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EARLIEST EVER ICE-OUT ON OUR LAKES

The ice went out on March 24th. This is the earliest ever with the next earliest being April 3rd 2010 and April 5th in both 2000 and 1973. The water level is also fairly low at 6" below the high water mark with such a dry winter.

FILL 'ER UP AT FAIR HILLS RESORT

As most of you know, Bayview Shores has closed and will not be selling gas on the lake this coming year. Thanks to Peggy & Hellen Eldervick for their years of service on Pelican Lake!

Fair Hills has come to the plate and will fill that need this coming season. They will have a gas dock, just south of their main dock and will provide gas service from 9am to 5pm weekdays and 8am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday, May 1 through October 1. They will accept cash and credit cards. And the best part, the soda fountain is available for snacks, ice cream, etc.

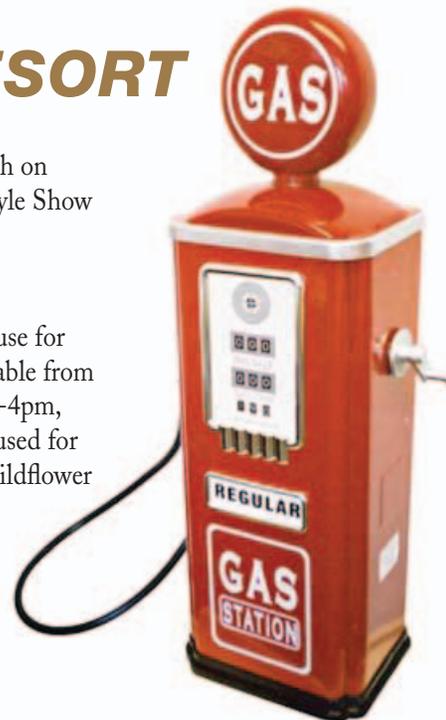
MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH:

Fair Hills will have a Mother's day brunch on May 13th. There will also be a Ladies Style Show in The Pavilion that morning.

FATHER'S DAY OPENHOUSE:

Father's Day they will have an Open House for Pelican Lake residents with brunch available from 9-1 that day. The open house is from 12-4pm, plus all of the Fair Hills facilities can be used for free. There will also be special rates at Wildflower Golf Course that day for dads.

*Reservations would be appreciated for both brunches: (800) 323-2849
email@fairhillsresort.com*

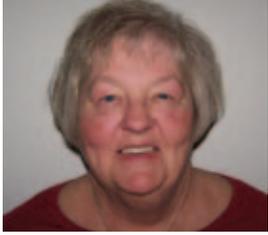


SPRING SWIM } ICY WATER

Cory Effertz from Minneapolis, MN

swam in ice-chunky water on Beauty Bay March 24 (day the ice went out on Pelican). I think he will hold the record for earliest swimming for awhile. He said that the ice chunks cut up his legs and it was painful.

WELCOMING NEW IDEAS



Karen Hart, president

Let's preserve the legacy of our lake.

Greetings,
 First off I would like to introduce myself as your new president. My husband Gary and I have been residents on Pelican Beach full and part-time for over 20 years. I've been involved with the PLPOA almost all those years and I am very interested and concerned about the happenings on the lake. We have two grown children with families that

love the lake and I want it to be a place for them in the future.

This is the earliest ice out since 1965 and I know we are all anxious to begin the summer plans. It's good to see the activity again and I welcome you all back. The PLPOA & PGOLID boards are busy working on plans for you to have a safe and fun summer.

Our first event for the PLPOA is May 18, 6:30 pm Social and 7:30pm Spring meeting at Fair Hills and I invite you all to attend. I also welcome any new ideas for the board or concerns. We all need to work together to keep our lake beautiful and fun.

Karen Hart, President

ZEBRA MUSSEL INCONVENIENCE

Remember to always practice proper boat care to prevent the spread of all invasive aquatic hitchhikers.

There will be those that are convinced that Zebra Mussels are the end-all to lakes as we know them. A little common sense and research will tell you otherwise. Lakes that have had them for much longer than Pelican have not been adversely affected and have adapted to the new inconvenience. For example Sandy Pond (some refer to it as North Pond) on the east end of Lake Ontario has had Zebra Mussels for over 10 years. In the early years, the ZM population continued to grow and grow, but in the last few years, the ZM population has subsided. While the reason for this hasn't been determined, a couple of possibilities could be, their particular food source is drying up or disease from over population. There is information on our website regarding how to minimize this inconvenience and as we gather more information, it will be posted, but continue to enjoy one the premiere lakes in all of Minnesota.

REMINDER ON NEW RULES REGARDING EQUIPMENT TO AND FROM THE LAKE

You will notice ramped up invasive species enforcement this year around Pelican Lake. The DNR is focusing their inspections and enforcement on and around lakes infested with Zebra mussels. There will most likely be a boat decontamination station at the west access of Pelican most of the summer.

Rules that will be enforced include:

- A person leaving waters of the state must drain water-related equipment holding water including bait containers, live wells and bilges by removing the drain plug before transporting the watercraft and associated equipment from a water access or riparian property and
- Drain plugs, bailers, valves, or other devices used to control the draining of water from ballast tanks, bilges, and live wells must be removed or opened while transporting watercraft and water-related equipment. In addition,
- It is illegal to transport water, aquatic plants, or zebra mussels from infested waters. Fish caught in infested waters must be transported on ice, not in water.

The DNR is also implementing check-point stations along highways this year to check boats for invasive species and boat plugs. There will most likely be a check-point somewhere around Pelican Lake.

To see a full list of the invasive species laws, visit:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/invasives/laws.html>



ZEBRA MUSSELS These tiny creatures are a real threat. Help prevent spreading them to other lakes.



PELICAN GROUP OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Wednesday, September 21, 2011
RMB Environmental Laboratories

Board Members Present: Doug Oksendahl, Denny Tollefson, Suzanne Lervick, Ed Johnson, Larry Kohler, Doug Johnson, Gary Hart, Nick Valentine (phone) **Board Members Absent:** Jonal Uglem **Others Present:** Jeff Peltier, Moriya Rufer

Chair Oksendahl called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Board Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Hart moved to accept the agenda. Tollefson seconded the motion and the members passed it.

The members welcomed Suzanne Lervick to the PGOLID Board. Lisa Wheeler resigned from the PGOLID board. Tollefson moved to accept the resignation. Ed Johnson seconded the motion and the members passed it. Kohler moved to appoint Doug Johnson as Wheeler's replacement. Hart seconded the motion and it was passed by the members.

Oksendahl requested that Moriya Rufer take over the task of recording the meeting minutes so all the board members can participate in the meeting. Rufer would then send the minutes to the secretary to approve and distribute to board members. Uglem has volunteered to do the annual meeting preparation that Wheeler previously took care of.

The board members assigned the board posts for the upcoming year:

Chair: Doug Oksendahl
Vice Chair: Jonal Uglem
Secretary: Doug Johnson
Treasurer: Nick Valentine

Tollefson moved to accept the assignments and Lervick seconded. The motion passed.

Hart moved to approve the June 22 minutes with 2 minor revisions. E. Johnson seconded the motion and it passed. Tollefson moved to accept the unapproved 2011 Annual Meeting minutes with 3 minor corrections. Hart seconded the motion and it passed.

Valentine presented the financial report. The 2011 forecast is to spend \$120,300, which will use \$2,353 from reserves. D. Johnson moved to accept the report, E. Johnson seconded it and it passed.

Moriya Rufer presented the Lake Coordinator Report. Water clarity is 2 feet above average in 2011, which is presumed to be due to the zebra mussel infestation. Next year, Rufer will do more intense monitoring of zebra mussel density and dispersal in the PGOLID lakes. Three properties are approved for the Shoreline Restoration Grant in 2012. Three additional properties are pending. The grant is full for projects in 2012, but has openings in 2013. Rufer gave a presentation on the main phosphorus sources to the PGOLID lakes. The main sources are: inlets, shoreline runoff and septic systems in that order.

Hart presented that PGOLID is in the 3rd year of a contract with Clark for mosquito spraying. There is a slight decrease in price for 2012. Tollefson moved to accept Clark's proposal for next year with the option to renew for 2 additional years. D. Johnson seconded the motion and it passed.

