

PCLA MINUTES 11-26-24

Dave Harris convened the meeting at 6:35. In attendance were Dave H., Gail May, Mary Netzky, Ron Kardosh, Lisa Pulaski, Ana Schwab, John Brockschmidt, and Dave Gloer. Chuck Kneese, David Colaw, Wayne Blumberg and John Dolansky were absent.

Secretary

John B. moved to accept the minutes, and Ron seconded. All approved.

Treasurer

John D. was absent because of visiting family. He said that there were no significant transactions since the last meeting to report from the treasurer.

Communications

Gail talked about an email from Missy Murphy about loon nesting boxes. There was a member in the past who put out or built loon boxes but has since died. There were two pairs of nesting loons, with one in Crooked Lake and one in between Round Lake and Crooked Lake. Missy recommended that all members should read the loon website. It says that loons are dying before they mature. Loon boxes don't help the maturation because of black flies, lack of food, and bad water clarity. Lisa asked about the cost of loon boxes, but Gail didn't know. Ron said that loons seem to be in a remote area of Crooked and Round Lakes. There are also lots of swans, which are very territorial. Ana mentioned that the DNR and other bird organizations can provide information. Ron will research the Michigan Audubon Society, EGLE, MSU, and Michigan loons at the MSU veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Gail will wait to respond to Missy until after the research is done.

There was also an email about wake boats which are causing high wave action. Was there legislative action about waves? Yes, but it never passed. Gail said that the PCLA board doesn't set rules. Members must appeal to the state legislature to make rules. If there were a law, the Coast Guard would have to enforce it. All we can offer is to send links to interested members to contact legislators and to offer shoreline preservation.

Dave H. referred to the agenda for responses about committee participation. Ana likes having subcommittees within the larger committees. She asked if each committee could send information concerning their work to all board members via email and then publish that information to the general membership. Ana added that the treasurer is not a subcommittee.

Dave H. said that there are two Committees: Communications and Watershed. The subcommittees under Communications are membership and education. The subcommittees under Watershed are the following with members listed.

1. Invasive species-Dave. C and Wayne
2. Fish and recreation-Dave G. and Ron
3. Water quality-Ron
4. Shoreline-Chuck and Ana

Chuck suggested that we refer riparians to contact local legislators about concerns they may have. Dave H. suggested that committees could educate the public about regulations. He asked if we need a chair for each committee? Gail and John B. said yes. Chuck will remain the Tip of the Mitt liaison. Ana wants to have the chairperson of the committees report the information from the subcommittees, which may meet more often than the board. It was suggested that the subcommittee of recreation should be eliminated.

Gail will meet with her subcommittee before the next board meeting. Dave H. asked about the next meeting, and John B. suggested March. Gail said that we need to have another meeting before March 1st, so a February meeting is necessary. After discussing dates, it was decided that Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. should be the next meeting.

Dave H. will correct committee assignments. Gail said she will ask John D. about the response that he has received from the letters to renew membership. John B. will email the links about birds. There were no other comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.