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E-Newsletter June 2017

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

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Greetings From the President

To date this year, the PLPOA has provided our roughly 800 members with the 2017 Directory, beach captains to inform you of current lake issues, a successful clean up/special trash pick up day, a huge 4th of July boat parade and big fireworks.

In addition the PLPOA continues to address specific issues to protect and improve the quality of the lake that binds us.

We have persuaded at least 10 association members to step up as new volunteers, assuming responsibilities as Board Members, Beach Captains, Database Mgmt, Township Liaisons, Banking, By Laws, Snail Mailings and Directory.

See you soon at the annual breakfast meeting this Saturday, July 22 at Fair Hills. We will be asking to you to vote on a few things. Please also meet, greet and thank the new volunteers.

[Sherry](#)

2017 Calendar

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

July 4th Celebrations





4th of July Boat Parade

2017 Pelican Lake Boat Parade

The weather cooperated this year to make the parade a success for both the participants and spectators.

Classic wooden boats led the way, with Bill O'Keefe leading the way with patriotic music. Dave Selvig, Ken Promersberger, and Brad Sunderland also participated. Thanks for the treat to see your beautiful boats. The classic Larson Thunderhawk returned this year.

The karaoke music and singing by John Kruse was again a hit. Thanks for the tunes, John.

Thanks to all boat participants. We had some great decorated boats and counts of 25 to 30 boats. The Pelican Pirates pontoon was definitely a hit. We also had two beach sponsored boats, the Senn's Beach Flagship and the Cha Rosa Super Heros.

The parade participants were greeted with great enthusiasm from the flag waving crowds at their cabins.

You can see the participants and some great shots of shore viewers on the PLPOA website. Click on [PARADE 2017](#).

[Paul Horstmann](#), Parade Chairman

See the last 3 years of parade photos (participants and shore viewers) on the PLPOA website click on [PHOTOS](#)



4th of July Fireworks

A bevy of energetic, enthusiastic volunteers greeted people at the field to hand out contribution envelopes and trash bags. People who elected to view the fireworks from the lake were very fortunate (it turned out) that the thunderstorm waited long enough for them to see the whole show and still have time to return home.

Thank you to the volunteers who cleaned up the horse pasture on July 5th after the fireworks.

The Pelican Rapids 4-H Club/ 6 moms, 2 dads and 16 4-H kids

- PLPOA volunteers
 - Jim Beckstrom
 - Jim Ramstad
 - Don Larson
 - Cole Carley
 - Reg Gustafson
- Others
 - Brock Swanson (Rocky's son)
 - Steve Wagner (Brock's friend)

Rocky Swanson, Chair, Fireworks Cleanup Committee



Back row: Bert McDonough, Mary Lystad, Nick Valentine, Rocky Swanson, Julie Friederichs, Paul Horstmann. Middle Row: Jennifer Weixel, Miriam Donnan, Janet Hustad, Millie MacLeod, Roger Stadum, Bob Smart Front row: Dave Majkrzak, Aldie Kelsven, Karen Hart, Patti Cosgriff, John Kruse, Jim Prondzinski

PLPOA Board of Directors Picture

Meet (some of) your PLPOA Board of Directors. This picture was taken at the June 17th Board of Directors meeting at Fair Hills Resort. Not pictured is Sherry Trepp, President who took the picture.

Muskie Update

In a couple of days paid PLPOA members will receive our muskie survey email.

We are asking one member from each paid membership to take this survey, so we can approach legislative leaders, local government, and the MNDNR to stop stocking muskie in Pelican Lake.

Our basic objections to muskie stocking are:

- 1 Muskie are not native to Pelican Lake.
- 2 Less than 2 % of voting Minnesotans fish for muskie
- 3 Muskie are native to 21 % of MN fishable lake waters, and major (uncounted) rivers like the Mississippi, St. Croix, Rainy etc). Muskie fisherman now have more than 35 % of MN fishable waters to fish for this 13th ranked fish in popularity.
- 4 Muskie are very expensive to stock (third most in stocking spending in MN). Up to 8 times more money is spent per year on muskie stocking and management in Pelican than is spent on walleye stocking and management by the MNDNR.

