**Minutes - Pike Lake Association Board of Directors Meeting – April 29, 2024

1. Call to Order**

**Meeting called to order by Rita Erspamer**
**2. Members in Attendance**

* Duane Silkworth
* Rita Erspamer
* Steve Anderson
* Charles Schuler
* Dan Gossen
* Sarah Bourne

**Agenda**

1. *Discuss and decide the president transition process.*

*We have two options.  A) Rita presides until our 2025 Membership meeting, at which all directors and officers are to be elected, or B) immediately, as the BOD, appoint someone to fill the president’s term until our membership meeting.*

Duane moved, Rita seconded, to appoint Steve Anderson as interim president until our 2025 annual meeting. Passed by voice vote.

1. *Decide on a date and location for the 2025 annual membership meeting.*

July 5th 11:00 at Rita Erspamer’s. Duane moved, Rita Second. Passed by voice vote.

1. *Task a person or group to coordinate with Iron County (Heather Palmquist and new Conservation Specialist Rayona Suelflow) about vision and plans for AIS control.*

Steve has talked to Rayona. Iron County plans 2 days of work, one on the river and one on the lake. Steve will continue to coordinate with Rayona.

1. *Discuss Rice Lake's plan to purchase a weed harvester, and our possible contributions.*

The Rice Lake Association plans to buy an ECO Harvester machine to pull Curly Leaf Pondweed from Rice Lake. They have a grant from the DNR to cover part of the cost and are continuing to solicit contributions.

Compared to previous harvesting methods, the harvester will require less manpower, be more effective, and hopefully will cause fewer stray CLP fragments and turions.

They are looking for volunteers to: 1. Operate the harvester. 2. Use boats and kayaks to follow the harvester and pick up stray. 3. Place and empty catch nets down-current of harvesting operations.

The Pike Lake association currently owns 5 or 6 nets, but they are not too effective in Pike Lake with no current, and only one or two are useful at a time in the river.

Duane moved, Steve seconded, to donate our nets except for one to Rice Lake. Passed by voice vote.

After discussion, Rita moved, Dan seconded, to donate $500 to the Rice Lake Association toward the purchase of the ECO Harvester. Passed by voice vote.

1. Discuss our approach and plans for CLP control in Pike Lake, the river, and watershed in 2025.

Based on the spread of CLP to multiple areas and shortage of volunteer manpower for group efforts, we need to change our approach. We need to rely on people to take care of their own lakeshores and vicinities, and to reserve scheduled group efforts for unmanaged areas.

Tentative Plan is as follows.

The second week of June, we will work with Iron County one day to perform a careful survey of the lake, marking all CLP patches with bobbers and GPS.

In a second day, we will hand-pull CLP in the Turtle River upstream between the lake and the first set of rapids (Turtle Rapids)

Lakeshore owners will be responsible to organize and hand-pull marked CLP in their own lakeshore riparian area and nearby neighboring.

We should also organize group events, as Pike Lake Neighbors and Turtle River Volunteers, to treat problem areas not addressed by owners, such as the Weber Creek bay, the downstream river and the upstream river.

1. Discuss and plan communications to membership and neighbors. email, web pages, Facebook, etc.

Duane will send an email to all lakeshore owners to solicit new memberships and renewals for 2025, announce our annual meeting, and outline our AIS control plans.

Duane will revise and update web pages to reflect our approach and priorities.

Duane will add all officers as administrators of our Google Gmail account, PikelakeNeighbors@gmail.com, which we use to maintain membership and neighbors as Google Contacts, and to archive documents on Google Drive.

Duane will add Steve as an administrator of the Pike Lake Pikers Facebook page.

**Adjourn**

Duane moved, Dan seconded, to adjourn. Passed by voice vote.

Submitted by

Duane Silkworth, secretary Pike Lake Neighbors, Inc.

4/30/2024