who believes in treating small patches. We need to have someone mark all the spots (delineation). We use David from PLM for treatment. Two ways to treat EWM, ProcellaCor, which kills only EWM or 24D which only squelches it.

Kris reported on grants. We have \$2,500 for Crooked main, \$100 (requirement is EWM education, which has been accomplished through newsletter,) \$600 early detection and \$7,000 to treat Portage and Crooked. Kris believes we may be eligible for another \$7,000 for Sugar Bay and Hanks. We will learn soon. The above funds have to be spent by June 30, 2026 so Kris recommends treating this fall. In the past we have spent approximately \$30,000 per year. Recommends getting a quote for mapping and treatment. (Must be 2 different companies)

Dean asked if the treatments can be used for other invasive species. Kris thinks the grants she has written have all been for EWM.

Portage/Hanks Channel: (Scott)

- Scott sent out a letter earlier this year with a July 1st deadline looking for a property owner on Hanks/Portage to proceed with the project. We have only a volunteer on Portage, none on Hanks. Issue is considered closed.

Shoreline Newsletter: (Julie)

Julie is working on the October/November newsletter, which is the newsletter which is sent out to all homeowners on the lakes.

Lake Management Plan Updates – (Scott) No changes.

Picnic

- Turnout was down slightly because of the weather

Family Fun Event

- Another success

Annual Meeting: (Scott)

- Annual meeting will again be held at the Bridge. Sue would like to be able to start set up at 2:30, with Christine and Julie helping with set up. Donations are due by 8/15/2025. Tim Kensock will handle the finances that night.
- Sue will send email to those planning to attend the dinner with a list of items available at the auction by 9/1/2025.
- President's Message – "What Does the Board Do?" Scott will be talking at the meeting about all the work the board does behind the scene. Julie suggested a slide show of all the things the board does (beside social events) for the Welcome back to the Lakes event.
- Election - We have one open spot on the board and would like representation from Portage Lake.

Next Meeting

- Budget
- Committees
- Knowledge Transfer
- Winter Event
- 2025 Results/2026 Goals

New Business

Education Fund

The Education Fund proposal was discussed and a sub-committee consisting of Dean, Tim, (Karen?) Julie, Diane, Sue and Christine was established to explore this option. Christine will set up a committee meeting soon.

Kris asked if we should join MN Lakes and Rivers. To be an environmental member, the annual fee is \$250. If we want maps of our 4 lakes the fee is \$300. We could make these into magnets and/or distribute as we see fit. We would only need to purchase these once. They show water depth and where wake boats should go. We would need to raise our budget in order to join and order maps. Motion to increase environment membership from \$225 to \$375 and Education meetings and materials from \$200 to \$250. Kris moved, Christine seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Chuck moved, Julie seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Christine Lasley in Joy's absence.