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# the PELICAN brief

## DOCK SIGNS ARE READY TO GO

*The dock signs that were ordered last fall are here. Karen Hart and Aldie Kelsven will be contacting you to make arrangements for distribution.*

## AFTER A LONG COLD WINTER...WELCOME SPRING!

### *Welcome back to the lake friends and neighbors!*

It has been a long and dreadful winter. With record snow falls, multiple blizzards dumped tremendous amounts of snow in the lakes area this past season. Many of us were faced with the grizzly effects of winter as we woke to mounds of snow piled against doorsteps and decks. We have been exhausted from the sight of snowplows, salt and sand lining the roads for many months now. Even as May arrived, many of us began to wonder if it was ever going to let up. It appears likely that this winter will be in the record books!

Residents have been overjoyed that Spring finally came knocking at

their doors and they will be more than happy to welcome the summer sunshine on our beautiful lakes!

Again this year, there are many activities planned. See the back page of this newsletter for a partial calendar of events. There is more information at the Pelican Lake website, [www.pelicanlakemn.org](http://www.pelicanlakemn.org).

Remember your dues are needed to help fund many projects on the lake each year, i.e. trash cleanup day, July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and fireworks.

Send your \$45.00 annual dues to:  
PLPOA • PO Box 1782  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56502-1782.

*Have a Great Summer Everyone!*



### MINNESOTA MORNINGS...INCREDIBLE VIEWS!

Mounds of snow were a common scene through the windows of most lake residents this past winter season.

## MOBILE HOME } ROLLING ACROSS THE ICE

Many did a double-take on Pelican Lake as a two-story lake home made its way across the southwest side of the lake. Incredible sight to see this large structure being moved across the ice. The house was adjacent to the north side of Bay View Shores on the west end of the lake (Bay View Resort was sold last year). Ross and Mary Seifert recently bought the home and decided to move it to their farm on the other side of the lake a few miles away. You can go to this website and watch the actual footage. <http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/76553/>



# HAPPY SPRING TO ALL!



**Karen Hart,**  
PLPOA President

## Greetings,

*It's good to have everyone back at the lake for another fun summer. We didn't think we'd ever see the end of winter this year, but we're happy it has finally arrived and anxious to get this season in full bloom! The PLPOA board*

*has compiled several stories as well as getting the calendar and directory ready. Our Spring meeting is May 31st at Fair Hills. I would like to invite all members to join us for appetizers and new information. Hope to see you there!*

*Just one reminder, in order for all of us to have a good summer, let's please remember to be respectful of our lake neighbors and their property. This will lead to a safe and fun summer.*

*Karen Hart*

## PLPOA

### TWO OF OUR PAST PLPOA PRESIDENTS ARE NO LONGER WITH US

*While the heart grieves over what is lost, the spirit rejoices over what it has left.*

George Martin passed away September 16th. George lived many years on Martins Knoll Beach, where he also ran his electrical engineering company. He was an intrepid traveler and an avid photographer. George is survived by his wife Mardy, owner the Petal Pusher Garden Center, also across from Martins Knoll.

Nancy Kapaun, our Lake President 2002-2003, died October 19th. Nancy had been very active in the PLPOA. She was our first female President and was currently the chair of the Nominating Committee and a member of the Executive Board. Nancy was a very loyal Bison fan who never missed a game. She was the owner of University Motors until she sold in 2007 and retired to enjoy her home on Bowery Beach, Pelican Lake.

## PELICAN BRIEF

### A NEW EDITOR JOINS THE TEAM



*Hello, I'd like to introduce myself as the new editor to The Pelican Brief! My name is Tina Haeffner and I have spent most of my career being a photographer and managing an art gallery. My husband's family began building the family cottage in 1959 on Northland Beach and I came into the family back in 1984. Since then, we have spent most every summer on Pelican Lake. My husband and I reside in Arizona, and have 3 children, 2 grandchildren plus 1 on the way. Our plans are to continue the tradition of summers on the lake with the next generations to come!*

## LAKE LIFE

### ANNUAL LAKE ASSOCIATION JUNK CLEAN-UP

*PLPOA 2013  
Clean-up Day  
Wednesday,  
June 12th*

One of your important Lake Association membership benefits is Junk Day. Your Association has designated Wednesday, June 12th as this year's Clean-up Day! As usual, Lake Association households can put junk items out on their road right-of-way and they will be picked up by the Ballard's crews. *Please keep in mind that garbage, appliances, electronics, old tires, batteries, building materials, treated lumber, tree limbs and brush are NOT eligible for the Association's pick up. You must make your own arrangements for those items.*

