**Minutes - Pike Lake Association Board of Directors Meeting - February 21, 2024  
  
1. Call to Order**  
**2. Members in Attendance**

* Duane Silkworth
* Sarah Bourne
* Dan Gossen
* Steve Kubacki
* Charlie Schuler
* Steve Anderson

**3. Dues Discussion - Revenues in Hand**

Approximately 2000 cash on hand. Sarah will report on details balances and 2024 member dues received.

4**. Draft Letter to Pike Lake Association Members and Property Owners - Review & Direction**

Steve K has drafted a letter for distribution to all neighbors. Zach Wilson has drafted a CLP management plan for 2024. Both will be distributed to neighbors. Steve K will distribute a draft of the letter for review by BOD before wider distribution.

**5. CLP Removal Schedule 2024 - Zach Wilson - Iron County Land Conservation Dept**.

Summary: Zach and his interns will lead sessions of 3 days in each of June, July, and August. Other events will be organized by Pike Lake Neighbors and Turtle River Volunteers.

**6. July 5th Meeting Intent/Content - CLP Identification Presentation - Lake/River Pull - Potential Annual Meeting - Discussion & Direction**

Discussed moving the date to Saturday July 6. Discussed pros and cons of holding a short official annual membership meeting at this event. No elections or other votes are expected. Agenda to include: A CLP status and education session. A short annual meeting. Lunch, an on-the water CLP pulling process for education.

Motion to Hold an informational event and Annual Membership Meeting on July 6th,

Passed with unanimous voice vote.

Motion to Send letter and Zach’s plan to neighbors of Pike Lake.

Passed with unanimous voice vote.

**7. Payment /Reimbursement for Supplies/Materials – Approval**

Motion to approve payment of 429.67 to D.Silkworth for supplies purchased and expenses in 2023.

Passed with unanimous voice vote.

**8. Website Rehosting- Wisconsin Lakes - Lake Kit - Fees/Benefits -Discussion – Approval**

Duane discussed using Wisconsin Lakes’s web hosting service LakeKit with a volunteer, and it is a very good option, costing about half of our current Bluehost hosting service.

Duane offered to host the pikelakeneighbors.org website on his own personal/business Bluehost account. This has no additional cost to him except for an annual $20-30 domain registration fee, which should be reimbursed. This should be workable as long as Duane is the administrator of the website.

Motion to Approve handling website as proposed by Duane Silkworth.

Passed with unanimous voice vote.

**9. Discussion on Supplies/Materials/Tool Purchases - 2024 - Possible Approval**

Steve has identified an Aqua Scope device <https://a.co/d/2yXVo0H> with a wider field of vision than the homemade tubes we have occasionally used. Steve also advocated for a long handled lake weed rake like used by Zach. Zach has offered to keep it at Steve’s place.

Motion to Approve purchase of 1 Aqua Scope for evaluation and up to 2 more if they are useful.

Passed with unanimous voice vote.

**10.  Any other topics that may be relevant/pertinent**

Steve reported on his discussions with Bob Kary of the Rice Lake Association regarding plans at Rice Lake. There are no plans for future Great Pondweed Pull events. They will use existing DNR grant money to fund DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting). They plan to ask for a DNR grant to partially fund the purchase of a lake weed pulling machine. Use of herbicides is off the table.

**11. Adjourn**

Submitted by

Duane Silkworth, secretary Pike Lake Neighbors, Inc.

2/23/2024