

Island Chain of Lakes, Assn (ICOLA) Board Meeting

October 16, 2025

Board Members Present: Jeff Pippenger, Chris Hirschinger, Larry Bins, Jerry Shadick, Jerry Salter, Frank Draxler. LaNette Flunker

Absent: Rick Krahn

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:57pm by Jeff Pippenger

Meeting was held at the Town of Big Bend town hall.

2. Treasurer's Report - Presented by Chris Hirschinger

Funds - Money Market - Restricted

Walleye	15,716.47
Conservation Land	16,325.60
Shoreland Restoration	26,622.99
BLM Islands	5,136.08
Total Restricted	63,801.14

Funds - Unrestricted

Checking	6,722.64
Money Market	26,420.33
Total Unrestricted	33,142.97

Total \$96,944.11

Motion to approve as presented: Frank Draxler

Second: Larry Bins Passed

3. ICOLA Rearing Pond Harvest

Approximately 5600 Walleye were recovered and moved to the ICOLA lakes. This is a 11/6% recovery from the number of fry purchased. The cost per walleye recovered was \$.3.95/fish. The cost to purchase the

same size walleye is between \$2.50 and \$2.95. The most significant cost comes from feeding the fry. There was discussion regarding process improvement in order to increase the number of walleye recovered as well as the idea of partnering with other area lake associations (which many are interested in) to share our ponds and the cost of raising and recovering the walleye. The walleye committee will be asked to explore these options and to report back to the board with recommendations, Work on the ponds is planned for this fall to prepare for next spring.

4. 2026 Lake Association Meeting Changes

Lake Reps

Are asked to get door prizes for meetings.

The association purchases gift cards from the representing bar. Lake reps are asked to secure additional door prizes. Discussion of ideas.

Secretary

Secretary will email/send out the President's newsletter, agendas, etc and make copies for months meetings/mailings. Chris will look into a CC for LaNette to use to pay directly for the mailings and postage.

It was discussed with the changes made from (a) and (b) above that the secretary take over the membership/list management per the bylaws. The previous treasurer had assumed this role during an earlier transition of people in positions. LaNette and Chris will make the arrangements to move the materials etc back to the secretary's role.

A discussion was had on how long to keep past membership forms. Per the bylaws people who have paid the current year and/or the previous years membership fee have voting rights. It was decided that paper forms older than this could be destroyed. All lake owner still will receive the annual packet of membership materials etc, in late spring regardless of their current status as has always been done

5. Lake Days - April 18. 2026

Arrowhead Bible Camp location has been secured

Vendor's list - application form (we provide vendors with meal tickets). The Vendor list/form will be requested of the previous treasurer.

Speakers - ideas are Loons, WDNR, Controlling Weeds/Water Quality-Liimnologist). History of Lakes, Photography, Health/Emergency preparedness, Turtles.

Signs this year will be printed through Bills

Messaging - Bars, email, etc. Speakers and Vendors should be secured this fall so that materials and messaging can begin after the new year.

Discussed how during the years that there has been a Lake Days event (every other year) membership is higher. Likely due to the number of people who attend lake days that also pay their dues at the event. This led to a discussion to also modify the process regarding the membership application to make it as easy as possible to complete the form and pay membership dues. Galen Flunker (our website volunteer) will be asked to develop an editable on-line form for members to complete as well as an online payment option. Chris has had a conversation with our bank regarding a Venmo account. Individuals would still be able to return the paper form and to pay by cash/check if they chose to do so.

6. Other discussion

Raffle License - LaNette reported that we currently do not have a requirement of obtaining a raffle license in our bylaws which is a dissolution clause. We currently have a member who would like to donate an item to be raffled to benefit the lake association. A bylaws change would need to wait until membership meetings next summer. In the meantime it was suggested that we might approach another area organization that currently has a license that we might be able to use until we could secure our own. LaNette will look into other options including contacting the licensing office.

Island Lake Boat Landing - The DNR is still pursuing moving forward with creating a larger parking area for this boat landing. To date an official meeting on this has not taken place. The lake association does not

support the need for the larger parking lot. The question still remains as whether or not the DNR plans to improve the actual landing ramp. The lake association has requested this be completed by next summers boating season.

We will email/send to all lake front land owners (not just members) info on boater safety in March along with membership, lake days, etc information.

7. Next Meeting - January 15th, 2026 at 6:00 at the town hall

8. Motion to adorn - Jerry Salter

Second - Jerry Shadick - passed at 7:50pm

Respectfully submitted LaNette Flunker Secretary