Tollefson reported that the vegetation survey is complete. Rufer has the report and will compare it to the 2004 report this winter. Hart moved to use Clark again for 2012 for curly-leaf pondweed treatment. E. Johnson seconded the motion and it passed.

E. Johnson reported on buoys. They will inspect the buoys after they are removed from the water this fall and put Superior Lakeside's phone number on the buoys.

Kohler reported that Pelican Lake is 3 inches below Ordinary High Water.

2012 meeting dates were scheduled as: April 18, June 20, July 11, August 18 (Annual Mtg), September 19, and December 5.

The Board Project Assignments are as follows:

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| RMB Lab contract and Lake Coordinator: | Oksendahl and Tollefson |
| Mosquito and lake pest infestation: | Hart and Valentine |
| Invasive Species: | Tollefson and D. Johnson |
| Landing Inspections/DNR: | E. Johnson and Lervick |
| Navigation Aids: | Kohler and E. Johnson |
| Fish Lake Dam: | E. Johnson and Peltier |
| Septic Systems: | Rufer and D. Johnson |
| Shoreline Projects: | Rufer and Valentine |
| Waterflow agreement with Cormorant and Ida: | Kohler, Tollefson and Peltier |
| Information and Education: | Rufer, Peltier, Lervick |
| Finance and Legal: | Uglem, D. Johnson, Lervick |

Peltier presented about the election procedures and proposed how to save money next year.

Tollefson moved to pay \$1,500 to Rufer as a performance bonus. E. Johnson seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Moriya Rufer

PELICAN GROUP OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc

Board Members Present: Doug Oksendahl, Denny Tollefson, Gary Hart, Larry Kohler, Jonal Uglem, Suzanne Lervick, Nick Valentine Board Members Absent: Ed Johnson, Doug Johnson Others Present: Moriya Rufer

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm, and the meeting participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Uglem made a motion to approve the meetings's agenda, Tollefson seconded and the motion passed. Hart made a motion to approve the September meeting's minutes, Kohler seconded and the motion passed.

Valentine presented the financial report. The forecast for year-end shows \$120,300 in receipts and \$122,653 in disbursements. The account will carry \$74,797 into next year. Tollefson moved to approve the financial report, Uglem seconded and the motion passed.

Rufer presented the RMB Lab contract for 2012 for water quality testing (\$19,000) and for the lake coordinator position (\$32,000). Kohler moved to approve the contracts, Hart seconded and the motion passed. Oksendahl then signed the contracts.

Tollefson reported that Clark is approved and scheduled for 2012 curly-leaf pondweed treatments. They have a new system for conducting plant surveys. There have also been some changes to the invasive species permitting. The permits have moved from the DNR Fisheries Division to the DNR Eco-water Division, which means that Nathan Olson will be our contact for permitting instead of Leslie George. In addition, the property owner authorizations can cover 3 years of treatment now instead of one. Rufer and Tollefson will work together to get 3-year authorizations from Little Pelican, West Pelican and Fish Lakes.

Tollefson reported that Otter Tail County contacted him about land used changes around the lake and their impact on the area that PGOLID is able to tax. There are 120 properties that used be zoned agriculture, but are now eligible to be in the district. If PGOLID chooses to include those properties in the district, they would need to inform the landowners of the change. This issue will be tabled until the April meeting and Tollefson and Hart gather more information from the county.

Rufer presented the lake coordinator report and the 2011 monitoring summaries. Those summaries can be found on the PGOLID website: <http://www.pgolid.org/LMP/main.htm>. The one concern this year is the declining clarity and increasing algae blooms in Bass Lake. Rufer believes this is due to the shoreline development and aquatic plant removal. She will look into hosting a meeting next summer for just Bass Lake residents to inform them of the water quality issues.

Uglem reported that she met with Jim Beckstrom, Doug Johnson three weeks ago to review the PGOLID Rules of Governance. They haven't been reviewed or amended in eight years. The group proposed the following changes. These changes would need to be accepted at the annual meeting this year.