Association Junk-Meister Rocky Swanson also warns us that our group of lakes still has many old and obsolete fire numbers on metal posts. Once the blue sign county address system went into effect years ago, the old red and white colored signs became obsolete. The Pelican Rapids Fire and County Engineer Departments say that they are not only outdated, but can be dangerous in an emergency call situation where every minute counts. *Let's solve the problem together! Pull your OLD FIRE SIGNS AND POSTS OUT and put them out with your other Junk for Clean-up Day on Wednesday June 12th - but ONLY on Clean-up Day please!* Your property will look better, our lake areas will look better, and we'll eliminate a potential dangerous mistake. Need help pulling out your sign and post? Contact your Beach Captain for assistance before Clean-up Day. Remember, these are our summer homes and we're all in this together!



# PELICAN GROUP OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

PGOLID

Wednesday, December 5, 2012 • RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc

**Board Members Present:** Doug Oksendahl, Denny Tollefson, Gary Hart, Larry Kohler, Nick Valentine, Ed Johnson, Suzanne Lervick, Bill Kelsven, Doug Johnson

**Board Members Absent:** none

**Others Present:** Bob Smart, Roger Stadum, Todd Ramage, and Jim Prondzinski (via conference call)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and the participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Denny Tollefson nominated the following slate of officers for the upcoming year:

Chair: Doug Oksendahl Vice-Chair: Gary Hart Treasurer: Nick Valentine Secretary: Doug Johnson

Ed Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Assignment of board and volunteer duties was discussed and assignments made as follows:

- RMB contract and lake coordinator liaison: Doug Oksendahl and Gary Hart
- Mosquito and lake pest infestations: Gary Hart and Nick Valentine
- Invasive species (including Zebra Mussels, Curly Leaf, Flowering Rush, Plant Surveys): Denny Tollefson and Doug Johnson
- Landing Inspections and DNR liaison: Ed Johnson and Suzanne Lervick
- Navigational aids: Ed Johnson and Bill Kelsven
- Fish Lake dam: Ed Johnson and Doug Johnson
- Septic system survey: Moriya Rufer and Doug Johnson
- Shoreline projects and grants: Doug Oksendahl, Gary Hart, Moriya Rufer
- Waterflow agreements: Larry Kohler and Jeff Peltier
- Taxation changes due to property reclassifications: Bill Kelsven and Denny Tollefson
- Information and education: Suzanne Lervick
- Finance and legal: Nick Valentine and Doug Johnson
- Annual report and meeting planning: Doug Oksendahl, Suzanne Lervick, Doug Johnson
- Nominating Committee: Denny Tollefson, Gary Hart, Suzanne Lervick

Several issues relating to the annual meeting that need follow-up were discussed including filing of the annual report, redrafting the PGOLID Rules of Governance to reflect amendments approved at the annual meeting, and then filing the rules with the county and DNR.

Doug Oksendahl expressed concern about the number of mailings sent out for the annual meeting that were returned as undeliverable. Denny Tollefson and Suzanne Lervick agreed to meet with the appropriate county official regarding the issue.

Suzanne Lervick moved that the meeting agenda as amended be approved. The motion was seconded by Gary Hart and passed.

Nick Valentine moved that the June 20 meeting minutes with several minor amendments be approved. The motion was seconded by Ed Johnson and the motion passed.

Several residents from Proven Beach (Bob Smart, Roger Stadum, Todd Ramage, and Jim Prondzinski with PLPOA) addressed the Board about their concerns relating to the congregation of boats anchoring in shallow water in front of their cabins/homes. They estimated that as many as 75 to 90 boats sometimes anchor in the area. Among the issues raised were safety concerns, alcohol consumption, excessive noise, public urination, the difficulty for Provan residents to get their boats in and out, and creation of a public nuisance generally. They requested the Board create a 400 foot buffer zone for Provan Beach where boats would be prohibited from anchoring. The buffer zone would be delineated by an estimated 12 -15 buoys costing roughly \$2,000. Enforcement would be the responsibility of the Ottertail County Sheriff. After considerable discussion, the Board decided to revisit the issue at the December Board meeting. The Board requested that the Provan Beach residents provide a more detailed proposal including a map of the area to be included in the buffer zone and examples of zoning ordinances that have been adopted by other lakes in Minnesota to address similar issues.

