

GENERAL INFORMATION			
<b>Monthly Meeting</b> <b>Presque Isle Town Lakes Committee</b> <b>Aquatic Invasive Species</b>	<b>Date:</b>	May 9, 2023	
	<b>Time:</b>	7:07pm	
	<b>Location</b>	Zoom Meeting	
	<b>Next Meeting Date/Time:</b>	June 13, 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	
<b>x</b>	Benn, Eric	Armour	Z
<b>x</b>	Burke, Jeff	Van Vliet	Z
<b>x</b>	Burke, Jorja	Van Vliet	Z
	Casey, Susan	Armour	
	Cerny, William	Lynx	
	Czarny, Mike	Van Vliet	
	Drum, Sue	Horsehead	
	Gawriluk, Susie	Katinka	
	Gorrilla, Colleen	Crab	
	Gruca, Gary	Lynx	
	Higley, Catherine*	Vilas C. Invas.Spec.Co	
	Horswill, Bob	Armour	
	Jacobsen, Ronie	Van Vliet	
<b>x</b>	Kenkel, Jeff	Lone Pine Lake	Z
<b>x</b>	Lewandoski, June	Rosalind/Papoose	Z
<b>x</b>	Lewandoski, Paul	Rosalind/Papoose	Z
	John MacLean	Town Board Liaison	
<b>x</b>	Mawicke, Ann	Natural Lakes	Z (Zoom Host)

	Meessmann, Jeff	Natural Lakes	
x	Novak, Linda	Oxbow	Z
x	Novak, Otto	Oxbow	Z
x	Phillips, Carol	Wildcat	Z
x	Phillips, Richard	Wildcat	Z
x	Plouff, Gary	Frontier Lakes	Z
	Preston, Tom	Katinka	
	Ruch, Bob	Carlin	
	Ruch, Judy	Carlin	
	Sisbach, Sarah	Presque Isle	
	Speer, Gail	Katinka	
	Suffron, John	Annabelle	
	Suffron, Kay	Annabelle	
x	Vogt, Dave	Annabelle	Z
	Walters, Lorine	Town Clerk	
	Watkins, Mary	Carlin	
	Weber, Cathy Logan	Annabelle/Town Supv.	
	Weigand, Tom	Horsehead	
x	Wierzba, Tom	Big	Z
x	Williams, Nick	<u>Crab</u>	Z
	Zarembka, Fred	<u>Big</u>	

<b>MEETING MINUTES</b>	
<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion Items</b>
Call to Order	Nick Williams @ 7:07pm
Pledge of Allegiance	Deferred.
Secretaries' Minutes	Approved as written.
Changes/additions to agenda	None
Intro of new members/guests	None
Treasurer's Report/Budget	.Otto reported a balance of \$3897.50 at the end of December 2022, plus accrued interest of \$12.02, for a current balance of \$3909.52, May 9, 2023.
Correspondence	None

**Old  
Business**

- **Town Board Liaison:** Cathy Logan Weber is temporary PI Town Board Chairperson. Ann made a motion, Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>. to ask the current board to appoint Cathy as interim liaison to PITLC until the election appeal is settled. Brief discussion followed. Unanimous agreement.
- **Other: 1.** Prior to the June 2023 meeting, Nick will complete the process to add Otto's explanation of studies conducted on Oxbow Lake to the town website. Discussion ensued when Otto posed the question, "What are other lakes doing with information gathered during studies? Has anyone followed recommended actions?" Otto has witnessed a change in the mix in the Oxbow plant community. Dave found an increase in native plants on Annabelle and will report again in the future. Carlin has delved more into management type issues. per Nick. Tom W reported that when the DNR came to Big Lake to do their extensive study, the Whitewater studies were specifically referenced as being used by them during their creel study. Per Nick, Whitewater info was also used during the Rice Creek Watershed Study. Jeff K sees a need to get these stories out. Carol mentioned a summarized report is presented at the Wildcat Lake Association's annual meeting. Otto would like to see more PITLC members' attention focused on recommended actions and those results posted as well. This will be a future agenda item.