- Article 4 Section 4 should be amended to allow nominations and statements to be closed 40 days prior to the Annual Meeting. This would facilitate the dissemination/publishing of the names and statements.
- Article 7 Section 4 sub.a. delete the "until such time as a new or different chair is elected to conduct the Annual Meeting." We felt this only makes the process of the annual meeting more cumbersome. It is within the duties of the Districts elected Chair to preside at the Annual Meeting. In the absence of the chair, the rules allow the vice chair to preside.
- Article 8 Section 1 Paragraph 1: Delete "less than quarterly" and insert "no fewer than four meetings per year" to allow the Board flexibility to schedule meetings when more of the members are in the area.
- Add the following paragraph to Section 1 as well:
"Members of the Board of Directors or any Board Committee may participate in any meeting by means of a conference telephone, Internet electronics, or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear and speak to each other. Participation by such means shall constitute attendance in person at the meeting."

Uglem worked with Jeff Peltier to look into ways to cut the cost of the annual meeting. They proposed ways to save around \$3,000. Kohler moved to approve these changes to the bylaws, Hart seconded and the motion carried.

Uglem proposed that the PGOLID Vice Chair be the Chair of the election committee. Tollefson moved, Hart seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Moriya Rufer

PLPOA MEMBERS: IT'S TIME FOR CLEAN-UP

LAKE LIFE

Clean-up Day is a chance to move out the old clutter, simplify your space and spruce up your landscape. Just a reminder to Lake Association members ... appliances, televisions, paint, tires, batteries and construction materials will not be picked up. You can call Ballard Sanitation (218) 863-1385 to arrange a special pickup for the items that will not be picked up during the Lake Association's Cleanup Day. Please do not put your regular garbage out on cleanup day

PLPOA 2012
Clean-up Day
Wednesday,
June 13th

*Unwanted items that will not be picked up can be brought to Ottertail County Transfer Station:
one mile West of Pelican Rapids on Hwy 108, then 1/2 mile North.*

SIGN UP FOR SAILING SCHOOL

ON THE WATER

Do your kids dream of learning to sail. This is a great way to get started. The dates for sailing school have been posted and already the 1st session is almost full. Cost of all sessions is \$125/ Person.

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2012 SEASON: *(conditional of participation and weather)*

SESSION 1 • July 2, 3, 5, 6 (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri), July 9-12 (Mon-Thu) 9:00am-11:30am

SESSION 2 • July 9-12 (Mon-Thu), July 16-19 (Mon-Thu) 1:00pm-3:30pm

SESSION 3 • July 16-19 (Mon-Thu), July 23-26 (Mon-Thu) 9:00am-11:30am

To sign-up or to
learn more about
sailing school
contact Jeff Peltier
peltier@plyc.info

There is still plenty of room in the 2nd and 3rd sessions at this point, so contact Jeff Peltier peltier@plyc.info if you have kids that are interested.



CRANBERRY-CHILI CHEESE SPREAD

RECIPE CORNER

- 2 pkgs(8oz) cream cheese
- 1 can (14oz) whole-berry cranberry sauce
- 1 can (4oz) chopped green chiles drained
- 1 green onion sliced
- 1 Tbsp lime juice
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1/2 tsp chili powder

Place soften cream cheese on serving plate (large).
Combine the other ingredients and spread on cheese.
Serve with crackers.

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PLPOA MEMBERSHIP:

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EARLY SUMMER 2012 • Calendar of Events

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| May 12 | 9:00am | PLPOA Executive Board Meeting |
| May 18 | 5:30pm | PLPOA Board Meeting (Fair Hills-Pine Room) |
| | 6:30pm | PLPOA Spring Social (Fair Hills-Pavillion) |
| | 7:30pm | PLPOA Spring Meeting (Fair Hills-Pavillion) |
| June 9 | 9:00am | Majors and Captains Meeting (Fair Hills-Pine Room) |
| June 13 | Wed | Clean Up Day (paid members only) |
| June 20 | 7:00pm | PGOLID Board Meeting (RMB Labs) |
| June 23 | 9:00am | PLPOA Board Meeting (Fair Hills-Blue/Green Room) |
| July 2 | 9:00am | PLSS 1st session sailing school starts. (Contact Jeff Peltier) |
| July 4 | 10:00am | Boat Parade |
| | 1:00pm | PLYC Sailboat Race |
| | 10:30pm | Fireworks |
| July | TBA | Swimming Lessons |

HAVE A GREAT, SAFE AND MEMORABLE SUMMER EVERYONE!