

PLPOA E-NEWSLETTER
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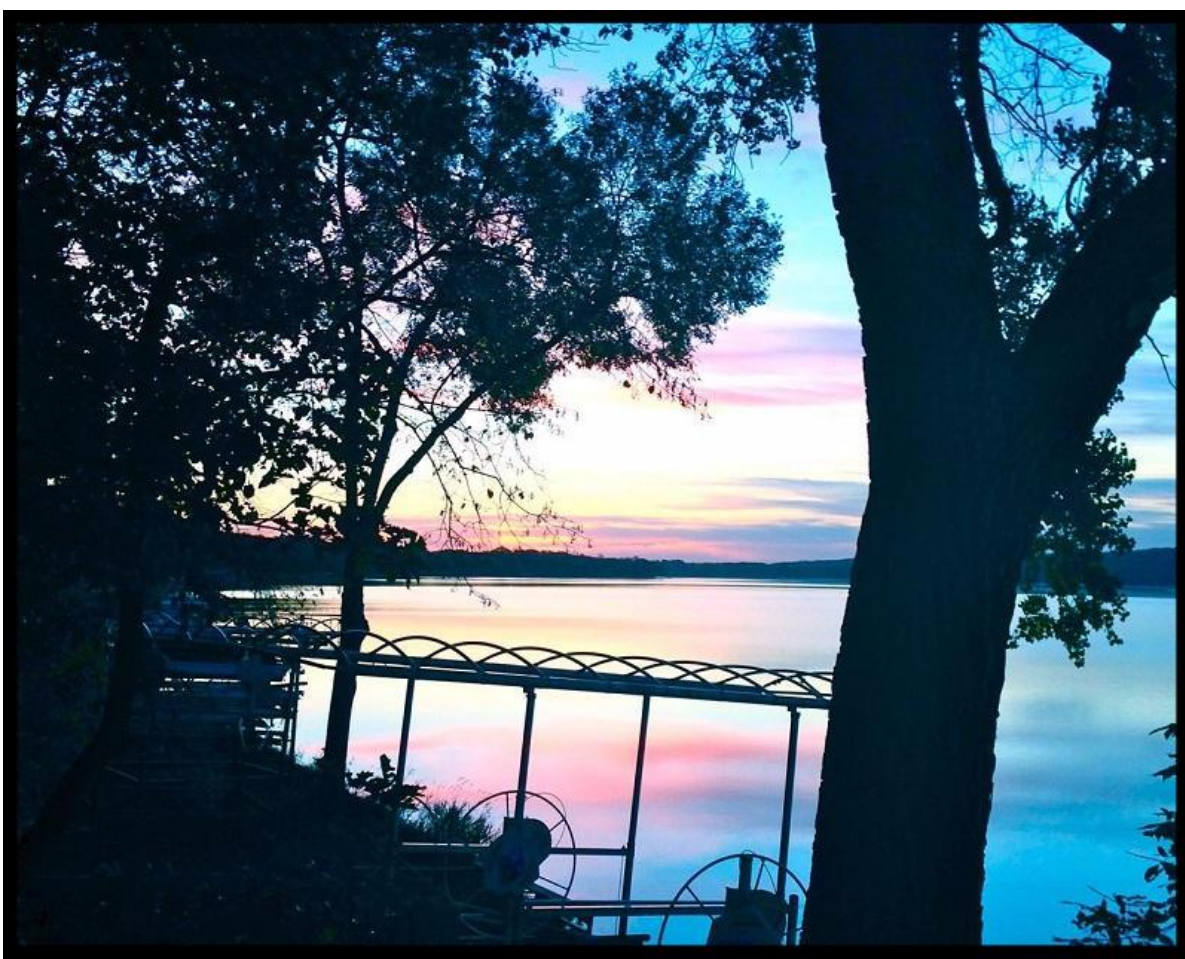
Pelican Lake, Ottertail Co, MN

E-Newsletter September 2016

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

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Scenes of Summer End 2016



Pictures courtesy of Susan Furr

Greetings From The President

We lost another one of our great generation lakers September 23, Mardy Martin.

You may know Mardy from her involvement with the PLPOA or the Petal Pusher garden store on Hwy 20. Mardy was the official Ice Out record keeper for years and years. Some of you might have played bridge with her. George, her husband and our past PLPOA president passed away 4 years ago, also in September. Please keep their children in your prayers.

While on the AIS tour aboard the Big Pelican last week, I heard an important quote. The question was asked, why did some lakes such as Mille Lacs and Pelican get Zebra Mussels before other lakes. And the answer is obvious but makes me think: "Because those lakes suffer from overuse."

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of being good stewards of the lake.

And a big thanks to Jim Prondzinski for his recent fundraising efforts and thanks to all of you donors who have been rebuilding the reserves.

[Sherry, PLPOA Pres](#)

2016 / 2017 Calendar

10/17/16	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
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 (tentative)
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

County 9 Update

This is an update on progress on the County Highway 9 project since the Annual Association Meeting. Because of the wetlands changes proposed in the construction plans, there are many different County, State and Federal Agencies that are required to review and approve the project. Here is what is presently known:

1. As of August 16th, the County has obtained all necessary right of way and construction easements required for the project. All necessary payments have been made to the appropriate land owners (including all affected Association members).

2. Houston Engineering of Fargo has been hired by the County Engineer to prepare an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) as required by the State of Minnesota Environmental Quality Review Board. That Board is a separate State Agency and is not part of the DNR. Houston Engineering has submitted the first draft to the County Engineer. When approved by both parties, the Worksheet will be completed and submitted to the Review Board by December 13, 2016. That Board will then determine whether an Environmental Impact Statement will be required. No construction bids can be solicited until the Worksheet (and Statement, if required) have been approved.

3. The County Engineer has completed a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, which is required to obtain a Storm Water Permit. This will be submitted to the appropriate State Agencies as part of the EAW submission.

4. The County Engineer has obtained approval of the construction plans from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, and is working to obtain approval from the Army Corp of Engineers to use a trade of Wetland Bank Credits for the project. The County believes that it will soon obtain the required Federal permit.

5. As required by the Otter Tail County Shoreland Management Ordinance, the County Engineer submitted a Conditional Use Permit Application for the project to the Ottertail County Land and Resource Management Office. This request was approved during September by both the County Planning Commission and the County Board, and the Conditional Use Permit will now be issued.

The Association will continue to update its members on the Project through subsequent Newsletters.

[Jim Beckstrom](#)

MN State Fair Survey- Muskie Stocking

Below are the results of question #9 of the MN State Fair opinion poll survey. This is an unscientific survey. It is simply a measurement of the opinions expressed by those individuals that visited the Senate Fair Booth within the Education Building and took the time to fill out our questionnaire. The main purpose in conducting this opinion poll was to familiarize fair-goers with a sampling of issues that are currently being discussed at the Capitol.

Question #9

Nearly 75% of Minnesotans answered NO STOCKING, UNDECIDED, or NEED MORE RESEARCH

Because 86 % of the people who took this survey were from big cities, this survey is biased toward muskie fishing/stocking

Actual question and responses:

9. Should the Legislature prohibit muskie from being stocked in waters where they haven't previously been stocked?

(5,019 people answered this question)

A) Yes, prohibit stocking in any new lakes that do not already have a known muskie population

31.20% (1566)

B) No, allow the stocking of muskie in selected new lakes as determined by the DNR

26.30% (1320)

C) Enact a temporary moratorium on muskie stocking in new lakes until a study is completed about the effects of muskie stocking on other game fish populations
18.49% (928)

D) Undecided/No opinion
24.01% (1205)

2016 PLPOA Member Survey

The 2016 PLPOA Member survey link has been sent to all paid PLPOA Members. For Members who did not receive the link or would like it resent to them, please contact [PLPOA](#).

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. If there are questions please call Jim Prondzinski at 703-727-8039 or Sherry Trepp at 651-261-5475.

What Can YOU Do to Halt the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)?

Download a flyer you can use to let people know how to stop the spread of Zebra Mussels and other aquatic invasive species. Feel free to print or email this flyer and distribute to family, friends, and neighbors.

[What can you do to stop the spread of AIS? \(flyer\)](#)

[Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates](#)

Aquatic Invaders Summit II



The Aquatic Invaders Summit II will be October 5-6 at the River's Edge Convention Center, St Cloud, MN.

Click [HERE](#) for Information.

PGOLID Updates

PGOLID Tree Program

PGOLID's first ever tree planting program was a success! There were 70 trees planted at 26 properties around the lake. We plan to continue the program next year. Watch for an announcement in the e-communications this winter.

Algae Bloom

There was an algae bloom last week in Fair Hills bay. Scientists at RMB Labs looked at the algae and identified it to be Gloeotrichia. It occurs in very clear lakes in late summer and early fall. It appears to have cleared out by now. You can read more about this type of algae [HERE](#).

[Moriya Rufer](#)

Sincerely,

[John Kruse](#)

PLPOA Communications Chairman