



PLPOA E-NEWSLETTER
June 2016

Pelican Lake, Ottertail Co, MN

E-Newsletter June 2016

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

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MEMORIAL DAY ON PELICAN LAKE



Picture compliments of [Jay Elshaug](#)

Greetings From The President

The dedicated and wise PLPOA Board of Directors met last Saturday and reviewed the following:

- July 4th activities are fast approaching with a parade and fireworks to be enjoyed by all
- Clean up day was completed successfully and just a little over budget
- Two guest speakers will attend the July 23 PLPOA annual meeting to speak about the timing for Natural Gas and County Hwy 9 construction
- Curly Leaf Pondweed is bothersome this year which is an issue for the PGOLID
- The Family Fishing group has been expanded to Mn Family Fishing to support statewide legislative initiatives

Thanks to all of you who have made extra monetary donations to the PLPOA to replenish resources used for recent legal fees. Keep those checks coming!

The PLPOA is looking for a volunteer to manage PR. PR is all about relationship building to further the success of the organization. Our property owners are good stewards of the lake and we need to get the word out. We need to educate people as to what good stewardship of the lake

involves. Please contact me if you are interested in managing PR for the PLPOA.

Thanks for your interest,
Sherry, Pres 651 261 5475

[Sherry, PLPOA Pres](#)

2016 Calendar

06/18/16	8:30 am	Board of Directors Meeting
		Sailing School Sessions June 27-30 (Mon-Thu), July 5-8 (Tue-Fri) 9:00am to 11:30am July 5-8 (Tue-Fri), July 11-14 (Mon-Thu) 1:00pm to 3:30pm July 11-14 (Mon-Thu), July 18-21(Mon-Thu) 9:00am to 11:30am Jeff Peltier
07/04/16		4th of July Parade and Fireworks
07/23/16	8:30 am	Board of Directors Meeting
07/23/16	9:30 am	Member Breakfast
07/23/16	10:00 am	Member Annual Meeting
08/19/16	5:30 pm	Volunteer Appreciation Social
08/19/16	4:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
08/19/16	6:30 pm	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
09/03/16		Executive Committee Meeting

Member Spring Social and Special Meeting

The annual PLPOA Member Spring Social was held at Fair Hills Resort on May 20, 2016. It was well attended and provided ample opportunity for summertime friendships to be renewed. Thank you Susan Furr for the excellent pictures.



This first Meeting of PLPOA Members in 2016 followed the Social.

Because of the numerous issues and items on the agenda presenters were asked to keep presentations to two minutes. President sherry Trepp did well to maintain a brisk pace while still allowing for a full measure of information delivered to Members.



Highlights of the Meeting included presentations for outstanding service and dedication to PLPOA. These were: (left to right below) Dave Majkrzak, Rocky Swanson, Aldie Kelsven and Jim Prondzinski.



The PLPOA would like to recognize four outstanding individuals for their service to Pelican Lake!

to Aldie Kelsven, for her efficiency and determination as PLPOA Secretary for the last 14 years. Aldie will continue her role as Membership Chair, including her work with Beach Captains and the Directory;

to past president, Rocky Swanson, for his kindly, persuasive nature as Nominating Chair in recruiting new leaders for this organization;

to Jim Prondzinski, our immediate past president, for the amazing job he did to energize this group during his tenure as president these past two years;

and to past president, Natural Resources Chair & COLA Representative, Dave Majkrzak, for his tireless efforts protecting the quality of Pelican Lake from invasive species, including zebra mussels and muskies. With his knowledge and perseverance, Dave has been a successful influence on the MN Legislature in respect to limiting the further stocking of muskies in Minnesota lakes!

These four leaders are the reason the Pelican Lake Property Owners

Association is a vibrant, dynamic organization.

[Sherry Trepp, President](#)

PLPOA Directories Are Being Distributed

Look for your Beach Captains delivering 2016 PLPOA Directories. Please advise them of any changes to owners, email addresses, snail-mail addresses, phone numbers and any other new contact information. Also, welcome the new Lead Person for the Majors and Captains, Mary Lystad from Pelican Point.

[Aldie Kelsven](#)

Suspicious Activity - Be Alert

It is reported that there has been suspicious activity on secluded beach roads very recently. Everyone should be on alert for unknown vehicles and lock their cabins.

Lost & Found on the [PLPOA website](#)

A very useful feature of the PLPOA website you may not be familiar with is the Lost & Found. Whether caused by storms or sticky fingers items become lost or stolen and can be advertised to be returned on the Lost & Found. To post an item send an email to [John Kruse](#) at PLPOA Communications. Also, when the item is recovered please advise John Kruse so the item can be taken off of the site. Check out the Lost & Found site [HERE](#).

