



Greetings From the President

Dear PLPOA Members,

You need to know the following regarding Pelican Lake:

1. The 2016 PLPOA Member survey results show that 84% do not want Muskie stocked into Pelican Lake by the PLPOA or by the DNR. In order to stop Muskie from being stocked in Pelican Lake, you need to join the Minnesotans for Family Fishing and Healthy Lakes database [GO HERE](#) and respond quickly to requests to write letters to legislators. Please join now. More details below.
2. We think the current PLPOA email communications reaches only about 50% of members in a given month. Please remember to share PLPOA issues with other members.
3. The Golf Course near the west end of the lake is still for sale. Spread the work to find a buyer.
4. The 2017 membership form is designed for you to donate extra money to support special issues. Watch for this in Jan.
5. Minnesota Lakes and Rivers (MLR) is offering a webinar Dec 15 on how to implement a grass roots effort to influence legislation and change. Please attend the webinar as we will ask you to join in grass roots efforts for positive change in the near future.

[WEBINAR REGISTRATION](#)

Details for the above

1. Efforts by volunteers around the state, including those from Pelican Lake, resulted in legislative action to stop the DNR from stocking any more new lakes with Muskie. However, several lakes to which Muskie were non native continue to be stocked. Next steps are to lobby that the DNR stop stocking Muskie in all non native lakes as Muskie are an invasive species, upsetting the whole natural ecology of the lake. One of the reasons this is so hard is that the pro Muskies Inc (John, is this the right name?) organization is able to generate a few hundred letters of support to legislators overnight by soliciting the Muskie fishermen from several states. The PLPOA members, of whom 84% do not want

Muskie stocking, need to respond similarly. Please join the Mn Family Fishing Database and respond to requests for letters to legislators.

2. We have over 900 PLPOA members and we regularly experience an "email open rate" of a little over 50%. The board voted to eliminate printing and postage for snail mail information so we need you to help share what you read and encourage others to stay informed.
3. The owner of the Rolling Hills Golf Course at the west end of the lake would like to retire and sell the property for an 150 unit RV park which is adjacent to the existing 170 unit RV park. Unfortunately the soil is contaminated from obsolete golf course chemicals which make the sewer and water questionable. The PLPOA is committed to helping find a new purpose for the land other than RV camping and a buyer. Spread the word. All leads are appreciated.
4. The annual membership dues of \$50 are designed to cover the special annual trash clean up day, the July 4th parade and partial payment of fireworks, directory/website and the meeting costs. We are asking each of you for additional donations to support the new issues and programs that have been and will continue to develop. Please notice this request in the annual membership letter in Jan and make a donation.

Have a great holiday season with family and friends.

[Sherry, Pres](#)

E-Newsletter December 2016

This E-Newsletter will provide updates on events, projects and issues important to PLPOA Members.

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2017 Calendar

01/17/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
03/01/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
04/18/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting

05/19/17	4:30 p.m.	Board Meeting - Fair Hills Resort Blue/Green Room
05/19/17	5:30 p.m.	Member Spring Social - Fair Hills Pavilion
05/19/17	6:00 p.m.	Member Spring Meeting
05/30/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
06/03/17	8:30 a.m.	Majors & Captains Meeting - Fair Hills Blue/Green Room
06/14/17		Clean up Day
06/17/17	8:30 a.m.	Board Meeting - Fair Hills Resort Blue/Green Room
07/04/17		Independence Day Parade and Fireworks
07/10/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
07/22/17	8:30 a.m.	Board Meeting - Fair Hills Pine Room
07/22/17	9:30 a.m.	Member Annual Breakfast - Fair Hills Dining Room
07/22/17	10:00 a.m.	Member Annual Association Meeting - Fair Hills Dining Room
08/18/17	4:30 p.m.	Board Meeting - Fair Hills Pine Room
08/18/17	5:30 p.m.	PLPOA Volunteer Appreciation Social - Fair Hills (by invitation)
08/18/17	6:30 p.m.	PLPOA Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - Fair Hills (by invitation)
09/11/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
11/15/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting

Lake Associations, Local Governments Boost Spending Against Aquatic Invaders



Lake associations and local governments have significantly boosted their spending in recent years against aquatic invasive species, or AIS, according to a statewide survey of local efforts.

Although the dollar amount - about \$3 million a year - isn't huge, it's nearly half of what the state government spends on prevention and eradication of invaders like zebra mussels and starry stonewort.

Private residents and lake associations spent nearly \$2 million fighting invasive species in 2015, while local governments spent about \$1 million, according to the survey, sponsored by the Minnesota Coalition of Lake Associations and Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates. That's nearly double the amount spent five years ago by private groups and local governments.

"Lake associations, if taken collectively, are the hardest-working, most generous, most effective conservation group in the state," said Jeff Forester, executive director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates.

Forester said the statewide spending survey actually understates the amount being spent locally, as fewer than half of the state's 500-plus lake associations participated.

By John Reinan , Star Tribune
December 06, 2016 - 12:48 AM

Pelican Lakes Foundation?

The subject of exploring ways to protect and manage the Pelican lakes for the enjoyment of future generations has been addressed in the past. One of the suggestions was to form a tax-exempt foundation. Proponents of the idea state that with some preparation, time, and a surprisingly low monetary investment a tax-exempt 501-c3 Foundation can be created to receive donations and manage assets. These assets can include Aquatic Management Areas (AMA) and other projects promoting healthy lakes as desired by the Foundation. Tax-exempt donations to the foundation may be monetary or in the form of a variety of properties including real estate. They can come from various sources including general fund raising and estate planning programs.

The creation of a Foundation requires a corporate structure including a Board of Directors, Bylaws, Officers, etc. Also required is application for the 501-c3 tax exempt corporation status with the IRS.

If you are interested in participating in exploring the feasibility of a Pelican Lakes Foundation contact [John Kruse](#).

A recent article in the Detroit Lakes Tribune by Nathan Bowe is an excellent case study on how Bad Medicine Lake has created and is using their Foundation. See the [Lovers of Bad Medicine Lake Rally to Protect Lakeshore](#) article [HERE](#)



How to Build Grassroots Advocacy for Lakes and Rivers Webinar

Thursday, December 15, 2016 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (Central Time)

I hope you saw last Sunday's Star Tribune story about the good work lake home and cabin owners are doing to protect Minnesota's lake and river heritage.

At MLR we are working very hard to get the word out about Lake Associations. There is much lake associations as organizations can do at both the local and state level to impact public policy.

That is why MLR is hosting a free webinar designed to give Lake Association officers and members the tools they need to be more effective in achieving their mission, both at the local level and at the state level. The 2017 Legislative Session begins January 3rd, so now is the time to begin to organize our efforts.

You can attend from your computer. It will begin at 10:00am on Thursday, December 15th and should last about an hour. You will be able to ask questions and this event will be followed up with a tool you can use to engage your lake association members in lake protection work.

Please forward this email to all the officers and leaders in your organization using the "Forward to a Friend" button at the top of this email.

I know how hard working, generous, committed and engaged you are when it comes to lakes and rivers. Taken collectively, Lake Associations and individual lake home and cabin owners are the largest and most effective water protection group in the State.

The problem is that Lake Associations have never organized themselves to be a strong advocacy force before - they have never worked collectively, have never spoken with one voice across the state.

Together we can change that by building a strong "grassroots" and "grasstops" organization to protect the lakes and rivers that are so important to each of us. This webinar will give you the tools to build strong grassroots civic infrastructure at the local level, which, when combined with other lakes associations across the state, and MLR's professional advocacy at the Minnesota Legislature will create change at all levels of government - the grasstops.

Our mission is the same as yours - to protect your lake legacy.

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

[MLR Jeff Forester](#)

PLPOA BYLAWS Revisited

An item addressed at recent PLPOA Executive Committee Meetings concerns a revisiting of the current PLPOA Bylaws. Helen Friend and John Kruse will be reviewing the Bylaws not for the purpose of making revisions but to suggest language to correct, define and clarify the original intent.

Also, proposed amendments concerning Member Power of Attorney and Board Electronic Voting will be reviewed for incorporation into the Bylaws.

Any ultimate changes to the Bylaws including language and amendments need to be ratified by the Members.

If you are interested in joining Helen and John in this project please contact [John Kruse](#).

PLPOA Donations Appeal

In the past two years we have had unplanned legal expenses that the majority of the board and members voted to spend to protect the lake. New issues may arise again and we want to be prepared. Please review the work on these projects and consider a donation to the PLPOA to help defray some of our costs.

Please consider making a donation. For your convenience a separate donation line-item has been included on the annual PLPOA membership billing statement. Send checks to Pelican Lake Property Owners Association, PO Box 1782, Detroit Lakes, MN 56502-1782. To make a donation by Paypal or credit card, go [HERE](#). If there are questions please call Jim Prondzinski at 703-727-8039 or Sherry Trepp at 651-261-5475.



Sincerely,

[John Kruse](#)

PLPOA Communications Chairman