

GENERAL INFORMATION			
<b>Monthly Meeting</b> <b>Presque Isle Town Lakes Committee</b> <b>Aquatic Invasive Species</b>	<b>Date:</b>	June 13, 2023	
	<b>Time:</b>	7:00pm	
	<b>Location</b>	Zoom Meeting	
	<b>Next Meeting Date/Time:</b>	July 11, 2023	
<b>Conducted by:</b>	Nick Williams		
<b>Recorded by:</b>	Jorja Burke, Alternate Secretary		
ATTENDEE INFORMATION			
Attended	Name	Lake	Attended via Zoom or CC
	Behr, Fritz	Lynx Lake	Mtg is ZOOM only.
X	Benn, Eric	Armour	
X	Burke, Jeff	Van Vliet	
X	Burke, Jorja	Van Vliet	
	Casey, Susan	Armour	
	Cerny, William	Lynx	
	Czarny, Mike	Van Vliet	
	Drum, Sue	Horsehead	
X	Gawriluk, Susie	Katinka	
	Gorrilla, Colleen	Crab	
	Gruca, Gary	Lynx	
	Higley, Catherine*	Vilas C. Invas.Spec.Co	
X	Horswill, Bob	Armour	
	Jacobsen, Ronie	Van Vliet	
X	Kenkel, Jeff	Lone Pine Lake	
	Lewandoski, June	Rosalind/Papoose	
X	Lewandoski, Paul	Rosalind/Papoose	
	Mawicke, Ann	Natural Lakes	
	Meessmann, Jeff	Natural Lakes	
X	Novak, Linda	Oxbow	
X	Novak, Otto	Oxbow	
X	Phillips, Carol	Wildcat	

	Phillips, Richard	Wildcat	
X	Plouff, Gary	Frontier Lakes	
X	Preston, Tom	Katinka	
X	Ruch, Bob	Carlin	
X	Ruch, Judy	Carlin	
X	Sisbach, Sarah	Presque Isle	
	Speer, Gail	Katinka	
	Suffron, John	Annabelle	
	Suffron, Kay	Annabelle	
	Vogt, Dave	Annabelle	
	Watkins, Mary	Carlin	
	Weber, Cathy Logan	Annabelle/Town Supv.	
	Weigand, Tom	Horsehead	
X	Wierzba, Tom	Big	
X	Williams, Nick	<u>Crab</u>	
	Zarembka, Fred	<u>Big</u>	

<b>MEETING MINUTES</b>	
<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion Items</b>
Call to Order	Nick Williams @ 7:00pm
Pledge of Allegiance	Deferred.
Secretaries' Minutes	Accepted as corrected: New Business, a. Water levels: Armour Lake is at its highest level in 6 years (not "Lowest" as the minutes read).
Changes/additions to agenda	None
Intro of new members/guests	Dave Bogan, Natural Lakes, Zoom host; Ginger Williams, Crab Lake, cabin cat.
Treasurer's Report/Budget	.Beginning balance of \$3909.52. No transactions.
Correspondence	Included in agenda items as each is discussed.