Jeff Forester of MLR Appears on FOX News



Click [HERE](#) to view Jeff Forester on Fox News

Lake Associations across the state are the most effective, generous and committed conservation group in Minnesota. The work lake association members do is critically important; buying shoreline to create parks,

stocking fish, staffing boat landings to educate the public about aquatic invasive species, leading local efforts to put effective invasive species programs in place, treating lakes to suppress invasive aquatic plants, gathering data for scientific studies ranging from wildlife counts to water chemistry - lake associations are leaders. No other group of people does as much to advance the public good.

The only problem? Most people in the state do not know of the many actions lake associations take and the millions of dollars they contribute to the public good. As a result, they are often not at the table when decisions are being made that affect them.

Until now. Minnesota Lakes and Rivers is committed to letting people know about the work lake associations do for the benefit of all. The point is not just recognition, but to help lake associations leverage their efforts by increasing their profile in Minnesota. Policy makers need to know about the work Minnesotans are doing to protect the public waters.

Here is a clip of Jeff Forester, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers on a recent Fox News broadcast promoting Lake Associations and detailing their efforts to protect the public waters for the benefit of every Minnesotan.

In Minnesota and the rest of the world, there is no more important natural resource. Imagine all the water on Earth as being about the size of a basketball. Now compare that with a golfball which represents all the saline water on the planet. A quarter represents all the drinkable water on the planet. And water is not a renewable resource - we cannot make more water. Even in Minnesota we are degrading our lakes and rivers. We are pumping water from underground aquifers faster than it is recharging. Minnesota's water resources are finite and diminishing.

[Jeff Forester Minnesota Lakes & Rivers](#)

Muskie Stocking MN Legislative Update

Close only counts in horseshoes and that's where we ended up with the muskie stocking moratorium.

The House passed a DNR Game and Fish bill that had language to the effect of prohibiting muskie stocking in the six lakes proposed by the DNR. That bill passed 85-42. Later, two attempts to remove that muskie stocking moratorium language from the bill failed by votes of 62 to 63 and on Sunday, May 22 by a vote of 61 to 65. Good news for those of us concerned about muskie stocking.

The Senate had earlier passed an AIS bill that had language to the effect of

prohibiting muskie stocking on any new lake in Minnesota for four years. That bill passed 53 - 10 after the muskie stocking moratorium amendment had passed 40 - 23.

But even with these positives, the muskie stocking moratorium did not have a position in either the House or the Senate that matched up with a bill in the other body. To get that match up, a joint DNR bill conference committee was needed to resolve that language. But time ran out on the legislative session (Sunday May 22 midnight) before that committee could meet. That joint, agreed-to language from that joint committee then would have had to be approved by both the House and the Senate before going to the Governor for signature. But, there was not enough time for the legislature to accomplish that. Similar situations occurred for the widely-publicized transportation and bonding bills.

So it will be interesting to see if the DNR listens to the people of Minnesota, given that both the House and the Senate asked for muskie stocking moratoriums, or if they will listen to two special interest muskie fisherman groups. Please stay tuned for updates. We will be continuing to pursue the muskie stocking moratorium through other means/channels.

[Uldis Birznieks](#)

Gull Lake Chain of Lakes Association

Sport Fishing Committee letter to MNDNR

The MNDNR has finally completed, after 36 years of stocking, and after a year delay, a "new guess" at what the adult muskie population is in Pelican Lake. Last year their guess was 142 adult muskie, now they estimate 242, with a 95 % confidence interval that it is between 120 and 500. A statistically valid confidence interval should be under 90 fish (not 380). They do a better job of counting carp where they take 11-13 test samples, instead of one.

See the PLPOA Sport Fishing Subcommittee reply to the MNDNR click [HERE](#)

Pelican Lake 4th of July Boat Parade 2016



Scenes from Pelican 4th of July Boat Parade 2015

The annual Boat Parade on Pelican Lake will be held on Monday, the 4th of July. The parade starts at 10:00 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 decorate their boats (no theme other than Independence Day). You can go all out or just add a flag or two, but all boats are welcome, decorated or not. The parade will travel clockwise around the lake. 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 as the last parade boat passes your cabin. Travel slowly, not too close to the boat in front of you, get as close to shore as is safe and wave. 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 the newsletter!

For questions please contact Boat Parade Chairman: [Paul Horstmann](mailto:Paul.Horstmann@pelicanlake.com) 614-204-0272

Fireworks 4th of July

The annual fireworks celebration will occur Monday July 4th at 10:30 pm. They will be choreographed to music on the Wave 104.1 FM.

