

PCLA Minutes 6/25/2024

Dave Harris convened the meeting at 6:38 pm. In attendance were John Dolansky, Gail May, Marty Walker, Ron Kardosh, Ana Schwab, Chuck Kneese, and John Brockschmidt.

Secretary

Mary was not in attendance, so John Brockschmidt agreed to take the minutes in her absence. John D. made a motion to accept the minutes from May 21. Marty seconded, and all approved.

Treasurer

John D. outlined the membership count to date at 254 members, with 140 paid this year and 114 on the four-year membership program. This is down a little from the previous year to date. It was noted that the membership mailing postcards will go out by the first of July..

Communication

Gail outlined the upcoming membership mailing postcards that are sent at this time annually. A discussion ensued regarding the process for thanking donors that was approved at the May meeting. Gail noted that a request to Board members was sent out to the membership via MailChimp. The open position is a Board position that has a term expiring this year, so it was agreed that interested individuals will be placed on the ballot that is sent out prior to the annual August membership meeting. There may be two possible candidates, and a request for a brief biography from them would be included with the ballot. John Brockschmidt thanked Gail for her efforts in both the mailing of the thank you letters for donations and the request for future Board members, along with her ongoing work to help our membership communication efforts. Dave expressed how grateful the entire Board is for her ongoing efforts.

Watershed Committee

Ray and Marty surveyed the Little Traverse Boat Launch and Fish Hatchery area for invasive plants. There was minimal evidence of curly leaf pondweed and milfoil. Overall it appeared less than prior years so treatments appear to be working. Clearwater treated the area on June 5. Mary had forwarded a message to Marty regarding a riparian near Minnehaha regarding concerns of excessive plant growth. Marty talked with them, and Ray met with them on June 24 and examined the area. It appears that the growth was all native plants and would not be treated. Options were discussed with the riparian. Marty and Ray will survey again July 15 or July 16, prior to the next scheduled treatment on July 17.

Marty asked Mark Harrison from Clearwater if other lakes were having excessive plant growth this year. He said Clearwater and other treatment companies are noticing more plant growth and it may be a result of the warm winter and warmer water.

The Windjammer basin has minimal E. milfoil compared to prior years. There appears to be a new growth of curly leaf pondweed in front of the new condos near Windjammer. Both areas will be treated.

Marty sent an email to all zone launch monitors.

Ron circulated a letter that the Burt Lake Preservation Association is sending out to the DNR requesting that early season catch and release of bass be stopped. There are concerns that taking bass off their beds, even briefly, allows Gobies to come in and eat the eggs, reducing future bass population. A discussion ensued, many have noticed an increase in Gobies on our lakes. The BLPA requested that our association join their position regarding stopping early season bass fishing. Ron and Wayne will obtain more information, and we will discuss it at future meetings.

Current business

The annual hot dog date is set for July 21.

Dave and Lisa attended a recent Crooked Lake Yacht Club meeting to provide an overview of PCLA to the membership of CLYC. The meeting was very well received and the CLYC is very supportive of our association. Chuck attended the meeting and noted that Dave and Lisa did a great job representing our association.

A discussion ensued regarding the date for our annual membership meeting at the CLYC. It was agreed that August 20 may be the best date and Chuck will verify with the CLYC.

Ana gave an update on the Little Traverse Conservancy's efforts to expand the Black Hole preserve. She said LTC needs to raise approximately \$38,000 to complete the sale. Ana will provide an update again in August, and the Board will evaluate the level of support then to help LTC make this project possible.

Dave adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm