Portage Crooked Lake Improvement Association Board Minutes

05/02/2026

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: Tim Kensok, Kari Bunkers, Sue Weber, Dean Forchas, Christine Lasley, Julie and Scott Maghan, Mike Stuber, Jill Osborne, Diane and Chuck Lund, Kris Picken. Andy and Joy Larson.

Guests: Jolene Trombley and Jill Lindquist

<u>2026 Goals</u>

- 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

<u>Call to Order</u> Scott called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM

<u>Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes for 4/11/2026</u> Dean moved, Mike seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> Diane reported we currently have $121,834.37 of which $90,547.69 is in checking. The rest of the funds are invested in CDs at Deerwood Bank. Joy moved, Sue seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

<u>Committee Reports</u>

CD Renewal: (Diane) We have a CD which is coming due next week. We can get a rate 2.73 percent to renew for 6 months or 3.39 for 12 or we have an option to just roll the proceeds back into checking account. The amount to renew is $21,130.20. Andy moved, Sue seconded to renew for 6 months for amount of $31,000. Discussed increasing the amount to $40,000. Andy amended his motion, seconded by Sue to renew the CD at 6 months for $40,000. The board then discussed whether we could increase the length of the term of the CD. Andy again amended his motion, seconded by Sue to renew the CD for $40,000 for twelve months. Motion carried.
Diane explained we learned, based on our filing status that we need to find a Minnesota Charitable Organization Annual Report form. Andy moved, Kris seconded to authorize Diane Lund to file the Minnesota Charitable Organization Annual Report. Motion carried.

Back to the Lakes (5/2/26): (Scott) Scott rented a speaker system for the event for better sound projection.

- Lake Legacy Initiative/Lake Steward Program: (Tim)

- Youth Initiative: (Dean)

Both Tim and Dean will be presenting at Back to the Lakes

- Portage/Hanks Channel: (Scott) Scott gave an update on the channel dredging efforts. Effort is stalled because we don't have volunteer properties to gain access to the lake by the dredging equipment. He explained that we can't use the public access because of the elevation/topography and because we would need to close the access, which the DNR likely would not allow. Also without exceptionally high water, the dredging equipment couldn't get through the Crooked to Sugar Bay channel, likely requiring dredging there also. The Board will not be actively pursuing dredging prospects unless landowners come forward volunteering their land for access for the dredging equipment.

Summer Picnic (6/13/26): (Andy/Joy) Board members will bring dishes to share. Scott will come over early to cook meat. .

Summer Fun Event (7/4/2026): (Andy/Joy/Dean)

Annual Meeting:

- Silent Auction: (Sue)
- Sue distributed a listing of items which were donated last year and requested each person to recruit same donation (or more) again. Email Sue W when donation item is confirmed. She also asked if there were bigger items that they be brought to the Summer picnic/Family Fun event for display and that as items are donated we picture them in the newsletter to advertise what is available and to entice attendees to the annual meeting. Sue asked for volunteers to renew restaurant donations as Joleen Trombley has requested in the past but isn't comfortable since she doesn't frequent the businesses.
  Needs member to take restaurant donations since she doesn't frequent. All items need to be secured by August 15th or by mid-July if to be included in the next newsletter. The sooner the better.
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Shoreline Newsletter: (Julie) Julie asked Kari B. if we could produce a poster which depicts graphically where PCLIA money, including the Lake Legacy/Youth Education component, is being spent to be displayed at the events. Kari will work on it, with Tim providing verbiage to Kari on the Lake Legacy portion. /ack to the Lakes which graphically depicts where PCLIA money is being spent. Juie has some interesting history material on Lonesome Pine. Sue and Tom Weber will meet with Josh Goolsbee and prepare an article for a future newsletter on Lonesome Pine. We discussed adding new members name to the newsletter, once a year at the end of the year. Kari mentioned we had 5 or 6 "old" members send in their yearly dues from her recent reminder communication to them.
Membership forms will be distributed at this afternoon's Back to the Lakes event and at other events to encourage people to take to give to neighbors and those who aren't members.
Officers and Directors with Expiring Terms – None

- One open seat

New Business

Dean F. mentioned he would like to give a thank you $50 gift card to Gabe and Nolan Jukish for the upcoming jet ski demonstrations. Dean moved, Christine seconded to spend $100 on gifts cards out of the Lake Legacy fund money. Motion carried.

Mike reported that he is continuing to research potential grants from the BRP Community Engagement program run by the manufacturer of Ski Doo. He asked the amount he should seek and was encouraged to go for their top donation of $15,000.

Chuck said he is willing to research the technology to be able to do telephone conferences with out of town board members who are not on the lake year round, rather than passing around a cell phone (which is not very effective.) Scott encouraged him to research it and also stated that he is contemplating shifting the meeting dates later in the spring to accommodate winter travelers.

Jill Lindquist inquired about status of EWM. Scott provided an update on the status and the use of Procellacor, which is effective for 4 year, how we assess milfoil spread and the process for treatment.

Adjourn Chuck moved, Kris seconded to adjourn at 9:35. Motion carried.

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

- Aug 1
- Sept 26

Submitted by Joy Larson, Secretary