

Draft- pending approval at 2027 annual meeting

PICKEREL LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 20, 2026 @ 9:00 A.M.
Zion Lutheran Church, Amor Mn

Present: Zach Fjestad, Jayson Storo, Mike Harmsen, Kevin Hutchison, Dawn Streifel, Rick Kylo, Kevin Smith, Robin Pratt, Pat Jacobson, Steve Klemm, Vicki Quist and 101 lake residents.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Zach Fjestad at 9:01
2. Feature Speaker - Spencer McGrew, Otter Tail County AIS Specialist

Spencer spoke about the aquatic invasive species that are negatively impacting the ecosystem in lakes and rivers in Otter Tail County. Aquatic invasive species have been a problem in Minnesota since 1988. Otter Tail County has the most lake and public accesses in Minnesota. There are 104 lakes in Otter Tail County that are impacted by zebra mussels. There is also a presence of Starry Stonewarts and Eurasian Watermilfoil. It is the mission of Otter Tail County Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force to develop programs and strategies to support and enhance the protection of Otter Tail County waters. To help protect our lakes and rivers it's important we all:

- A. Clean visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels and other prohibited species from watercraft's, trailers, and all water-related equipment.
- B. Drain all water from equipment.
- C. Keep drain plugs out and water draining devices open while transporting.

Additional recommended precautions are to Rinse, spray your equipment with high pressure water and dry your boat and equipment for at least 5 days. Otter Tail County has 30 self service cleaning stations and are in the process of placing rinse station around the county to encourage proper cleaning. Thank you Spencer for your time and resources, very beneficial information.

3. Introductions of Board members

4. Agenda was presented: motion to accept was made by Steve Mueller, seconded by Dawn Streifel - motion passed.

5. Minutes from 2025 annual meeting were placed on tables for attendees to read. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Keith Falconer, seconded by Tom O'Brien. - motion passed

6. Treasurer's Report. Vicki Quist reported that the Association has collected \$5,460 in 2026 dues, \$315 donated voluntarily for spider spraying, our balance as of 6/20/26 is \$60,025.89 of that there is \$20,500 in the spraying escrow for an operation fund of \$39,525.89. The board approved the renewal of 3 Certificates of Deposit totaling \$35,000 during their June meeting, one came due in June, the other 2 will come due in July. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Todd Champ, seconded by Lee Rogness - motion passed

7. Water Quality Report by Kevin Smith. A May sample was taken 5/16/26; Total Phosphorus was 14.33 ug/l, Chlorophyll was 8.01 ug/l, and the Secchi disk reading was 10.5 feet. Future sample dates are June 21, July 19, August 16, and September 20th. Kevin will also be getting

a secchi disk reading every 2 weeks and will eventually get the results posted on our Pickerel Lake website. Thank you Kevin for all the time you put into this.

8. Fish survey and stocking update: Zach had a handout placed on each table with the most current data dated 2024. There is a website:

Stocked (<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/survey.html#stocking>) for your reference if interested.

9. Old Business: Pickerel Lake Website. The board approved a 3 year contract with Wunderlich Web owned and operated by Jesse Wunderlich. Kevin Smith presented a walk through of the site to all the attendees. The website is pickerellakemn.org. It should be up and running soon. Thank you Kevin and Jesse for all your efforts.

10. New Business: Keith Falconer made a motion asking the board to write a letter to our local representatives from Pickerel Lake Association encouraging them to support the AIS funding that supports the efforts to keep our waters safe and clean. Mike Dubord seconded - motion passed

There was also request that residents are given some talking points and names and addresses to send letters to if they wish to.

11. Election of Board Members: Jayson Storo and Kevin Hutchison were re-elected to another 3 year term and Mike DuBord and Leslie Prischmann Flugstad were elected to their first term. Congratulations to all.

12. Recognition of Retiring Board Members: A big thank you to Dawn Streifel and Steve Klemm! Dawn was the vice president and Steve handled the water quality review and report. We appreciate your time, efforts and commitment to Pickerel Lake.

13. Raffle Ticket Prizes: We gave away 10 - \$50 cash prizes, 2- \$25 Dutchkinz gift certificates, a \$60 Beach Bum gift certificate donated by David Wieser, a pickerel lake sweatshirt, anonymously donated, and a bird house built and donated by Dewey Grunewald

14. General Reminders:

- a. Beth Wickland is willing to give CPR and AED training for anyone interested.
- b. Please remember jet skis are not allowed on the lake before 9 a.m. and need to be parked one hour before sunset.
- c. Being a good lake neighbor comes down to respecting the shared environment and the people around you: clean up after your pets, drive the speed limits, maintain the shoreline, watch your wake, control your lighting and respect local rules.

15. 2027 Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 19, 2027, 9 a.m., at Zion Lutheran Church in Amor

16. Motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Hutchison Seconded by Keith Falconer - motion passed

Reminders:

* Pickerel Lake Garage Sale - Saturday, June 27, 2026

* Pickerel Lake 4th of July Boat Parade - July 4th 2026 1:00 p.m. (Counter Clockwise)

* Pickerel Lake Gathering - Saturday, July 18, 2026 at Dale and Annette Gilles

* Adopt-A-Highway - Saturday, September 19, 2026, 10:30 a.m. - St. James Catholic Church

