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MEMBER BREAKFAST & ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 4th 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 of \$45 to participate.

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS:

SUPPORT YOUR PLPOA FIREWORKS DISPLAY TODAY!!!

Nick Valentine, chairman, says the fireworks can be viewed from a wide area on the lake, or the parking lot on County Hwy #20, just west of Fair Hills Resort. Display starts at about 10:30 pm. If you use the parking lot, we ask that you please take your litter with you and please be patient when entering and leaving the pasture. Please, no fireworks in the parking lot!! Each year the fireworks costs are provided mostly by your donations. A donation envelope will be available at the parking sites for your convenience.

Be sure to tune your radios to Wave- 104.1 FM the Lakes Best Music from Detroit Lakes who will play synchronize with our wonderful display.

Thanks for your support!!



4TH OF JULY BOAT PARADE:

SOME OF OUR FAVORITE PEOPLE

A warm (hot?) Spring and beautiful lake weather is stirring the creative juices of many lake residents as they prepare for the annual 4th of July parade. The parade committee is getting ready for all the anticipated entries and picnic attendees. We have loads of free food and drinks for all the kids and adults that plan to participate. This year's parade theme is "Favorite Person(s)" and will go clockwise around the lake. That means the port (left) side of the pontoon/boat should be decorated. Judges will be located all around the lake and participants must make the entire trip to be eligible for the prizes. All floats should meet at Zorbaz docks by 9:30 am to register and line up. Parade begins at 10:00 am and Classic Boats will lead. There will be free post-parade picnic at the Yacht Club for all parade participants. *Please do not use the Zorbaz dock afterwards as we have been asked to not upset their dock during business hours.* The prizes are: 1st Place: \$200, 2nd Place: \$150, and 3rd Place \$100. The ribbons and prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the picnic. Any questions about the parade? Please call Jim Prondzinski at 532-2066.

Get your boat floats ready!!! For more information visit us online: www.pelicanlakemn.org

PRESIDENT'S PEN

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY ONE AND ALL!



Karen Hart, president

Greetings,

July is a beautiful month at the lake and I'm hoping all of you are planning a fun and safe 4th of July celebration. Take part in the lake activities and enjoy the fireworks at night. A big "THANK YOU" to the volunteers who help make these events happen.

Again any questions, concerns or suggestions feel free to contact me.

Your President,

Karen Hart



LAKESIDE

DOCKSIDE 911 NUMBERS

Order yours today for \$15.20 each.

At the PLPOA Spring meeting, adding 911 numbers to the dockside was brought up for both safety and identification purposes. A sample was brought by Dave Selvig (Indigo Signs) with red lettering and a white background. Dave explained that combination shows up best in both daylight and at night. The cost is \$15.20 each (including tax), based on 200 signs.



To order yours: email Aldie Kelsven at aldie@pelicanlakemn.org or call 218-532-7991 or email Karen Hart at gdkihart@loretel.net or call 218-532-3613 to be added to the list. These signs are voluntary. Please note if the sign is to be vertical or horizontal numbering. Add your address ID# to your check memo. The completed signs will be returned to Karen and Aldie for distribution.

AREA WIDE

BEAR SIGHTINGS



HELLO NEIGHBOR! Black bears can vary in color but are less aggressive than brown bears.

There has been at least 3 different sightings of Bears around the lake with people thinking they were brown bear because they were not black in color. I have seen pictures of two of them and confirmed they were actually black bears (the less aggressive ones that we typically have in northern MN) and NOT brown bears. Brown bears have a more indented face and a shoulder hump that black bears do not have. Black bears can vary quite a bit in color with cinnamon color being fairly common.

-Jeff Peltier

LAKE LIFE

RESPECTING YOUR NEIGHBORS TRANQUILITY

We all come to the lake for our own piece of paradise, let's all respect each other and live in harmony.

