

PLIA Meeting Notes 6/14/25

Pickrel Lake Improvement Association

Board Meeting June 14, 2025 8:30 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church of Amor

1.Meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Zach Fjestad, President

Members in attendance: Jayson Storo, Zach Fjestad, Mike Harmsen, Kevin Hutchison, Molly Johnson, Dawn Streifel, Robin Pratt, Rick Kylo

Members Absent: Mike Iverson, Vicki Quist, Todd Champ, Steve Klemm

2. Agenda Acceptance – No additions; Motion to approve by Jayson, seconded Dawn.

3. Minutes from prior meeting – Molly Johnson, Secretary Jayson moved to approve, Robin seconded

4. Treasurer's Report –Vicki Quist, 209/280 paid memberships, Balance as of June 14, 2025: \$58,395.80 (Operating funds of \$38,365.80, Spray escrow: \$20,030.00 - \$35,000 of the operating balance are held in CD's). Interest on our CD's earned 3.5% - other two are due in July. Annual meeting: \$500 is 10 separate envelopes for \$50 cash door prizes. Comment from Dan & Carolyn Bustas - many cities have clean-up weeks & think it'd be great for here. Discussion that that can cause more problems and bad habits. The garage sale is a good alternative and the Battle Lake Transfer station is open 6 days a week.

Treasurer Vicki Quist reported by Mike Harmsen. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Kevin, seconded by Rick.

5. Water Quality Report – Tabled until later; Steve Klemm not in attendance.

6. Old Business:

a. Annual Meeting Planning:

1. Featured Speaker Update: We do have the water patrol scheduled to be here (unless a call comes up). DNR was not available. One point they will touch on is the new MN boat law. Any other changes and Q&A.
2. Logistics, pastries, assignments, etc: Dawn is bringing 3 gallons of orange juice, Dutchkinz 160 rolls, coffee & kitchen duty covered by the Johnson's. We donate \$200 for use of the kitchen. We need 3 people to do check-in and registration: Vicki, Molly, Robin checking in. No name tags this year. Tickets for raffle handed

out by Dawn. Raffle will be \$50 cash. Zach is printing up the ballots. Get here by 7:30am. Kevin & Mike will count ballots.

3. Proposed Agenda: Water patrol starts right at 9:00am, then the rest of the agenda. Turn in ballots before the meeting, collect and count - reveal after water patrol.

b. 2025 Board of Directors Elections - Member Slate:

c. Bylaw Revision Update: There are a few responses we need to still get back to with more questions. There are a few new concerns: length, money, term limits. The concerns are based on misunderstanding the term limits; they are not going away.

Section 1.3 Mission: "The Association *may (not shall)* take appropriate steps to prevent development on or around Pickerel Lake that will negatively impact the *natural environment of the lake (not Association's members)*".

Random: Are board meetings open to eligible association members? Yes.

Random: Does the board want to add an audit to the process for integrity? We feel it is very transparent and not worth paying an auditor. Steve Helle does our taxes and gives his opinion of the state and how we are handling our budget.

3.3.2 - Time & Place of Meetings

6.3. - Officers may be compensated for their duties as approved by the board of directors.

d. Directory Updates: Zach has a proof from Ottertail Power Print shop. They are printing 300 of them to give at the meeting. He has some other binders, too. Paid due members get an updated pack - \$10 if not a member. New members can get an actual directory. Thank you to Vicki and Stephanie for doing the addresses - we appreciate you!

e. Adopt-A-Highway Update: We renewed our Adopt-A-Highway for picking up litter at least two times a year for a minimum of two years. From CSAH #45 - CSAH #1 for a total of 4 miles.

f. Pickerel Lake Website: Molly will look in to it - godaddy domain OR Canva options.
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7. New Business:

- a. **Lake Picnic** - August 23rd at Rick Kylo Pickerel Lake Gathering. (Blue English Variety of Music) Going to announce this at the annual meeting. Reimburse Rick for actual cost. Motion by Jayson to approve the Pickerel Lake Gathering and fund it to the expenses. Kevin seconded it.
- b. **Up for election 2025:** We need to fill 4 spots: Todd, Molly, Mike Iverson, and Jayson. So far willing to be on the ballot: Rick Kylo, Kevin Smith, and Pat Jacobson, but we are still looking for one member. Also, Mike Iverson's cabin is for sale in the process of closing set for June 17, 2025 when he will not be able to serve on the board any longer. Zach reached out to him and Mike agreed it would be best to find someone to fill his remaining term. In order to not mess up the current cycle of electing four members a year, Jayson will fill the remaining one-year term for Mike Iverson's spot. Motion by Robin and second by Kevin to discuss this issue. Vote on Jayson filling Mike's position approved.
- c. **Outlet Fish Screen Update:** Ryan Bjerke DNR - Zach called him - member reached out concerned of fish screens being broken. Zach didn't see anything that was broken, Rick said it's pushed away from the culvert. There's a lot of research showing that the small good game fish provide competition for the rough fish. Ryan is suggesting replacing it with a sort of boulder rapids, similar to Otter Tail lake - yet at a much smaller scale. Jim Wolters retired - Luke Schallekamp is new lakes area fisheries manager. We would pay for the cost, but there are a lot of grants right now. We are going to look into it. Rick, Mike, and Jayson are interested in meeting with Luke to learn more.
- d. **Garage Sale Advertisements:** Battle Lake Review, FF Daily Journal, and the Mid-week. Garage Sale Signs.
- e. **Annual Meeting signs:** Mike has signs for them and will put them in. North Pickerel, Pickerel View, Public Access Road, Birchwood Shore, 321st, Shady Road, Cty Hwy 32 & 74, 330th & 115.

8. Next meeting: Saturday, July 12, 2024, 8:30 a.m. Zion Lutheran Church in Amor

9. Motion to Adjourn: Motioned to adjourn at 10:20 am by Jayson, Seconded by Robin.

Reminders:

Adopt-A-Highway – Saturday, September 20, 2025 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. Mike
Harmsen