6. Old Business

- a. **Town Board Liaison.** Nick has asked acting town chair Cathy Logan Weber if she'd like a presentation on the next round of lake studies. Cathy said to wait until there's a full board. We'll need to address this issue soon and reach a decision prior to October when budgets are due.
- b. **Explanation of how lake studies are used.** Initial question asked by Otto, this initial report by Nick. More discussion to follow as PITLC members contribute their lake accomplishments to Nick's attention. Discussion ensued. Big Lake reports were used in VC Creel study and in the Rice Creek Watershed study. Crab Lk established programs for abatement of iris and monitoring of waters. Annabelle established a procedure for members handling any questionable plant found. Increase in native plants between 2014-19. Wildcat lake used studies to educate their board re lake sensitivity. Welcome wagon approach on Carlin Lake for education of new owners on the lake. Also, Carlin has action plans in place. PITLC encourages each of the PI lake associations to monitor and protect our lakes.
- c. **Next round of lake studies – applications due in December**  
Grant funding applications are due in December.2023. Typical budget for lake studies is approx. \$13,000 per study/per year and this is the amount Nick budgeted in prior years. Other towns are paying much higher annually. Annual bookkeeping only reflects this at the final cost of each study. Otto: New issues this year – cost estimates have risen significantly; ceiling of \$50,000 reimbursement for the town now in effect and that means we can apply for only \$75, 000. Also, a qualifying lake association may submit a grant with a reimbursement amount of \$10,000. There are 9 requirements to meet to qualify. Otto has assembled the necessary qualifications and cost per lake for both point intercept/aquatic invasive inventory and shoreland/shallow water assessment funding, find them attached. Discussion ensued with Tom W commenting on one of the requirements, allowing for lake association membership for residents or resides within 1 mile of said lake. It was noted in-kind volunteer hours help to bring down the cost and Whitewater has a history of donations, on their part, in prior years. Paul commented that there's a document on how to form a lake association. available on the DNR website. (Attachment)
- d. **Water sampling testing (see May 9 minutes)**  
Disturbed water vs undisturbed water. Natural Lakes is not interested in testing for turbidity/suspended sediment/color currently as wake-boating is not allowed within the community, so there is no need. Otto thinks Crab Lake would be a good "control lake" for Oxbow. The cost is \$54 to test all three (per sample). Total cost for 1 study of the 2 lakes would be approx. \$400. Tests need to be conducted in various areas of activity and varying levels of activity. Enforcement of parameters for jet skis and wake-boats is of great importance for the success of the project. (Attachment)
- e. **Other: Ordinance Committee Correspondence:** Nick has corresponded with the Ordinance Comm. and will continue to do so. Ordinance does not expect PITLC to assist in writing an ordinance but wants the support of PITLC in upcoming wake-boat regulations. **Highlights of the discussion:** PITLC continues to support wake-boat ordinance as it did in 2020. Otto spoke of the possibility of wake-boaters taking their boats out of Oxbow to other lakes and then returning the boat to Oxbow and the potential for introduction of invasive species. Other issues include erosion problems. Judy asks what the motivation for this request might be. Eric spoke to risk management and to the preparation of a draft ordinance. Tom P states Ordinance Comm. is prepared to send an ordinance to the town board for forwarding to the DNR but that a formal declaration from PITLC should come after the composition of the town board is determined. Paul agrees Pappoose residents are in favor of some form of regulation per Paul. Winchester has a public hearing on the issue in June. Eric remarked that he finds PITLC members continue to support regulations. Bob Ruch says an "opportunity" has been created with a nesting pair of loons on Carlin Lake. Residents are interested in keeping them safe and have taken steps setting the stage for diversity in use of the water (from skinny dipping to protection of the new loon chick) with a 4-paragraph declaration. Nick will send the following to Ordinance, "Upon unanimous approval by attending members, In the course of, discussion, PITLC is interested in getting more information from members at upcoming lake association meetings; general consensus is to continue to pursue some regulation."  
**At members' annual meetings, this question should be asked of attendees:**  
"Do you think the Ordinance Committee should continue to pursue some sort of regulation of hazardous wake-boats?" Ask for a show of hands - let Nick know the results.(see email 06.14)

<b>7. New Business</b>	<p><b>a. Kiosk signage update</b>  Jeff B spoke with VC Supervisor Richard Logan re signage for Little Horsehead kiosk and a contact in Woodruff. Signs will arrive Wednesday and those appropriate for missing signs at Little Horsehead will be installed. Any other signs can be offered to members for display on other kiosks.</p> <p><b>b. Other - None</b></p>
<b>8. Memo</b>	<p><b>Committed Volunteer Research underway or in the future</b></p> <p><b>a. Lake Study grants 2018/2019 – Floating workshop</b>  Sarah spoke with Dean Primo of Whitewater about a floating workshop on PI Lake which had not occurred by the time the study was completed. The business has now been sold to some of his employees. A floating workshop may include a maximum of 5 pontoons, 6-10 people per boat. At this time, the new administration will want to charge for this service. Dean will send a fee list, including a program at the Community Center. Neither the workshop for PI Lake or Wildcat Lake was held during the last round of studies although they should have been part of the prior grant. Wildcat Lake’s workshop had been postponed because of Covid. Both Sarah and Carol thought those workshops were included in the grant cost and have already been paid for. Nick verified they were part of the grant. Sarah feels this should be part of our educational program. She will advise PITLC when she receives the costs from Dean. Carol will follow up on the Wildcat workshop.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>  <b>Adjourn</b>	<p><b>By Zoom and/or at the PI Community Center on: July 11, 2023.</b></p> <p><b>Meeting adjourned by Nick Williams at 8:40 pm</b></p>

Unapproved minutes.