5 The minimum keep size for muskie is over 54 inches long and many people are very uncomfortable with that size of predator fish. Several muskie bites have been reported on Pelican Lake, and some lake residents refuse to swim, and many are worried about kids and grandkids.

6 While the effects on other sport fishing (sunfish, crappies, walleye, pike etc.) are debatable and subject to many variables, the bottom line is look at other lakes in that area that do not have muskie. Our ice fishing (and open water fishing) numbers are a fraction of other local lakes that do not have muskie.

7 Lakes that have had muskie introduced are up to 4 times more likely to have AIS (ZM, Eurasian Milfoil, Starry Stonewort, Faucet Snails). The aggressive and unprotected statewide (and nationwide) "lake hopping" by muskie fisherman puts our lake at additional AIS risk.

8 Management of our fisheries is supposed to involve fisherman, citizens, and property owners. The aggressive "bully tactics" by the MNDNR and muskie promoters is what allowed muskie stocking to occur on Pelican without first a "promised public hearing", and "without the approval of PLPOA".

9 We are not saying there are no other sport fish in Pelican Lake, we are saying we would like to be a "World Class Walleye Lake", not a world class muskie lake..

[Sport Fishing Subcommittee](#)

County 9 July Update

Good news! The Otter Tail County Engineer has advised the Association that all work on the driveway entrances, the road base and this year's first layer of tar road surface on County 9 from South Pelican Drive to the Becker County Line will be completed by July 25th. No more layers of dirt and dust, and no more trips to the temporary mail boxes!

More good news! After 15 years of continuing effort by Association Members Gary Hart and Denny Tollefson, the Scambler Township Board at its July 13th meeting unanimously approved paving Duck Lake Road from County 9 to the Becker County Line yet this year. This is long sought good news for our members and all Scambler residents.

[Jim Beckstrom](#)

[Gary Lawrence](#)

Pelican Lakes Community Foundation

We are continuing to make progress on the process of forming a tax-exempt foundation for Pelican Lakes. The by-laws and required paperwork for legal entity status in MN have been filed, and we are now working on the IRS side.

The name for the foundation will be Pelican Lakes Community Foundation (PLCF), and we hope to be able to take donations this Fall/Winter.

[PLCF Board](#)

PLPOA Bylaws Revisions Last Chance For Review Before Vote

One of the agenda items for the PLPOA Annual Meeting will be provisional adoption of revised Bylaws. Click [HIGHLIGHTS](#) to see a brief summary of the revisions.

The BYLAWS BOLDED is a draft of revised Bylaws with revisions, changes and updates bolded for emphasis.

If you are a paid PLPOA Member I will be happy to give you access to the proposed revised BYLAWS documents. Just let me know.

[John Kruse](#)



Protect Our Loon Population

The Loon, the beautiful, beloved state bird of Minnesota, could be in danger. According to a recent article reported by MPR News, researchers who have been tracking the movement of loons throughout the state have found a connection between BP and our state bird.

Seven years ago, BP had an oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Scientists found that in 2010, loons were diving all the way to the bottom of the water where the oil would have settled. The oil gets into the bird's feathers, blood and their eggs that are laid the following spring and the contaminants are being

brought back to Minnesota.

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AED Availability in Pelican Lakes Region

Remember the discussion about placing AED (Automated External Defibrillators - that will shock you if you have a heart attack) around the lake? Well, after much discussion PGOLID has determined that it might be more advantageous to have the residents purchase one and have it available on your beach, or your neighborhood, or simply for your own use if needed in an emergency. The good news is that Peg Severson, a PGOLID board member, has done some research and found a source that would allow us to purchase used AED's (but rarely used) unit for \$560.00 each. The source would give us a 2 year warranty on the unit and a 4 year warranty on the battery along with one set of adult electrodes. The unit potentially could outlast the battery and a new battery is \$365.00. So, all in all, it is a very cost effective method of placing one in you home or neighborhood. For additional information or to place an order please call - Peg Severson's cell number: 701-219-1765. Please leave a message if no answer.