Summer is a time for celebration. It is fun to listen to music and gather in boats. Please remember to respect other property owners that want privacy and tranquil airwaves. *Provan Beach residents would appreciate their privacy and loud music kept to a minimum. Thanks so much.*



PELICAN GROUP OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT } PGOLID

On June 8 letters were sent to PGOLID property owners notifying them that the annual meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM, August 18, 2012 at the Fair Hills Resort on Pelican Lake. The primary purpose for the annual meeting is to inform property owners about the activities of PGOLID for the year to date 2012 and to report on planned activities for 2013 including the approval of the 2013 operating budget and the election of three directors. A detailed report on the water quality monitoring progress and other lake issues will be given by Moriya Rufer, our Lake Monitoring Coordinator.

The June 8 letter also provides information regarding the process for obtaining an absentee ballot in the event you are not able to be present at the annual meeting as well as the timeline for making board nominations and the process to follow when making nominations. The terms of Doug Oksendahl, Jonal Uglem and Doug Johnson (appointed to fill the remaining term of Lisa Wheeler) expire in 2012. Oksendahl and Johnson are eligible for an additional three year term.

PGOLID property owners are encouraged to attend this annual meeting.

PHOSPHORUS IS STILL THE LARGEST LAKE THREAT } WATER QUALITY

With all the talk about aquatic invasive species, especially zebra mussels, it is important to keep in mind that the largest threat to Minnesota lakes is still phosphorus. Phosphorus is what feeds the plants and algae, and causes “greener” water. Addition of phosphorus to lakes is called eutrophication.

Phosphorus can enter the lake through many routes, the largest being the inlets and runoff from lakeshore. Impervious surface (driveways, patios, roofs) causes rain water to run off the top instead of soak into the ground. This water carries nutrients and contaminants into the lake. Turf grass lawns don't absorb runoff sufficiently either. The best protection is to have a buffer at your lakeshore of trees, shrubs and native plants. PGOLID has been implementing shoreline restoration grants for the past 4 years to improve the lakes.

Other phosphorus sources include improperly working septic systems and lake sediment. Everyone is familiar with septic systems, but not as much with lake sediment. The sediment at the bottom of the lake has phosphorus in it. When this gets churned up in shallow areas by boat motors, it suspends the phosphorus in the water column and can feed plants and algae, causing algal blooms. The best protection is to drive your boat slowly away from your dock until you hit deeper water. Large motors can mix up sediment in as much as 10 feet of water.

Pelican is still an excellent lake for recreation and fishing, and it's our job to try our best to keep it that way. Stewardship is an attitude; the understanding that what we do on land and in the water affects the lake. It is recognition that lakes are vulnerable and that in order to make them thrive, citizens, both individually and collectively, must assume responsibility for their care.

Moriya Rufer, PGOLID Water Resource Coordinator, moriyar@rmbel.info, 218-846-1465

**PELICAN GROUP OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Wednesday, April 18, 2012 • RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc

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

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

The agenda was accepted as presented.

E. Johnson made a motion to approve the December meeting's minutes with one typo fixed, Valentine seconded and the motion passed.

Valentine presented the financial report. The finances for 2011 ended up as budgeted and expected. Tollefson moved to approve the financial report, Hart seconded and the motion passed.

Rufer presented the Lake Coordinator Report. Curlyleaf pondweed authorizations were sent out this past winter. We received responses for most of the properties. Rufer is waiting for Clarke's inspection map to determine where authorization follow-up is needed. The projects for the 2012 Shoreline Grant are all set to go. Planting will take place the first week of June. Rufer will complete zebra mussel density surveys this summer so that Pelican can be compared to other lakes and compared year-to-year.

Rufer reported that over the winter she worked on updating the PGOLID website. These updates will be completed this spring.

Tollefson and Hart reported on updating PGOLID membership. They went through the parcel map for PGOLID with the Otter Tail County Assessor (Tom Rundle), and found that 130 properties can be assessed, 27 of those were identified as not LID because they are agriculture or conservation areas; therefore, 103 parcels should be added to the LID.

Tollefson and Hart met with the Otter Tail County Auditor (Wayne Stein) to double-check the records. Anything within 500 feet of the ordinary high water mark should be considered LID. Otter Tail County is currently determining whether the county or PGOLID will send the letter to the new LID parcel owners. These new parcels wouldn't be assessed until 2013.

