

Portage Crooked Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting Minutes

09/27/2025

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, Tim Kensok, Jill Osborne, Mike Stuber, Kari Bunkers and Kris Picken. Andy Larson and Joy Larson.

Excused: Chuck and Diane Lund

Call to Order

Scott called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes for 8/02/25

Julie moved, seconded Mike to approve the 8/2/2025 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$91,909.22. Joy moved, Christine seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried

In Diane's absence, Scott reviewed the funds earned from CD investment. Andy moved, Sue seconded to reissue the CDs. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Milfoil Status:(Scott) Expended 34,035 to treat the EWM. After grant money, we will pay \$20,547. Portage had the largest infestation and cost the most, \$18,000 of all the lakes. All areas were treated with ProcellaCOR.

Education Fund: (Tim, Dean, Diane, Christine, Julie, Sue) Education fund committee has been meeting and proposed two initiatives

1) Lake Steward Program

Karen and Tim will spearhead the initiative leveraging MN Lakes and Rivers Stewardship program. Resources required would be a program lead (Tim/Karen) and identify assessors

to evaluate properties. Goal would be to raise awareness of the program and through personal outreach to identify participants. If passing the criteria, participant would receive a Yard sign or dock sign (\$40 each) indicating owners are a "lake steward." Budget required for first year is approximately \$2,000 Goal is to have 40-50 properties participate over the 1st 3 years. Total cost would be \$2,000.

2. Youth Engagement Program

Dean presented plans for education and wide range of ages present challenges, need to identify timing and implementation of events. Likely event would be at Picnic or Family Fun Event. Idea also was to implement reimbursement for youth who complete online boating safety course.

Goals: Improvement in safe boating, building relationships/community among youth

Andy moved, Sue seconded to allocate \$250 to survey regarding youth engagement program. Motion carried.

Tim volunteered to spearhead the Education Fund initiative. Jill Osborne moved, Mike Stuber seconded to start an Education Fund Initiative. Motion carried.

Andy moved, Joy seconded to establish the Lake Steward Program and allocate \$2,500 toward that. Motion carried.

Landing: Andy reported that of the hours allotted, 97% were staffed. No violations on our lake.

Shoreline: (Julie) Need articles by mid-February. Julie is looking for an article educating about the new Education Fund (Tim volunteered). We will have articles on boat safety, fish stocking, dark skies, loon habitat/education (Andy volunteered)

Fish Stocking: (Dean, Chuck) DNR has approved our permit, stocking 6,000 walleye fingerlings. Distributed by percentage of acreage. We will try to stock as late as possible to prevent loons from eating the fingerlings.

Budget 2026: (Scott, Diane) Diane put together a 2026 budget. Kris Picken suggested need for testing for Spiny Water Fleas and Zebra mussels. Agreed to increase water quality testing \$1,000 to AIS. Scott proposed purchase of new sound equipment. Also discussed the need for PowerPoint projector for educational purposes. Jill suggested having the Education committee research the purchase. Discussed adding a line item for Education Fund budget of \$5,000. Tim motioned, Mike seconded to approve budget of \$36,500 for 2026,

Corporate Sponsor: (Scott) Jill will reach out to Jim Christensen for continued corporate sponsorship.

Committees: (Scott) Kari asked to be removed from Winter event committee. Jill O. and Mike S. volunteered to be on the committee.

Dates: (Scott)

Meetings:

April 11, 2026

May 2, 2026

August 1, 2026

September 12, 2026 (Annual Meeting)

September 26, 2026

Meeting time will be moved up to 8:30 am start.

Event:

Back to the Lakes – May 2, 2026

Summer Picnic – June 13th, 2026

Family Fun Event – July 4, 2026

Goals 2025: (Scott)

- Assess Hanks/Portage channel options and determine what course of action, if any, PCLIA will take – (Completed)
- Improve attendance at all Lake Association functions – (Mixed Results)

- Hold a winter event – (Not Completed)
- Include boating and shoreline preservation/restoration articles in the Shoreline newsletter – (Completed)

Goals 2026: (Scott)

- Continue to fulfill the goals in the Lake Management Plan
- Assess water quality data and determine what, if any, interventions are needed (Scott and Andy)
- Develop other revenue sources (possible-ads in directory)
- Increase membership (Recruitment)
- Increase communication to non-members

New Business

Doug Picken suggested not giving away lake directories until after new residents join.

Adjourn

Mike moved, Christine seconded to adjourn at 10:20.