

## Portage Crooked Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting Minutes

04/11/2026

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, Dean Forchas, Mike Stuber, Andy Larson, Kari Bunkers, Kris Picken, and Joy Larson. Diane and Chuck Lund joined via phone.

Excused: Tim Kensok, Sue Weber, Jill Osborne, Christine Lasley

### 2026 Goals

- 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

Call to Order Scott called the meeting to order at 8:29am

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes for 9/27/25 Kari moved, Mike seconded to approve the 9/27/25 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Diane reported our 2025 final account balance was \$100,998.01. We "overspent" our AIS fund balance and used general funds to cover treatment of the EWM in 2025. Our account balance as of March 31, 2026 122,423.37. Kris moved, Julie seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Diane mentioned we will have to decide about renewing our CDs at the May board meeting.

### Committee Reports

Education Committee:

- 9/27/2025 Minutes indicated the Education Committee would look into a new sound system and projector. Scott asked Doug if he was willing to research a new sound system. Due to the expense of a high quality system, Scott is contemplating renting a sound system (\$50-75) rather than purchasing.

Boat Landing/Watercraft Inspection: (Andy)

- Status Andy reported a few minor changes with watercraft inspections. Inspections will be from 5/22 and end 9/9. If we want the landing staffed for fishing opener, we would have to buy those additional hours. He reported we are in the "yellow" zone which is medium concern for our lakes which gives us 264 hours coverage (from 10 am to 6 pm.) Watercraft Inspection numbers have decreased in the past three years (from 50,850 in 2023 down to 39,914 in 2025 county wide). The factors leading to the decline are unknown. Andy recommends that we not purchase any additional hours.

- Andy reported that there was no price increase this year for the water quality testing for A/W Research. Cost is \$690 a year, or prepay or \$630. Joy moved, Dean seconded to prepay A/W research for the cost savings. Motion carried.

#### Back to the Lakes (5/2/26): (Scott)

- Same as last year at the Deerwood Legion
- Tim will be kicking off the Lake Legacy Fund and the Lake Steward Program
- Dean will be announcing the Youth Initiative Program
- Looking ahead to 2027 I'm looking at bringing in Tony Roach as a speaker, if he's available and we are interested
- Kari mentioned possibility of speaker from Wild and Free

#### Lake Steward Plan: (Scott/Tim)

- Tim is working on the details of this plan. The nuts and bolts of how we make this happen.
- Member Kristen Edds has expressed an interest in being a Lake Steward evaluator. Contact info is [kcedds@gmail.com](mailto:kcedds@gmail.com) and 612-384-6384

#### Member Volunteers: (Scott)

- We received 4 responses to be actively involved in the Association from our membership drive
- These came from Brian and Kristen Edds, Brye and Olivier Vanker, Spencer Johnson and Barb Vann
- I contacted them to see if they had any areas of interest and shared a few ideas with them. So far, I have only heard from Kristen Edds.
- As the need arises for volunteers I will reach out to this individuals to see if they are interested

#### Healthy Lakes: (Kris/Kari/Scott)

- Milfoil

Kris is applying for grants for all the lakes, hoping to get \$14,700 if awarded the funds, which will be decided by June 12, 2026. We were denied the funds last year

Mike S. is researching additional funding sources from recreational manufacturers (ex. Ski Doo, Yamaha/Crestliner/Lund) He also was curious about revenue distributed through charitable gambling (pull tabs) from area establishments. Kris mentioned ProCellacor may also be able to assist in funding our AIS treatments. Andy mentioned naming specific needs when they arise which usually is successful in spurring people to donate. Kris mentioned there are people on the lake who have indicated a willingness to step up if needed. We discussed establishing a Go Fund Me page to raise AIS funds. (Cost of 2.9% of funds raised plus a 30 cent transaction fee—may be lower for non-profits) Andy will draft the marketing text for our website/Facebook page and for email dissemination Diane said we need to be cognizant of where we get our income due to our tax designation and possible violations of the 990 requirements. Andy will research the 990 requirements.

#### Fish Stocking: (Dean/Chuck)

- Results in 2025 We put in 600 fish at a cost of \$6000 dollars. Stocking went smoothly, with help from the Jukish family. Dean inquired as to how we gauge stocking success. We are on a 12 year cycle for testing, with our next evaluation scheduled for 2036 (or perhaps mid cycle at 2030) Dean reported the fish stocked this fall were larger (about 8") and were "vibrant."  
Diane mentioned an uptick in the amount of money already donated for fish stocking in two years.

#### Memberships Status: (Doug)

- We have 33 people who haven't renewed from 2025 to 2026. We have sent reminders but have never asked reason for non-renewal. Kari will send a diplomatic email to those 33 non-renewals. Kris reported that the updated directory will be published next spring. We have some members who join, get the directory but then don't renew the next year. We will need to decide how we handle directory distribution in the future. We will not bind them as it adds considerable costs in mailing.
- Recruiting: Kari reported on new lake property owner visits. She stated approximately 2/3 of visited people indicate willingness to join PCLIA.

#### Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Membership and Crow Wing County (Lakes and River Association) membership (Scott)

Scott receives emails from the Above Associations and will begin to forward them to all board members and asked us to review them to see what information will be beneficial to our lakes.

#### PLM Visit: (Scott)

Scott will arrange to visit with David Hillstrom the manager of PLM and asked if any board members would like to accompany him. Kris P and Dean F. indicated they would. Mike S. also stated he thought Hillstrom could be a speaker at a future Back to the Lakes event.

#### Corporate Sponsorship:

- Jim Christenson (Jill) Has reupped as a corporate sponsorship.
- Sota Clothing (Scott) New posture as PCLIA no longer receives funds from the clothing sales. PCLIA branded clothing will still be available from Sota.

Shoreline Newsletter: (Julie) Extra page of content needed. Discussed ideas for content. Julie has a graphic which all agreed she should insert. Agreed Scott's president's message should broadly address that milfoil will never be fully eradicated to manage expectations of property owners.

#### Summer Picnic (6/13/26): (Andy/Joy)

Summer Fun Event (7/4/2026): (Andy/Joy/Dean) Jukish's boys safety talk and jet ski "performance" will follow the Fun event and awards ceremony.

#### Annual Meeting: (Scott)

- Planning to return to The Bridge
  - Our usual Saturday after Labor Day was taken. Meeting will be on 9/19/2026

New Business

Adjourn

Kris moved, Julie seconded to adjourn 9:40.

Association Meeting Dates 2026 – All at 8:30 AM @ Bay Lake Town Hall

- April 11
- May 2
- Aug 1
- Sept 26