The next election was discussed. The following people have terms that are ending:

Doug Oksendahl (1st term)

Jonal Uglem (2nd term – termed out)

Doug Johnson (appointee for Lisa Wheeler)

The only board member that needs replacing in the next election is Uglem. A nominating committee was formed, consisting of Oksendahl, Tollefson and Hart.

Kohler updated that Bob Merritt went to the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District meeting on Monday (04-16-12) and is working on the discharge agreement again. PGOLID would like Lake Ida involved in the agreement as well.

E. Johnson reported on Buoys. PGOLID needs to buy three buoys and they're in the budget. E. Johnson will go ahead and order them.

Hart reported that PGOLID signed a one-year contract with Clarke for Mosquito Treatment. We're all set to go for 2012.

The board decided that an additional meeting was needed in May. A meeting was added for May 23.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Moriya Rufer

FILL 'ER UP AT FAIR HILLS RESORT

LAKE LIFE

As you know, Fair Hills has opened up its “gas on the lake” pumps to the public. You can see the Fair Hills sign at the gas dock. Please bring your docking lines. They don’t carry oil that some boats need to mix with the gas, so please bring your own oil. They accept cash and credit cards (not American Express) or can set up a charge account with your credit card.

From now through October 1st, the hours are: 9-5 weekdays and 8-4 weekends. Please respect the listed hours, since there is less staff on duty in evenings and early mornings.

Fair Hills has a list of other activities available for lake residents like family friendly concerts and drive-in movies. You can find more information at www.fairhillsresort.com.



gas up at the dock:
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8-4 weekends

YOUNG SAILORS READY TO SET SAIL

ON THE WATER

There are currently over 30 students signed up for this summer’s sailing school camps. The 1st session, starting July 2nd is full and the 2nd session starting July 9th is nearly full. There is still room in the 3rd session starting July 16th. For more information, contact Jeff Peltier PLSS Chairman at peltier@plyc.info or check out the website <http://plyc.info/school.html> for more information.

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



CREAMY RHUBARB CAKE

RECIPE CORNER

Spray 9x13 pan with Pam oil. Follow directions of yellow cake mix and pour batter into pan. Put 5 cups of cut up rhubarb over cake mix. Sprinkle 1 cup of sugar over rhubarb. Pour 1 pint of cream over all. Bake @ 350° for 50-60 minutes.

Insert knife to check doneness—if knife comes out fairly clean it is done. May be jiggly—let cool.

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(Little Pelican Lake)





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IN THE AREA:

LOCAL EVENTS

- Jul 13-22 NW Water Carnival-Detroit Lakes
- Jul 14 Phelps Mill Art Festival
- Jul 25-28 Becker County Fair-Detroit Lakes
- July 28 Pelican Rapids Art in the Park
- July 29 Arts & Crafts in the Park-Detroit Lakes
- Jul 29-31 Frazee Turkey Days

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MID SUMMER 2012 • Calendar of Events

July 2	9:00 am	PLSS 1st session of sailing school starts • contact Jeff Peltier
July 4	10:00 am	Boat Parade • Favorite Person(s) • Clockwise rotation
	1:00 pm	PLYC Sailboat Race
	10:30 pm	Fireworks
July 9	1:00 pm	PLSS 2nd session of sailing school starts • contact Jeff Peltier
July 11	7:00 pm	PGOLID Board Meeting (RMB Labs)
July 16	9:00 am	PLSS 3rd session of sailing school starts • contact Jeff Peltier
July 28-29		PLYC Regatta
Aug 4	9:00 am	PLPOA Board Meeting (Fair Hills-Pine Room)
	9:30 am	PLPOA Member Breakfast (Fair Hills-Dining Room)
	10:00 am	PLPOA Annual Meeting (Fair Hills-Dining Room)
Aug 18	8:45 am	PGOLID early registration
	9:00 am	PGOLID Annual Meeting (Fair Hills)
Aug 24	4:30 pm	PLPOA Board Meeting (Fair Hills-Pine Room)
	5:30 pm	PLPOA Social for Volunteers (Fair Hills)
	6:30 pm	PLPOA Appreciation Dinner for Volunteers (Fair Hills)

HAVE A GREAT, SAFE AND MEMORABLE SUMMER EVERYONE!