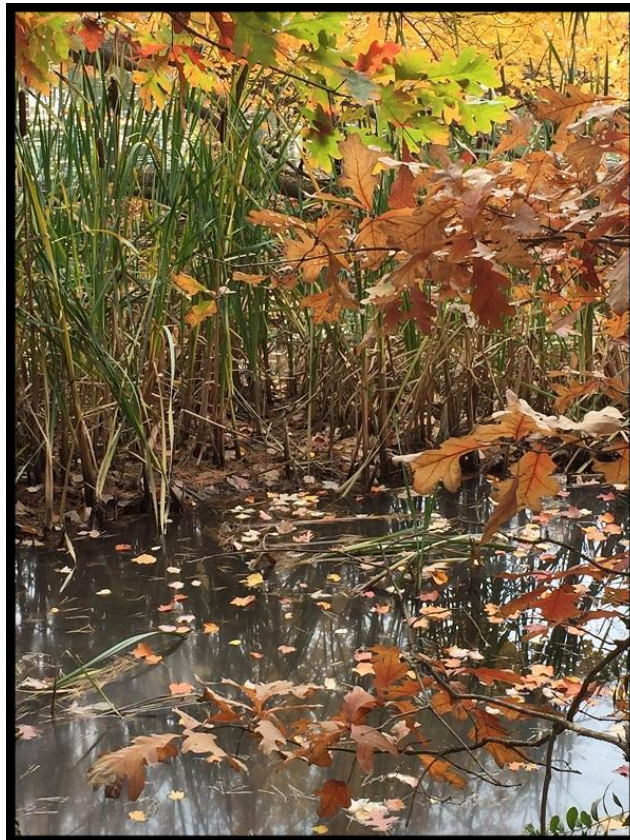


Newsletter November 2016

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

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FALL COLORS



Picture courtesy of Susan Furr

Greetings From The President

DEAR PLPOA MEMBERS

The blizzard last Fri produced such big waves I thought I was living on the ocean. As my mother, Doris Trepp, used to call us in town and say, "I've never seen anything like it".

The property formerly known as a golf course on the west end of the lake is still for sale. If you know anyone interested in owning land in Scambler Township for something other than an RV Park, please contact anyone of the PLPOA board members. The lake association prefers to avoid having another 100+ RVs near the west lake access.

We still await a response from the DNR regarding how they justify their walleye counting process this fall on Pelican Lake as it seemed a little underdone.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING. And have safe travels,

[Sherry, PLPOA Pres](#)

2016 / 2017 Calendar

12/05/16	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
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

Combating the Threat of AIS

Starry Stonewort, spiny water flea, hybrid milfoil and other less known AIS continue to concern us, as the effects and consequences of one or more AIS, in our northern MN waters, is not well known. Also, every lake is different, so the results on a given lake are only known with time.

What can we do? The recent elections have put some new faces and names at the MN State Legislature, along with some experienced and well known legislative members. It is important that we all talk to and inform our legislative leaders of the concern and impact that AIS has on the enjoyment and value of our lake property for all the public. We need to keep our local and state leaders, along with the MNDNR, aware of our concerns and priorities when it comes to lake issues.

Prevention is better than removal, or living with one or more new AIS. Prevention will only be effective with logical and common sense steps by all of us. The upcoming winter, and legislative session allows us some time to plan and put in place new laws and procedures to change the spread of AIS.

If you do nothing else today on AIS, at least click on this 3-minute video, and pay close attention to the first part on starry stonewort. This stuff is now North and South of Ottertail County. Click [HERE](#)

All the AIS Summit presentations are in the MLR section below. I would also direct special attention to two of the presentations.

[**Starry Stonewort in Big Turtle Lake-MN DNR's Aggressive Management Response in Beltrami County. Â Nicole Kovar, MN DNR.**](#)

[**Economic Impact of Spiny Waterflea on a Madison, Wisconsin Lakes- Calculating the Ecosystem Services Cost of Invasive Species, Jake R. Walsh, Ph.D UW Madison, Center for Limnology.**](#)

Please help by supporting all those who are working on these efforts. Communicate with your MN legislators. Tell them your concerns and ideas to control the spread of AIS.

[David Majkrzak](#)

AIS Summit - Links to Presentations



I want to thank all of you who contributed to the Aquatic Invaders Summit. MLR knows that developing strong and diverse partnerships is a Best Management Practice, not only for creating effective and efficient Aquatic Invasive Species programs across Minnesota, but tackling other water resource issues as well. Anyone who still questions the power of bringing active citizens together to address an issue need only look at the energy and outcomes of the Aquatic Invaders Summit as a model of what is possible when many different leaders come together.

Over 350 active citizens from 65 Minnesota counties, Illinois, Wisconsin, New York, Montana and Canada participated.

The Aquatic Invaders Summit was a collaborative event. I asked for and received advice, contacts, suggested speakers and activities like the carp appetizer, that made the event. Volunteers from other organizations served as moderators, speakers, tech support, helping at the registration desk, promotion and planning.

Many attendees and some who could not make the event have written to ask for links to the many PowerPoints that the presenters used at the Aquatic Invaders Summit. We have converted the PowerPoints to PDF files and loaded them [HERE](#) for you.

Some have also asked for a copy of my Plenary Comments. You can access them [HERE](#).

[Jeff Forester MLR](#)



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

NEWS RELEASE

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Zebra mussels confirmed in Franklin Lake in Otter Tail County Invasive species found on equipment being removed for season

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed zebra mussels in Franklin Lake in Otter Tail County. This is one of several recent confirmations across the state as lake property owners and lake service provider businesses check equipment for invasive species at the end of the season. [READ MORE](#)

ILIDS Installed at Public Accesses

ILIDS devices (Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor) have been used on both the east and west Pelican Lake public accesses as well as several other locations on Otter Tail County lakes, for two years. These devices work 24/7, and record a video of a boat launch/departure, and give an audio message to the boater when the device senses a boat present.

In use by lake associations for over 8 years, it has been shown to be an effective tool in changing boater behaviors through its presence and the dramatic reduction of weeds being seen launched. [READ MORE](#)

Click [HERE](#) to see a sampling of videos captured during the 2016 season.





YLRA's Innovative Idea

Yellow Lakes and River Association, Inc. of Webster, Wisconsin came up with the innovative idea to provide a weed-grabbing tool along side the ILIDS station. Remarkably, it is reported that no grabbers were lost during the season.

Impact of Fishing Tournaments on AIS

Fishing tournaments are continuing to be questioned as harmful to the efforts to fight the expansion of AIS in Minnesota. This article is reported to have been written by a Lake Koronis resident.

It is the opinion of this author that tournaments of this nature do provide some level of good to the community, with select businesses getting the majority of that benefit, but correspondingly, there are also costs to the community in the short-term and long-term risk. Once a lake is infested with new AIS, they typically have it for life.

Along with being infested with an AIS, there are subsequent on going costs for living with that species; herbicides, harvesting, management cost. This would be the same for any lake getting Starry Stonewort. Unfortunately, the gain may not outweigh the cost.

In the same ways that planned public events are routinely charged for increased police presence, incremental short-term community costs for AIS prevention efforts should be funded by the tournament organization.

Long-term costs begin when any lake gets a new invasive species, and tournaments play a part in increasing the AIS risk. The increased risk due to tournaments of any size is significant, and can only be reduced by reducing the total number of tournaments.

As stewards of the public waters, we must realize that there is cost in protecting lakes from the increased AIS risks from tournaments.

Tournaments simply aren't free!

See the entire paper [HERE](#)

PLPOA Donations Appeal

In June 2016, a mailing was sent to all PLPOA members requesting donations to replenish the PLPOA budget reserves. In case you did not see that email or have not yet sent in a donation, this is a reminder of the need for contributions.

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 send contributions 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