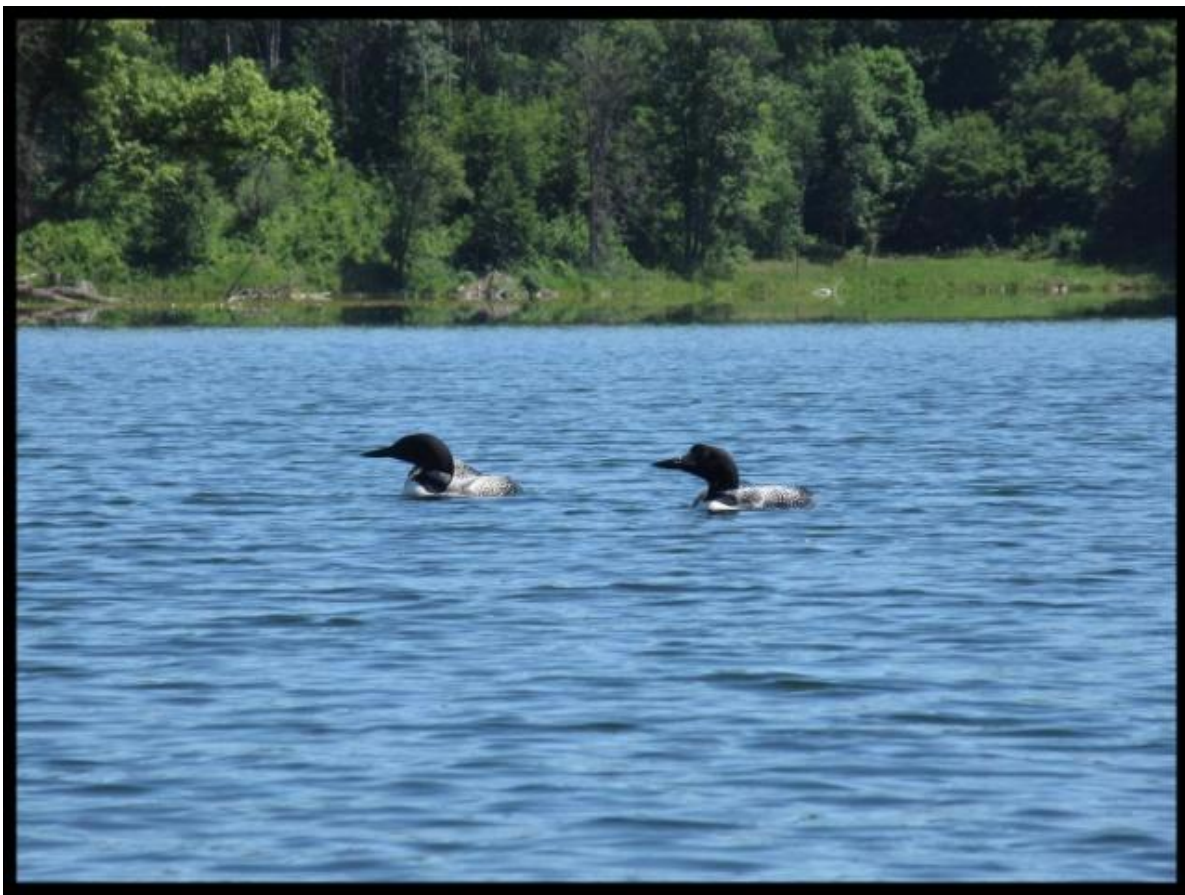
- Volunteers are still needed to help with vehicle access to the pasture across Hwy 20 from Wildflower and donation collection, please call Nick Valentine at 651-775-8427 or 218-863-5107.

- Please support the fireworks with your donations!

Thanks,

[Nick Valentine](#)

Minnesota Loon Monitoring Program



Love loons? We are looking for volunteers to help monitor loons. Minnesota Loon Monitoring Program (MLMP) is a great way to get involved with wildlife, particularly loons, on your lake or a nearby lake. We are looking for volunteers for lakes in Otter Tail County.

The time commitment is minimal: one morning during the survey window (typically late June through early July, exact dates will be provided).

Depending on the size of the lake, surveys can take 30 minutes up to 4 hours and surveys need to be completed between 5 am and noon on the

survey day. Binoculars or a spotting scope will aid in observation. We will provide instructions, data forms and additional materials including information on how to access the lake. If you are interested in learning more about this survey, please check out our website:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/nongame/projects/mlmp_state.html

Want to sign up? Contact Sherry Seado (Sherry.Seado@state.mn.us; 218-308-2620).

[MLMP Brochure](#)

[MLMP Unassigned Map & Table](#)

Sincerely,

[John Kruse](#)

PLPOA Communications Chairman