- **Kiosk signage update – Jeff B** commented: Otto asked him to photograph the 7 kiosks -built w/a DNR grant. Built in 2009, they're all pretty much still standing. Only Little Horsehead suffered some damage and was moved by contractors and is not properly used as intended – the posting of lake, DNR and town ordinances. The uniformity is amazing, except Little Horsehead is sporting a Country Western concert posted from a year ago. PITLC needs to follow up on that kiosk. We may want to follow up and consider new information to enhance postings. After 14 years, Jeff has found nothing wrong with them. The lakes are Van Vliet, Crab, Wild Cat, Presque Isle (2), Horsehead and Little Horsehead. Annabelle's Lake Association takes care of their own kiosk, as does the Oxbow Lake Association. Jeff indicated he would secure proper signage from the DNR for Little Horsehead. Information should include lake-related ordinances, fishing regulations, invasive species, etc. According to the agreement with DNR, 1/3 of the kiosk posting is DNR, 1/3 is PITLC and 1/3 is for town ordinances. Water levels were briefly discussed as Dave mentioned the Annabelle Lake "high water levels" sign has been posted: Oxbow receded 5-6", Big Lake is lower than 2022, Armour is lowest in 6 years, Van Vliet is high, PI Lake is probably high as well and Wild Cat is 4" below its long-term average, Papoose is high. Lake-level gauges will be installed by the Discovery Center within the week. No other high-water informational signs will be posted at this time.

- **Select lakes for next round of DNR Lake Study Grants (see below):** Otto suggested, because of increased traffic and the increase in wake-boat usage, we consider the 6-lake Crab Lake chain (Oxbow Lake at head feeds Annabelle, Crab, North Crab Armour, Horsehead, Little Horsehead), PI, Averill and Van Vliet (and the South Branch to Stateline). Lakes. In addition, he suggests adding Basin Creek and Basin Lake (1/2 in MI, half in WI). These 2 water bodies feed into Oxbow and concern is upon discovery of Eurasian water milfoil in some Ottawa National Forest Lakes. Precedence for studies on a MI/WI shared lake was established with the study of Stateline Lake. Last study was on Carlin Lake in 2019. Prior large study began in 2009 and took 2 years to complete. Jeff B explained the correlation of Averill Lake to PI and Van Vliet Lakes. It should continue to be included in our studies. Averill supports a lot of wildlife, it's all the same water, the trend has been to include it and we should continue. Eric agrees. Other lakes connected to Annabelle were mentioned by Dave for consideration: Red Bass, Lynx, Rudolph, possibly Canoe. Jeff K mentioned Lone Pine Lake, which will be included with Natural Lakes studies. Nick suggested talking with the interim liaison to see where the board stands on the studies. Submissions for grant studies must be received by Dec. 10, 2023, approval is expected in February 2024 with field work to begin in Summer 2024.

**Otto made a motion** to study the Crab Lake chain (6 lakes as described), plus Annabelle and the PI chain plus the South Branch of the PI River; and get an estimate for Basin Creek/Basin Lake. **Second by Richard P.** Motion accepted unanimously.

**Future Studies will include:** Lynx, Red Bass, Rudolph, Natural Lakes, Frontier Lakes, Lone Pine and Wildcat Lakes

- **Other: 1. Expansion of Water Sampling Testing:** Otto reports his research indicates it's more expensive for DNR to run turbidity & suspended sediment tests for us than it is to include it in a Whitewater package. The purpose is to gather data for comparison of various lakes with increased boat traffic (including wake-boat traffic) as opposed to those with static traffic. Oxbow will conduct these tests. We have only shoreline erosion data on file, not turbidity and suspension. Otto would like other lake associations to consider doing the same. Tom W will bring it up to Big Lake members. Ann suggested the Natural Lakes area would be a good alternate base to Oxbow because wake boat traffic is not allowed at all within Natural Lakes. Otto will author an outline for

<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>By Zoom and/or at the PI Community Center on: June13, 2023. Based on vacations and elections.</b>
<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>Meeting adjourned by Nick Williams at 8:02pm</b>

Unapproved minutes.

<u>Body of Water</u>	<u>Last Grant Award</u>
Annabelle	2018
Anne	2018
Armour	2018
Averill	2018
Beaver	2017
Big	2018
Carlin	2009/2019
Cathaline	2016
Crab/Little Crab/North Crab	2018
Dunn	2017
Horsehead	2018
Katinka	2009
Little Horsehead	2015
Little Presque Isle	2017
Lone Pine	2009
Lynx	2016
Mabel	2016
McCullough	2017
Morton	2017
Oxbow	2017
Papoose	2016
Presque Isle	2018
Red Bass	2018
Rice Creek	2015
Round	2015
Rudolph	2009
S Branch PI River	2017
Stateline	2017
Twin Island	2017
Van Vliet	2018
Wildcat	2018