[Peggy Severson](#)

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Little Pelican Lake



Starry Trek

Join us for a day searching for one of Minnesota's newest aquatic invasive species, starry stonewort (and other AIS). Starry stonewort is an invasive algae that was first found in Lake Koronis in 2015 and has since spread to 9 Minnesota lakes. Now we are asking for your help in searching other lakes to better understand its distribution in Minnesota. You can learn more about starry stonewort (click [HERE](#) to learn about Starry Stonewort)

Sat, August 5, 2017

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM CDT

Location: Minnesota (Locations Statewide)

Click [HERE](#) for more information on the event and to register.

Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center

University of Minnesota Extension



2017 53rd PLYC Regatta July 28, 29, 30

Time to sail in the 53rd Annual PLYC Regatta and celebrate the 50th Birthday of the Yacht Club July 28, 29, 30, 2017. We look forward to seeing everyone for a great weekend of racing and socializing. Register early to establish fleets and for banquet reservations. Early Registration prices open until July 22nd. For questions, contact us at peltier@plyc.info or go online at <http://plyc.info/PLYC-regatta.html>

DNR to Modernize its Electronic System for Hunting, Fishing Licenses

Hunters, anglers and everyone who has a role in selling licenses for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources can anticipate a new electronic license system that will enhance customer service starting in the spring of 2020.

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DNR Warns Lakeshore Property Owners Equipment To Remove Aquatic Plants Illegal

ST. PAUL -- Minnesota's Department of Natural Resources reminds lakeshore property owners that it is illegal to use hydraulic jets to move sediment or excavate the bottom of a lake or to uproot aquatic plants in public waters.

"Aquatic plants are incredibly important for keeping water clean and fish populations healthy," said Jon Hansen, aquatic plant management consultant. "We want everyone to enjoy our lakes, and misusing hydraulic jets not only destroys fish habitat but leaves a cloud of sediment and degrades the water for everyone else."

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MN Senator Bill
Ingebrigtsen



Rep. Bud Nornes

July 20, 2017 OTC COLA Member Meeting

The featured speakers for the July 2017 OTC COLA Member meeting at the Ottertail Community Center in Ottertail, MN, at 7:00 pm are MN Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen and MN Representative Bud Nornes. They will expound on recent legislative developments in the Minnesota legislature as well as focus on issues that will be considered in the future. A prior commitment will prevent Representative Mary Franson from attending the meeting.



MN COLA 2017 Grassroots Action Agenda

In previous years we have developed a "Legislative Agenda" of actions we believed were important and hoped would be picked up by legislators for consideration as new state statutes. This year, we have redefined that approach consistent with a move to a grassroots "civic engagement" model as per the recent webinar with Jeff Forester of MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates.

As we institutionalize this new grassroots approach, we have redefined our list of desired actions into what we are calling a "Grassroots Action Agenda". As usual, we have also developed a set of talking points that provide further explanation of the issues. But this year we also detailed specific actions that we hope our collective members will take.

[Grassroots Action Agenda in Priority Order](#)

[Grassroots Action Agenda Talking Points](#)

[Joe Shneider](#)

Secretary, MN COLA

Breakfast On The Farm

Collaboration between the local farm communities and non-farm communities is important in the effort to preserve and protect water quality of lakes and rivers. The East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District (EOT SWCD) is one of the sponsors for the Breakfast on the Farm event Saturday, August 5, 2017 at the Betty Ziegler Farm 40327 490th Street, Perham, MN. This will be a great opportunity to get the non-farming community together with local farmers to learn about what happens on a farm today.

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Sincerely,

[John Kruse](#)

PLPOA Communications Chairman