Nick Valentine presented the financial report. Denny Tollefson moved and Gary Hart seconded a motion to approve the report. The motion carried.

Doug Johnson moved that the PGOLID Water Resource Coordinator Update submitted by Moriya Rufer be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Nick Valentine and the motion passed. (Moriya was not present at the meeting having given birth to her son the night before the meeting. Congratulations Moriya!)

Denny Tollefson discussed the terms of the curly leaf treatment contract with Clarke and recommended the contract be renewed. Gary Hart so moved, the motion was seconded by Larry Kohler, and passed by the Board.

Gary Hart discussed the mosquito contract with Clarke and recommended that the contract be renewed for 2013. Nick Valentine so moved, the motion was seconded by Denny Tollefson and passed by the Board.

Doug Oksendahl presented the following Board meeting dates for 2013 - April 17, May 22, June 19, Sept 18 and Dec 4. The PGOLID Annual Meeting will on August 17, 2013.

Gary Hart moved that Moriya Rufer be paid a performance bonus of \$1,500. The motion was seconded by Larry Kohler and approved by the Board.

Nick Valentine requested Board authorization as signatory for Wells Fargo Investment Account # 6774-0702. Ed Johnson so moved and Gary Hart seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. *Respectfully submitted, Doug Johnson*

## PELICAN GROUP OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2012 CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

*Wednesday, December 5, 2012 • RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc*

**Board Members Present:** Doug Oksendahl, Denny Tollefson, Gary Hart, Larry Kohler, Nick Valentine, Bill Kelsven, Doug Johnson

**Board Members Absent:** Ed Johnson, Suzanne Lervick

**Others Present:** Moriya Rufer, Bob Smart, Roger Stadum, Todd Ramage, Jay Elshaug, and Jim Prondzinski (via conference call)

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. and Doug Oksendahl led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Hart moved that the meeting agenda be approved with a minor revision. The motion was seconded by Denny Tollefson and approved by the members.

Representatives from Proven Beach (Bob Smart, Roger Stadum, Todd Ramage) made a presentation to the Board about their concerns relating to the congregation of boats anchoring in shallow water in front of their cabins/homes. Their presentation included aerial photographs of the area affected and photos illustrating the congestion at Proven Beach. After discussion, it was decided that Chairman Oksendahl would draft a letter to the Ottertail County Sheriff in support of placing buoys at Proven Beach with signs requesting boaters to voluntarily stay 300 feet from the shoreline. Chairman Oksendahl also indicated that he would try to arrange a meeting to address the issue with DNR, the Ottertail County Sheriff's Department and other interested parties.

Dave Majkrzak updated the Board on the possibility of Minnesota Energy supplying Pelican Lake homes with natural gas.

Gary Hart moved the October 17 minutes be approved as amended. Bill Kelsven seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Nick Valentine presented the treasurers report. He indicated revenues for the year were slightly over estimates and that there should be a small surplus for the year. The cost of the annual meeting ended up at approximately \$2,000 versus \$8,500 that had been budgeted for the meeting. Denny Tollefson moved the treasurer's report be approved. The motion was seconded by Doug Johnson and the motion carried.

Moriya Rufer presented the PGOLID Water Resource Coordinator Update. She updated the Board on the DNR boat inspection grant, the shoreline restoration grant, the septic records survey, zebra mussel monitoring and the update of the lake management plan. She also reviewed the proposed RMB contract for 2013 indicating that it would be the same as last year - \$32,000 for labor and \$19,000 for lab work. Gary Hart moved to approve the 2013 contract with RMB. Larry Kohler seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Larry Kohler updated the Board on the proposed Cormorant Lake water release agreement and addendum.

Gary Hart reported that the mosquito contract with Clarke had been signed and that it was for the same amount as last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Doug Johnson*

## ICE-OFF CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Joe Lawson for guessing the closest to the ICE OUT date! Joe's guess was May 17th, he received a \$20 Gift certificate to the Cormorant Pub!

