

IRON COUNTY LAKES AND STREAMS PARTNERSHIP
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2022

Directors Present: Mike Golas, Diane Kut, Joy DeNicola, Debi Twardowski, Callista Bortomeolli

Directors Present Via ZOOM: Judy Kufahl, Mike Bukovitz, Laurie Netzow

Directors Absent: Tom Madden, Dennis Ukleja, Dennis Kufahl, Jim & Jackie Novitski

Other Partnership Members Present: Vicki Browne

Mike Golas called the meeting order at 10:00am at the West Iron County High School.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Golas gave the treasurer's in Tom Madden's absence.

The bank balance as of April 30, 2022:	\$24,931.94
Deposits since May 1, 2022:	295.00 donations and dues
<u>Reimbursement to Mike Bukovitz:</u>	<u>355.60 conference expenses</u>
Balance as of May 19, 2022:	\$24,871.34

There are currently 214 paid ICLSP members.

OLD BUSINESS:

CLMP Water Sample Collection: Tom Madden will be at the Crystal Falls Library on June 21, 2022 from 9:00am to 11:00am to collect water samples to be tested for phosphorus and chlorophyll levels by CLMP.

Website: Debi Twardowski reported that the Partnership website is finished, secure and is now live. **GREAT JOB DEBI!**

The web address is *iclakesandstreamspartnership.com*. The password to access the private director's link is ICLSP21.

Debi gave an overview and demonstrated how to navigate the website. She also welcomes additional lake photos to be added to the website home page. Send photos to Debi's email address as a Jpeg file.

Diane Kut will ask Jen Ricker to write up a statement about the Iron Baraga Conservation District to be added to our website Resources page.

Mike Golas urged the board members to proofread the website for content, typos, grammar, etc.

Meeting minutes will not be posted on the website until they are approved.

Debi will set up an analytics account (possibly Google Analytics) to track website traffic and other statistics. She will also set up an Instagram account to link to our website.

There was a brief discussion pertaining to our tax exemption status. The Partnership is currently tax exempt and the exemption certification is posted on our website. However, Diane Kut presented another tax exemption application that may be an additional requirement. Mike Golas will determine if we need any additional tax exemptions paperwork completed and will report back on this next month.

School District and Students Gratuities: The board discussed rewarding the school for their hospitality, use of the school for Partnership meetings, refreshments and additional IT assistance, and to the IT students for their help in creating our website. Since next week is the last week of the regular school semester, it was decided that the Partnership will host a pizza lunch for the IT students and will make a monetary donation to the school.

The pizza lunch will be next Thursday late morning during class, and Callista Bortomeolli will check with the IT students to determine their desired toppings and will report back to Debi who'll order and deliver the pizzas.

The board decided that a donation to the school in the amount of \$500 was appropriate. Joy DeNicola moved to donate \$500, and Sally Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Family Fun Day at Bewabic Park: Diane Kut gave an overview of the Family Fun Day event to be held at Bewabic Park. Diane and Jen Ricker have many fun activities planned and Diane presented an outline of the preliminary activities and projected costs. The costs are well within the previously agreed upon budget.

A banner advertising the event will be purchased for \$106 and will be posted for one month at the Bewabic Park entrance.

Callista will post Fun Day posters around the school and on the school's TV.

Full color posters of the Bewabic Park event will be posted around town. In addition, we will advertise on telephone time, the Crystal Falls and Iron River electric signage, on our website and Facebook page, and possibly on TV 6. Announcements will also be sent to ICLSP membership, and lake association presidents.

Sally Davis suggested that we consider ordering T-shirts with our name and logo for staff to wear at the event and to also sell the T-shirts to attendees.

GREAT JOB DIANE and JEN for organizing this huge event!

MLSA Conference: Mike Bukovitz gave a brief overview of the MLSA conference he recently attended with wife, Sherry. Mike will create a presentation of all the sessions, which he will present to the board at a later date. Two things that stood out at the conference were the impact of wake boats, which studies show are more detrimental than just shoreline erosion, and the effects of road salts on lakes and streams. The DNR studies on e-coli in waters and its origins were also an issue of interest and concern.

Mike saw Denise Fauntleroy at the conference and she suggested that we might consider having a booth at the conference next year. That is yet to be determined.

Michigan Waterfront Alliance: Short Term Rentals - Certain factions in the U. P. are either in favor of or against short term lake property rentals. Those who are opposed are concerned about issues such as noise, litter, pollution, and impacts on water quality and wildlife. A way to possibly dissuade excessive rentals may be to tax these rentals. Tax money collected could be appropriated to the counties and townships. This is an ongoing issue that currently passed the House and is now in the Senate.

Land O' Lakes Summer Concert: After some reconsideration, the Partnership decided to co-sponsor the summer concert in Land O' Lakes. Joy moved to share in the cost of the concert in the amount of \$250. The motion was seconded by Sally Davis and the motion passed.

Event Flags: Sally received the two feather flags and showed them to the board. The cost was \$700 for 2 flags. Joy will take the flags to the birding event on June 4, 2022.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

The next meeting will be June 16, 2022 at the West Iron County High School. Room access details will follow.

Respectfully submitted by, Joy DeNicola, Secretary.