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PELICAN LAKE • LITTLE PELICAN LAKE • FISH LAKE • BASS LAKE

MEMBER BREAKFAST & ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 2nd with a special breakfast at 9:30 a.m. for members of PLPOA followed by the annual meeting at 10:00 a.m. Please pay your annual dues to participate.

CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY

JOIN THE 4TH OF JULY BOAT PARADE

In order to encourage a greater participation in the Pelican Lake 4th of July Boat Parade the PLPOA Board approved new guidelines for this year's parade. The emphasis is focused on more participation. All that is required to join the parade is the "Spirit of celebrating Independence Day!" You can still go all out and decorate your boat with red, white, and blue; but a simple flag or a sign showing your beach will be just fine.

OFFICIAL GUIDELINES: The Annual Boat Parade on Pelican Lake will be held on the 4th of July. The parade starts at 10 AM and the gathering point is off Haugen's Point (the inlet to Fish Lake). Classic wooden boats will lead the parade. Participants are encouraged to deck out their boats with red, white and blue,

but all boats are welcome decorated or not. The parade will travel clockwise around the lake. Feel free to join the parade for the entire trip around the lake, join in for as long as you want, or join in as the parade passes your cabin. When joining the parade en route, join behind the last parade boat passes your cabin. Travel slowly, not too close to the boat in front of you, wave and get as close to the shore as is safe. Please remember this is for fun only!

The real reward is the chance to celebrate Independence Day and to enjoy the lakes with family, friends and neighbors. There is no trophy or monetary reward or great publicity involved. Have fun and don't forget to submit your parade and 4th of July celebration photos to plpoa@pelicanlakemn.org!



BOAT PARADE • JULY 4TH @ 10AM
*The classic wooden boats will lead the parade!
Be sure to join in on the fun!*

*For questions, please contact the Boat Parade Chairman:
Paul Horstmann 614-204-0272
or email: horst.pfh@gmail.com*

FINAL ISSUE OF THE PRINTED EDITION

FAREWELL TO THE PELICAN BRIEF NEWSLETTER

At the PLPOA Spring Meeting, it was decided that the Pelican Brief Newsletter has become too much of a liability, both from a cost and volunteer labor standpoint and the fact that the most current information in it was already at least a month old.

There are currently about 20% of the association members that are not on the E-communications list and they are encouraged to add their emails to that list if they would like to be informed on what is going on around the lake, including the efforts of PGOLID. The E-communications is a short summary of topics and issues, often with links to more detail for those that are more interested in a topic. About ten of these are sent out per year. More than one member of a household can be on the

list and you can access it from anywhere. We anticipate there might be a handful of members that don't have email and would still like the information found in the E-communication. We will mail one hardcopy of the E-communications to the address of record upon request.

Contact Jeff Peltier, PLPOA Communications at plpoa@pelicanlakemn.org with questions. If you change your email address, be sure to let us know.

A BIG THANKS TO ALL THE NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS THROUGH THE YEARS!

PRESIDENT'S PEN

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME

**Many Hands
Make for
Light Work.**
-John Heywood



The weather has finally turned the corner. Cool mornings and warm days are why we enjoy the lake. Everyone wants the lake experience to continue to improve and to be able to share that experience with family and friends.

The PLPOA works hard to keep the lake improving and getting better. Something that residents need to remember is that the PLPOA is all volunteer

staffed and that all of the accomplishments are done by volunteers.

To keep the momentum going in the right direction, the PLOPA needs to have more of you step up and volunteer for positions on the board, special committees, helping with the fireworks (parking/cleanup) and helping produce e-newsletters and web info.

All you need to do is ask and we'll answer your questions and give you options on serving. There are very few positions that will take up more the 2-4 hours per season. Many hands make the job easy!

Enjoy our wonderful lake and have a great holiday on the 4th of July. Jim Prondzinski, (218) 532-2066.

PLPOA

PLPOA SPRING MEETING SUMMARY

**Annual Meeting:
Saturday,
August 2nd
9:30 am
Fair Hills**



The 4th of July boat parade needed a shakeup with the lack of participation the last few years and we now have a new format that includes no prizes, no requirement to go all the way around the lake and a new starting point of Haugen's Point. You can join in at the end of the line at any time and leave when you need to. The hope is to get 50 boats out there instead of five. For more details see the website or contact Paul Horstmann.

