

PCLA MINUTES 10-15-24

Gail May opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. In attendance on Zoom were Gail, Mary Netzký, John Dolansky, John Brockschmidt, Ana Schwab, Ron Kardosh, Wayne Blomberg, Chuck Kneese, and Dave Harris arrived late. Lisa Pulaski was absent. Gail introduced the new board members, David Gloer and David Colaw.

Secretary

Mary read the minutes from August. John D. moved to accept the minutes and John B. seconded. All approved. John B. moved to accept the minutes from September which had already been shared online. Gail seconded, and all approved.

Dave H. apologized for the late agenda and welcomed the new members. David Colaw introduced himself and gave background information. He is retired and bought property in Ponshevaing in 2007.

David Gloer gave background information, too. He has been retired for five years, and Dudley Marvin recommended him to join PCLA. David lives on Channel Road and is an avid fisherman and hunter. He has noticed that the fish have changed in the lakes over time.

Treasurer

John D. had no new financial information. He has been working on a letter with Gail to send to members who failed to renew. John helped Jule craft the letter, and she will send it out. He said that the list of non-renewals was greater than in previous years, in spite of our numerous mailings.

John said that Marcella Domka from Tip of the Mitt had contacted him concerning the lake survey. They will be sending out a report in December. John asked whether we should send out a MailChimp to everyone who is on the email list, put it on the website, or send a hard copy to inform the membership about the report. Dave G. suggested that an email and a post on the website would be enough. John D. pointed out that we could use the report to promote PCLA by sending out a mailing next year. David C. agreed that this would be good advertisement. Ana asked if TOM can provide an overall analysis in a yearly report so that interested riparians could access individual information on the website. Gail said that TOM would like to inform riparians that they will receive a letter containing a code to access each individual report. John B. agreed that we should use the report for advertising the value of PCLA. Gail said that PCLA paid for two-thirds of the total cost of the survey. John D. said that we will send out the details later in the year. Wording for the MailChimp and the website will be provided by TOM. Ana thinks that we should contact all those on the list of 700 email recipients to make sure that all know about the report. Discussion ensued. Dave H. explained there is one (1) mailing list which includes the email addresses of current and former members. It does not include the entire list of Pickerel and Crooked Lakes riparians. Dave agreed that MailChimp and the website should be used.

Dave H. introduced the idea of putting our members on the email list of Burt Lake Preservation Society in order to join the lake associations together. Normally, the BLPS only sends emails to members. There would be free membership to all of our board members. However, he mentioned that anyone can put their names on our mailing list without being members. John D. suggested that we send a link for joining PCLA email to anyone at BLPS who wants to know what we are doing. John B. thought it would be great to join BLPS for free. Gail asked if BLPS has a comparable link for getting their email information. The discussion was tabled for another time.

Dave asked the board to decide what committees each one wanted to be on, who would chair each one, and what their goals would be. John B. liked the idea of setting goals. Gail offered to chair the membership committee. Dave wants to have separate committees for membership, communications, and watershed. John D. said that there is a lot of overlap between membership and communications. He offered to continue working on the membership committee, too. Gail suggested that we have a separate committee for outreach. John D. agreed but thought that the membership and communications should stay together. Dave asked for volunteers for other committees. Dave Gloer volunteered for fisheries. David Colaw volunteered for invasive species as did John B.

Dave reminded all that he plans to turn over the Directorship at the end of his term, 8/2025. He suggested 11/26 for the next meeting on Zoom.

Gail said each board member should decide on one committee and one goal.

John B. offered to circulate the contact list for updating and will send it to Jule.

Ron said that the Health Department reported another negative test for human and bovine fecal matter in the lake water. This is the last test sample for the year. Next year they will test for geese fecal matter, too.

Wayne said Ray is progressing well and is back to doing some yard work.

Dave ended the meeting at 7:56 p.m.