*While we were working on this newsletter the ice was still on the lake (as of May 10). The editorial team will assume that the ice will leave the lake at some point after this has printed which will be the closest to Joe's guess. Watch for our follow-up in the next Pelican Brief.*

# SIGN UP FOR SAILING SCHOOL

ON THE WATER

Summer sailing school season is fast approaching. If you have kids or grandkids that might be interested in one of the camps, contact Jeff Peltier to reserve a spot. Nine is a great age to start and the youth sessions are 9 through high school. Some of the sessions are already filling, so don't wait too long.

**THE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2013 SEASON:** *(conditional of participation and weather)*

**SESSION 1** • July 1,2,3,5 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri), July 8 - 11 (Mon-Thu) 9:00am to 11:30am

**SESSION 2** • July 8 - 11 (Mon- Thu), July15 - 18 (Mon Thu) 1:00pm to 3:30pm

**SESSION 3** • July 15 - 18 (Mon-Thu), July 22 - 25 (Mon-Thu) 9:00am to 11:30am

For more information, go to the PLSS website <http://plyc.info/school>

To sign-up or to learn more about sailing school contact Jeff Peltier [peltier@plyc.info](mailto:peltier@plyc.info)



## SHRIMP TINADOS & SOURCAMOLE DIP

RECIPE CORNER

- 1 bag of frozen cooked shrimp (26-40 count)
- 7-8 medium mushrooms
- 1/2 medium onion
- 2-8 oz. cream cheese containers
- 8 oz. package shredded colby jack cheese
- 8 flour tortillas (8-inch size)
- 1-Tbsp. butter
- 1/2 cup cooking oil
- 1 ripe avocado
- 2 green onions
- 8 oz. sour cream

### SOURCAMOLE DIP:

- 1 mashed avocado
- 2 chopped green onions
- 8 oz. of sour cream
- ~Mix all together

Submitted by:  
Tina Haeffner,  
Northland Beach



*Preheat oven to 390°. Place shrimp in a bowl of water with shells off and allow to soak while preparing remaining ingredients.*

*Dice mushrooms and onions, sauté in butter over medium heat until they appear tender. Add thoroughly rinsed and drained shrimp to the mixture. Cook just long enough to heat up the shrimp (approx. 5 mins.). Take pan off the burner and allow to cool (room temp) (approx. 5 mins.). Place 1 of the containers of cream cheese in a medium mixing bowl. Add the cooled shrimp mixture to the bowl.*

*Fold the cream cheese gently with the mixture, so you don't "mutilate" your shrimp until all cream cheese is well mixed in. Pour half a cup of oil into a large frying pan and heat until HOT. Take 2-3 tortillas at a time and place them between 2 wet paper towels in the microwave for 10 seconds. (Just enough to make tortilla more pliable). Spoon approx. 2 tablespoons of shrimp mixture into the tortilla, fold tortilla one 3rd of the way over mixture, then fold the sides in, then fold the other 3rd over the top of the other folded sides.*

*Place in the hot oil with the last folded side down in the pan. Cook only until browned, then flip to brown the other side. Remove and place on paper towel to absorb excess oil. Once the browning process is complete, place them all into a glass casserole/cake dish. Cover each one GENEROUSLY with more cream cheese. Top them all with Colby Jack. Place tin foil over the top, and heat in the oven until all the cheese is melted (approx. 20 mins.). Then top with a dollop of Sourcamole... and Wab-lah!!*

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AS IT CELEBRATES  
50 YEARS!**



## the PELICAN brief

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### SUMMER 2013 • Calendar of Events

May 31	5:30 pm	PLPOA Board Meeting (Fair Hills-Pavillion)
	6:30 pm	PLPOA Spring Social (Fair Hills-Pavillion)
	7:30 pm	PLPOA Spring Meeting (Fair Hills-Pavillion)
June 1	9:00 am	Majors & Captains Meeting (Fair Hills-Blue/Green Rm)
June 12	weds.	Clean-Up Day (PAID MEMBERS ONLY)
June 19	7:00 pm	PGOLID Board Meeting (RMB Labs)
June 22	9:00 am	PLPOA Board Meeting (Fair Hills-Blue/Green Room)
July 1	9:00 am	PLSS 1st session of sailing school starts
July 4	10:00 am	Boat Parade
	1:00 pm	PLYC Sailboat Race
	10:30 pm	Fireworks
July 8	1:00 pm	PLSS 2nd session of sailing school starts
July 18	9:00 am	PLSS 3rd session of sailing school starts
July 26-28		PLYC Regatta

**HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER EVERYONE!**