Fireworks display will be on Friday the 4th and Nick Valentine is looking for volunteers to help manage the parking lot and help clean up the morning after. Please contact Nick if you can help.

The Pelican Brief will come to an end with this June mailing. The cost/benefit ratio (including volunteer labor) couldn't be justified and the most current news was still over a month old. Those not already on E-communications will be encouraged to sign up now.

DNR representative, Shawn Donais spoke on DNR plans to expand our west access to 32 spots, not including where people park on the grass during busy times. One of their reasons was that because we have zebra mussels, they wanted to spend money to upgrade that access. When asked what they were doing to expand other area lake accesses with zebra mussels, there was silence. There was a lot of opposition to the project from those in attendance. The cost of the upgrade is estimated at \$250,000.

The Pelican Lake Dam was repaired (sort of) by the DNR over the winter. The quality of the workmanship was quite poor with jagged edges sticking out and falling handrails left in the wake of their effort. PGOLID is working to get them back out to clean up their mess.

Karen Hart was recognized for serving the last two years as President with a token of appreciation.

PROVAN BEACH

RESPECTING EVERYONE'S RIGHT TO LAKE FUN!

**If we all try to assist
with overcrowding
before it gets out
of control, it will
lead to a safer,
more pleasant
experience for all.**

Increased activity on Pelican Lake around Provan Beach has really impacted property owners with traffic and noise as well as navigating to and from their shorelines; this also raises a number of safety concerns. At the present time, there are no water surface use restrictions in that area so we are appealing to residents of our lakes as well as their guests to help avoid overcrowding that area during the boating season. The residents of Provan Beach realize that the lakes are for the enjoyment of everyone (both residents and nonresidents) and are not trying to keep anyone from using that area for swimming and boating. They simply are asking for some assistance in the obvious overcrowding that occurs and some courtesy from those who use the lake. *The boards of PLPOA and PGOLID support their request in this matter.*



SAILING ON FOR 50 YEARS!

ON THE WATER

This summer PLYC is celebrating both the 50th year of their annual regatta, formally known as the “Wallwork Regatta” and the 50th anniversary of their existence on Pelican Lake. The regatta originated on Lake Melissa and was shared in the early years between Melissa, Cotton, Pelican, and Big Cormorant Lakes. This will be the 33rd year it has been on Pelican Lake and has been here exclusively since 2001.

Regatta:
Saturday,
July 26
Pelican Lake

The original members of the Pelican Lake Yacht Club were Warren Diederich (Commodore), Dick Berg, John Berkey, Joe Burgum, Bob Cherry, Dale Haakenstad, Jim Houghton, Don Johnson, Duane Nagle, Bob Scheel, Bill Schlossman, Ed Simonson, Phil Smith and Les Wold.

The Saturday night regatta banquet on July 26th will feature some of the sailors of the past and well as early pictures and memorabilia. To accommodate the larger than normal crowd, the banquet will be held at the Doug Burgum Bungalow, 51643 Pelican Point Dr. If you would like to join in on that festivity or order a 50th anniversary shirt with special logo contact Jeff Peltier peltier@plyc.info (701) 238-6270 by July 11th. More details of the regatta can be found at <http://plyc.info/>

PELICAN LAKE SAILING SCHOOL 2014: It’s been a busy winter, updating equipment and planning for the coming season. There are (3) two week camps with session one completely full and session two is almost full. There is still plenty of room in session 3. Below is the full schedule.

1. June 30-July 3 (Mon-Thu), July 7-10 (Mon-Thu) 9:00am to 11:30am (FULL)
2. July 7-10 (Mon-Thu), July 14-17 (Mon Thu) 1:00pm to 3:30pm
3. July 14-17 (Mon-Thu), July 21-24 (Mon-Thu) 9:00am to 11:30am

This year’s instructors are Kent Deardorff, Evan Furr, and Dominic Todd For more details, go to <http://plyc.info/school.html> . Contact Jeff Peltier peltier@plyc.info if you have kids/grandkids that are interested. PLSS also has 3 three used Club 420s for sale as part of the equipment update.



