

Pickrel Lake Improvement Association – Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting August 10, 2024 8:00am

Zion Lutheran Church of Amor

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:06am by Zach Fjestad, President Motion

Members in attendance: Zach Fjestad, Kevin Hutchison, Mike Iverson, Molly Johnson, Rick Kylo, Vicki Quist, Jayson Storo, Robin Pratt, Steve Klemm, Todd Champ, and Mike Harmsen. Dawn Streifel absent.

2. Agenda Acceptance – No additions; Motion to approve by Vicki, seconded Steve. Motion passed.

3. Minutes from prior meeting – Molly Johnson, Secretary Kevin moved, Mike Iverson seconded. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report – Vicki Quist, Treasurer. Vicki Quist reported that the general fund was at \$54,652.38 with \$17,705 set aside in the spraying escrow fund and the remaining \$36,947.38 in the general fund. Robin asked about what is the consistent balance, Mike Iverson explained that our balance has grown because the revenue we receive for advertising in the directory mostly offsets the cost of printing the directory and we haven't had to spray for worms for several years. We haven't had any recent major expenses and our ongoing expenses are minimal. Vicki looked back on the years, the balance has grown from \$20,000, to the \$30,000's. Keep in mind that 10-12 years ago we had zero funds, so we want to keep a healthy balance as opposed to asking members for additional money when we need it. Mike H. thought this is a great idea to mention this at the annual meeting as to why we keep a large fund (lawyer issues with backstory from Dead Lake as an example). Robin mentioned someone asked to ask about lowering the dues. Noting that our dues are either in-line or lower than most neighboring lakes and that our current annual dues are minimal at \$25, the board is not interested in lowering them at this time. The last major expense of the year will be liability insurance which is close to \$500, otherwise we are all paid up for the year. We will discuss a donation to church for allowing us to use it for our monthly and committee meetings. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Mike Iverson, seconded by Kevin.

5. Water Quality Report – Steve Klemm. All information can be found at RMB Labs www.rmbel.info It calls for a client portal login to get data, from what I found. We discussed the zebra mussels that leave gunk...but the conversation about zebras basically over from the DNR. Clarity for May 13.62 Phosphorous Last year 3.85, 9.34 Here is the email for Detroit Lakes office. customerservice@rmbel.com

6. Old Business:

a. AED Machine Update: Rick K installed it! It's up and ready to use. There is an alarm for security to keep people from stealing it. Instructions are inside, there is a code for the alarm...the code for something - ha!

b. Bylaw Revision Update: Zach passed out minutes from their first meeting. They met last Saturday for 1 ½ hours. 3 ½ pages of high-level points. There are 6 main topics they are focusing on. Zach explained the meeting notes... *details are with Zach to include here if needed. The discussion included our attendance numbers at our annual meetings which are great compared to neighboring lakes. Robin asked, when this comes to a vote to put these into adoption, the committee would meet to solidify, then we would vote as a committee, then we would present to the annual meeting. Then an attorney will look

at it before this goes into place. The next Bylaw committee is scheduled for August 24 to lay out how this is going to go as timeline. Zach thanked the committee for the meeting for their hard work.

c. Pickerel Lake Online Repository for Files/Information: Zach signed up for a google account so that we can keep the files living on when things change over. His first goal is to get agendas, minutes, and at pickerellakeiamn@gmail.com

d. Technology: Molly mentioned a tool called “Remarkable” as an option OR typing in a Google Docs.

e. Pickerel Lake Website: Zach reached out to Sandra Wieser-Matthews re: her helping with the website. There haven’t been any updates to the website for a while. Sandra replied back and is willing to continue posting information if we send it to her. Discussion about how the website is administered followed. The board decided that administration of the website should come from members on the board. Jayson motioned to ask Sandra to turn over administrator rights of the website to the board. Steve Klemm seconded it. Zach called vote; Zach is abstaining from the vote, motion carried. If the administration rights are unable to be transferred, we are going to move forward on our own.

7. New Business:

a. Establish Nominating Committee for Board Members in 2025: In the bylaws, we are supposed to have a nominating committee for trying to get members to run for future board members. The nominating committee can be made up of any member of the lake - it does not have to be a PLIA member. If anyone is interested in serving on this, let Zach know. Todd mentioned that having a nominating committee that is all external might be the best way to alleviate the “good ol’ boys” club. The point person/liaison could be from our committee but doesn’t have to. Zach is going to ask Beth about being the leader of a nominating committee so we can have some direction moving into winter. Communicating through email is the way we should start communicating with members. Todd brought up needing to put a social media clause into the new bylaws. *Side note...we need to get election terms laid out and written so we all know who is on when and when they are out. Vicki and Mike Iverson do have details somewhere. We have to vote on the new bylaws so timeline will need to be considered.

b. Lake Community Event Suggestions: Zach brought up some ideas, including doing something as an association to get the lake community together to meet each other. (Pontooning on the boats, Brats on the Beach, Rock Out with Your Dock Out). Rick said we need to have this figured out by the annual meeting so everyone knows about it.

Addition: We have given Steph O’Brien \$100 each year for updating the addresses and phone numbers. Pete J started this, so Vicki brought it up so we remember. Vicki will take care of it and send it with a thank you note. Motion for a \$100 gift card to Stub’s Kevin motioned, Todd seconded it. Motion passed.

8. Next meeting: Saturday September 14, 2024, 8:30 a.m. Zion Lutheran Church in Amor

9. Motion to Adjourn: Motioned to adjourn at 9:22 a.m. by Vicki, Seconded by Kevin.

Reminders:

Adopt-A-Highway – Saturday, September 28, 2024, 10:30 a.m. – St. James Catholic Church

Pickerel Lake Annual Meeting – Saturday, June 21, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Pickerel Lake Garage Sale – Saturday, June 28, 2025

Pickerel Lake Boat Parade (direction Clockwise) – July 4, 2025 1:00 p.m.