

Fall Meeting Minutes
Pickerel – Crane Lake P&R District
Sept 2, 2017

Called to Order: 9:31 AM

Roll Call: Chuck Sleeter, Kathy Kupfer, Rod Sternhagen, Mike Zelinski, Dan Vosters

Reading of Minutes

May 19, 2017 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2017 Spring Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2017 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report

With respect to the Treasurer's report outlined in the fall newsletter, clarity was provided by Kathy on a correction of \$200.00 to the ending balance. Tax levy funds were received in full from Forest and Langlade Counties. No further questions on the report.

Motion to approve treasurer's report by Mark Tetsloff, seconded by Joan Sternhagen, motion passes

Old Business

(a) Aeration report, Jerry Hietpas

Jim conveyed that all equipment is in good working order and he and his team are prepared for the upcoming winter activities.

(b) Weed harvester report, Jim Huss

The number of loads extracted was not available as Jim was not in attendance. Overall the harvesting proceeded with minimal issues at both Pickerel and Crane Lakes. Discussion commenced on the potential need to clean the harvester prior to the transfer to Crane as a precautionary measure to mitigate the possible transfer of Eurasian milfoil which is resident in Pickerel Lake. Multiple ideas were brought forth with no firm action taken.

Action: Committee to review options to clean harvester prior to transfer to Crane Lake.

(c) Consider donation to the Pickerel Tombstone Snow Club for use of tractor

Motion to approve a \$200.00 donation to the Pickerel Snow Club by Loren King, seconded by Brad Kupfer, motion passes.

(d) Greg Matzke's P&C fisheries 2017 surveys recap - Brad Kupfer

WDNR fish survey was completed but not published at this time. Key outcomes from the survey:

Crane Lake has 1 adult walleye and 4 juveniles per acre. Overall stocking programs have been successful and meeting expectations. Pickerel Lake walleye population is nonexistent however perch populations are spectacular.

Greg will be recommending bass size limit be reduced to 14" with a possession limit of 5. Prior to implementation, the recommendation must be approved at the spring conservation meeting in April where district members are recommended to attend and vote.

On the topic of Native American spring walleye spearing, Greg has reached an agreement with the tribes to discontinue spearing on Pickerel Lake and a maximum of 50 walleyes can be taken on Crane.

(e) Walleye stocking update, Brad Kupfer

An additional 12,000 yearling walleyes will be stocked in Pickerel lake in the fall. A total of 11,000 bullheads were removed in the spring.

(f) Discuss and vote on building a proposed walleye spawning reef in Crane Lake

Due to delays by WDNR to execute the lake bottom survey for the proposed reef, the project will be delayed to the winter of 2018/19. Because of the timeline deferral, the proposed grant from WDNR will also be deferred and available for the project.

Good discussion continued around the topic of growing and sustaining a viable fish population in both lakes. Multiple ideas were put forth on how to educate fishermen and oversee adherence to bag limits. Information to be provided in the spring newsletter.

New Business

(a) Discuss and vote on the date and time changes to our spring and fall Meetings

District members agreed with the committee recommendation to move the spring and fall meeting up in the calendar to the Saturday prior to the Memorial and Labor Day holidays. For 2018, the meetings will be held on May 19th and August 25th. It was also agreed to move the starting time from 9:30am to 9:00am.

Motion to approve date and time changes to spring and fall meeting by Joan Sternhagen, seconded by Keith Verhagen, motion passed

(b) Discuss and vote on possible alternative methods to disseminate newsletter

Motion to table alternative methodologies to disseminate newsletters by Joan Sternhagen, seconded by Brad Kupfer, motion passes

(c) Discuss possible North Pickerel Lake boat landing widening and update

Recommendation to widen the North Pickerel Lake boat landing was well received by district members. By doing so, the harvester would be stored for winter at the boat landing. Estimated cost is \$1,000.00.

Motion to proceed with widening of the boat landing by Brian King, seconded by Keith Verhagen, motion passes

(d) Discuss lake water testing on Pickerel and Crane Lakes and future plans

Water testing is completed by Dan Vosters on Pickerel and Mark Starks on Crane. Information is compiled quarterly but not available to make any conclusions on improvement or degradation of water quality. It was noted that not all tests which were completed during the assessment in 2012 are being completed today due to lack of equipment.

Action: Committee to determine what level of monitoring is required and do we invest in equipment to support.

(e) Discuss L/D office rental and meeting room

No new feedback from the town of Nashville on a reduced monthly cost to rent the facility. Alternate options have been reviewed with no viable alternatives.

Motion to counter offer the town of Nashville a monthly fee of \$1,200.00 by Joan Sternhagen, seconded by Ed Miles, motion passes.

Public comment

Question arose as to whether we should complete another Lake management plan since a number of key topic areas have not been executed in accordance with the recommendations outlined in the 2012 plan. Questions arose as to the need to complete a modified version of the 2012 to assure required compliance activities are being completed in a timely manner.

Motion by Brad Kupfer to review the applicability of completing a modified version of the 2012 Lake Management Plan, seconded by Kurt Haga, motion passes

Action taken by the committee to develop a methodology to standardize the green flags for weed harvesting as well as provide a better process to communicate the timeframe by which they should be placed on members docks.

Budget Hearing/Adoption of Tax Levy

Good discussion around the macro strategy for the use of District funds. Action taken by the committee to develop a high level 5-year plan to provide further guidance for District members.

Motion to adopt tax levy of \$41,000 by Mark Tetslof, seconded by Kurt Haga, motion passes

Election for three positions; Treasurer, Commissioner and Chairman

No volunteers for the open positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer.

Motion by Joan Sternhagen to retain the current committee members; Chuck Sleeter, Rod Sternhagen, Kathy Kupfer, seconded by Brian King, motion passes.

Motion to Adjourn – Dick Andries, Seconded by Mark Tetslof, motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 12:01