KEEPING UP THE WALLEYE

LAKE LIFE

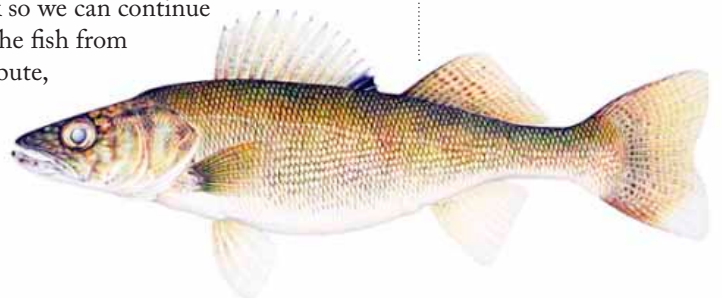
This past fall was the first time fingerlings were put in Little Pelican, Bass, Fish and Big Pelican. If you are one of the many walleye fisherman on one of our four lakes, please consider releasing all walleyes over 18 inches! They are typically females that lay eggs, continuing to make our lakes good for walleye fishing. After spawning is complete, the smaller males stay in the area and continue to feed heavily, whereas the big females migrate towards their summer areas and fast for approximately two weeks.

**Good things
come to those
who bait.**
-fishing proverb

Spawning time can vary as much as two weeks, depending on water temperature, but can be completed in a few days. Cold snaps can delay spawning and repeated fronts can cause the fish to reabsorb their eggs, and not spawn at all! What a revolting development that would be! Although an individual female can drop all her eggs in just one good night. The water temperature at which walleyes spawn depends on latitude. In our area of the world, it is thought to be in a range of 40-44°F, and on rocky shores from one to six feet in depth. The Minnesota DNR puts fry in our lakes every other year and we are allowed to put the fingerlings in on alternate years. Fry are thought to have a one in a thousand chance to make it to fingerling size by end of summer. On the other hand, fingerlings are thought to have a 5-10 percent chance of making it to catchable size fish. However survival rate can vary greatly in different types of water. So good fishing is thanks to all of you who have contributed in the past to our cause and encourage your friends and groups to do the same!

DON'T forget, take a nice picture and release those Big Mommas back so we can continue to keep our lake a good fishing lake for generations to come. After all, the fish from 14 to 18 inches are the awesome eating size! If you would like to contribute, make your check out to: PLPOA (WALLEYE FUND), PO BOX 1782, DETROIT LAKES, MN 56502.

***This past year we bought eight thousand!
Let's all try to raise that to ten to twelve thousand by October 2015.***





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SUMMER 2014 • Calendar of Events

- 6/30/14 9:00am PLSS 1st session of sailing school starts (contact Jeff Peltier)
- 7/4/14 10:00am Boat Parade (look for a new platform)
- 1:00pm PLYC Sailboat Race
- 10:30pm Fireworks
- 7/7/14 1:00pm PLSS 2nd session of sailing school starts (contact Jeff Peltier)
- 7/14/14 9:00am PLSS 3rd session of sailing school starts (contact Jeff Peltier)
- 7/25-27/14 PLYC Regatta (50th)
- 8/2/14 9:00am PLPOA Board Meeting (Fair Hills-Pine Room)
- 9:30am PLPOA Member Breakfast (Fair Hills-Dining Room)
- 10:00am PLPOA Annual Meeting (Fair Hills-Dining Room)
- 8/15/14 4:30pm PLPOA Board Meeting (Pine Room)
- 5:30pm PLPOA Social by invitation for Volunteers (on the deck)
- 6:30pm PLPOA Appreciation Dinner for Volunteers (on the deck)
- 8/16/14 9:00am PGOLID Annual Meeting (Fair Hills)

HAVE A FUN AND SAFE HOLIDAY EVERYONE!

PELICAN GROUP OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

} PGOLID

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 • RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc

Board Members Present: Doug Oksendahl, Bill Kelsven, Doug Johnson, Larry Kohler, Jay Elshaug, Nick Valentine

Board Members Absent: Ed Johnson, Suzanne Lervick, Gary Hart

Others Present: Moriya Rufer

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm, and the meeting participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The October 9 minutes were reviewed and D. Johnson made a motion to approve them. Kohler seconded and the motion passed.

