

PCLA MINUTES 9-15-25

Gail convened the meeting at 6:42 p.m. In attendance were Gail May, Mary Netzky, Ana Schwab, John Brockschmidt, Ron Kardosh, Wayne Blumberg, and Dave Colaw. Ana moved to approve the minutes and Gail seconded. John Dolansky had no financial report.

New Business

Election of Officers: All officers agreed to continue their positions, except the president Dave Harris, who has resigned. Therefore, the board will have to elect a new president. John Brockschmidt moved that all officers remain in place. Ana seconded, and all agreed. Wayne moved to nominate John B. for president. Ron seconded, and all agreed. However, with John B. accepting the office of president, there is now a vacancy on the board for a member at large. Wayne suggested Tom Graham, who lives on Crooked Lake, and gave Tom's phone number to John B. to invite him to join. John B. reminded everyone that it is good to limit the term of the president so no one has to bear that responsibility too long.

John B. asked what topics the board needs to explore for future meetings. For the October meeting, he will send out an agenda a week in advance. Because we have a lot of turnover on the board, it is important to make sure everyone updates information from their committees. Mary asked about updating the board member list and contact information. Ana recommended a generic PCLA email address. Gail suggested that we have Jule make a new Google Group for the board. Dave H. needs to go into the group and change the manager to someone else., perhaps Jule, since she would be getting all the board email. John B. will contact all members to see if they want to continue on their committees. Chuck has decided to retire as liaison of Tip of the Mitt. Mary volunteered to finish his term through next August (2026). This position usually lasts for two, three-year terms.

PCLA members asked about contacting board members. John B. said that putting contact information on the website could have pros and cons. Jule currently checks the email every week and forwards it to the appropriate board member. She checks to make sure the email is answered and followed up. John B. asked for discussion. Gail said she is not set one way or the other. Dave C. said that it does eliminate the middle man. John B. worries that there could be problems during a controversy. Dave C. and Ron agreed. John B. said that we need to revamp the page that has contact phone numbers. He asked everyone to look at the website and make suggestions for the October meeting. Jule was asked if she received a copy of the by-laws, but she didn't. We need to send them to her.

John B. asked for board responses about the Annual meeting. Gail said that there was good attendance, with lots of new faces. Ron thought electronic voting made a difference. Mary said that many neighbors spoke to her about voting because of the new choice of electronic voting. John B. thought that advertising the speaker was helpful. Mary thought that people are noticing change in the fish population and were interested to see if the speakers could explain it. John B. said that many people are interested in what we do for invasive species. He thinks that we need to do a better job of advertising what we do to help protect the lakes. Gail thinks that

using MailChimp to go out at appropriate times is helpful to create interest. John B. said that we should think about what messages to send out.

John B. said that we should resume Tuesday meetings. He thought that we should decide if the last meetings of the year should be in-person or on Zoom. Our next meeting will be on Oct. 28 at 6:30 pm, and we can decide then for the future meetings. John B. suggested that we can consider whether to send out holiday greetings via MailChimp. We can also talk about committee assignments. Gail suggested sending out an email to recognize volunteers and their jobs. John B. mentioned a resident who wants to accompany the zone monitors on Pickerel Lake. Mary asked if Dave H. would still be a monitor. Dave C. will ask him. Gail reminded members to give Jule more pictures for the website because she is always updating it.

General comments:

Gail hoped that board attendance would be better for the October meeting. Wayne said thanks to John B. for deciding to be president. He also mentioned a beaver who is building a dam on the east side of the black hole. Ron said that there is a beaver dam by Iduna Creek. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.