Rufer presented the Lake Coordinator Report. She reported on zebra mussel affects to lakes, namely they could be causing clearer water, but more filamentous algae. The shoreline grant projects are lined up for spring of 2014. The 2013 lake data was summarized into a report. The clarity is increasing in the last few years and water quality overall is good.

Valentine presented the financial report. PGOLID didn't spend anything on the dam replacement, and revenues are on track for projections.

The RMB Lab contracts for 2014 for monitoring and the lake coordinator position were discussed and approved. The monitoring contract will include baseline water quality monitoring, zebra mussel monitoring, running a lake model on the historical lake and stream data to quantify and prioritize water quality risks, and curly-leaf pondweed surveys.

The DNR watercraft inspection grant program was discussed, but the board decided to take no action on this item this year.

Rufer presented two quotes for re-doing the PGOLID website. The website is the main public archive for the LID, and the current format of the site is no longer supported and is outdated. D. Johnson moved to accept the Web Shoppe's (a Fargo company) proposal for \$2,750.

Elshaug reported that the dam repair has not started, but there is a backhoe there now. They were scheduled to start on December 9.

D. Johnson agreed to go over the Rules of Governance to see if they can be simplified.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Moriya Rufer

SUPPORT YOUR PLPOA FIREWORKS TODAY!!!

} HOLIDAY HELP

We have always had a great fireworks shows in the past and look forward to another great year for 2014. Each year the fireworks costs are provided mostly by your donations. Please use a donation envelope or go online to donate to pelicanlakemn.org so you can support the fantastic fireworks show that the PLPOA has in store for you.

- Show begins at dusk (about 10:30 pm) near Fair Hills Resort; come by boat or car.
- Tune your radios to Wave 104.1 FM for music that coordinates with the fireworks.
- No littering and no fireworks of your own on the water or in the parking area.



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Wednesday, April 9, 2014 • RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc

Board Members Present: Doug Oksendahl, Doug Johnson, Larry Kohler, Jay Elshaug, Nick Valentine

Board Members Absent: Ed Johnson, Suzanne Lervick, Gary Hart, Bill Kelsvin

Others Present: Moriya Rufer, Dave Majkrzak

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm, and the meeting participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The December 11, 2013 minutes were reviewed and D. Johnson made a motion to approve them. Elshaug seconded and the motion passed.

Rufer presented the Lake Coordinator Report. She reported on the plan for curly-leaf pondweed this summer. She will be applying for a DNR grant to help cover some of the treatment costs. She is also working on the landowner authorizations and permit for treatment. The DNR shoreline grant is set for restoring two properties the first week of June. The Zebra mussel veliger results from 2013 follow the same pattern as 2012. The densities are highest in July and low most of the rest of the year. The website is close to completion and the modeling report is being worked on.

Rufer also went through a list of questions from the DNR about LIDs and the Board provided answers.

Valentine gave the financial report, and it was accepted as presented. There was about \$119,000 in revenue for 2013, and money was added to reserves. There has been very little activity in 2014 so far.

The Board discussed planning for the annual meeting.

Gary Hart and Nick Valentine are termed out this year. A treasurer is needed. The Board members will try and provide some names for replacements at the next meeting.

Elshaug, D. Johnson and Oksendahl will meet to simplify the Rules of Governance.

The mosquito contract is in place for 2014.

Majkrzak went over some PLPOA issues including the Rolling Hills development, the west lake access expansion, and the county right-of-ways that lead to the lake.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Moriya Rufer

ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR AUGUST

**Annual Meeting:
Saturday,
August 16th
9:00 am
Fair Hills**

The annual meeting for PGOLID is scheduled for Sat morning August 16th 9:00 am at Fair Hills. There will be an election of officers and we have two members that will be going off the board after serving their second term. They are Nick Valentine and Gary Hart and we should thank them for their service.

At this point we have one person that will run that would make an excellent treasurer. He is Arlan Swenson, a year round resident from Fish Lake. Arlan is a semi-retired Certified Public Accountant that owned an accounting firm in Fergus Falls for many years. There is at least one other person interested in running, but no firm commitment at this time.