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LAKE VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

PLPOA will be hosting an appreciation dinner honoring lake volunteers at Fair Hills on Friday, August 24 beginning at 5:30 pm. A big THANK YOU to all who volunteer your time for lake activities which improve the lake experience for all who visit our lakes.

SUMMER LOVIN' HAD ME A BLAST!

This year's Independence Day proved to be HOT! HOT! HOT! Temps soaring into the high 90s, mingled with extremely high humidity, drove most of us into the lake to cool off or at least lake side for a bit of relief.

Many memorable entries made the round at this year's annual 4th of July Boat Parade. Although it was difficult to choose the top honors, here they are:

FIRST PLACE: "57 Chevy" by the Foss, Bayliss, Furr families

SECOND PLACE: "Walt Disney" by Hella/Helk families

THIRD PLACE: "Twins-Joe Mauer" by the Solum family

This annual summer event is always the highlight of midsummer. The post parade picnic was also well attended and served by great volunteers.



WINNERS! Foss, Bayless, Furr families are all smiles as they take the trophy for the '57 Chevy cool ride!

For more fun photos visit us online:
www.pelicanlakemn.org

PRESIDENT'S PEN

THANKS TO ALL THE HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS!



Karen Hart,
PLPOA President

Greetings,

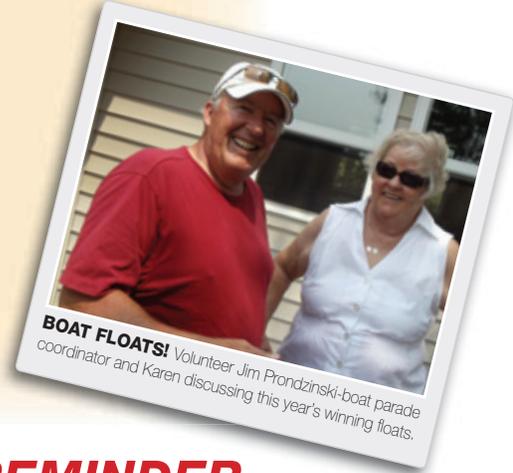
Summer is half gone but what a great one! Hope you all had a fun 4th and week. Thanks to all the hard working volunteers who makes the magic happen.

It was nice to see many of you at our Annual Meeting at Fair Hills on August 4th. We all enjoyed the tasty breakfast. If you are not a member or if you have not paid your annual dues there is still time. Contact your beach captains or Aldie Kelsven (532-7991) or myself (532-3613).

Quick reminder: Beach Captains folders are due back into Aldie Kelsven at this time.

Let's enjoy the remaining summer days and then the beautiful fall colors.

Karen Hart



BOAT FLOATS! Volunteer Jim Prondzinski-boat parade coordinator and Karen discussing this year's winning floats.

LAKESIDE

DOCKSIDE 911 NUMBERS REMINDER

Order yours today for \$15.20 each.



The dock ID sign up is almost complete. To order yours: send a check to Aldie Kelsven ASAP at 21141 Broadwater Drive, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572. Please make your check out to Indigo Signs and note if the sign is to be vertical or horizontal numbering. Add your address ID# to your check memo. These signs are voluntary. The completed signs will be returned to Karen and Aldie for distribution.

LAKES AREA

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PUBLIC MEETING

Saturday August 11 10:00 am

Otter Tail County Highway Department will hold a public information meeting at 10:00 am Saturday, August 11, 2012 at Lake Region Electric Coop-1401 S Broadway, Pelican Rapids to discuss County Highway 9 preliminary project plans, specifications, right of way requirements and other pertinent data for area 450th North of South Pelican Drive to the North County Line.

ON THE WATER

SIX THOUSAND WALLEYES!

Good things come to those who bait.

Don Anderson from Haugen's Point is the Chairman of Sports Fishing Committee. He has been stocking Pelican Lake with 6-8" Walleye fingerlings for close to 18 years. Collin's Bait in Dent, MN grows the fingerlings and delivers 6,000 of them to Pelican every other year.

Fingerlings are brought in six separate tanks in the back of a truck and funneled into the lake with a flexible PVC pipe. The small walleyes are equally distributed between east end, middle and west end.

A big thanks goes out to Don for all the work he has done to make Pelican a fun lake to fish. Stocking is funded by donations, memorials and PLPOA. Donations to this worthy cause can be designated as "Walleye Fund" and sent to PLPOA, PO Box 1782, Detroit Lakes MN 56502-1782.



ED KAVA (Ed's Marine & Storage) caught this 13.5#/31.5" walleye Friday, July 8th in front of Fair Hills on Pelican Lake. Way to go Ed!!!

FANTASTIC FIREWORK DISPLAY!

ABOVE THE WATER

The weather cooperated for a great display. There was a large crowd at the pasture and close to 300 boats in and around the east bay. A good time was had by all. Thanks goes out to Nick Valentine, Rocky Swanson and all the other volunteers that make this one of the most important nights in our summer. If you did not get a chance to contribute to the fireworks display earlier, you can still donate online at the PLPOA Website.



"And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air..."



Let's keep this tradition alive, donate to the Fireworks Fund:

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CANDIDATE ELECTIONS AT ANNUAL MEETING

PGOLID

The PGOLID Annual Meeting is August 18 at Fair Hills Resort starting at 9:00 AM. Bill Kelsven, Doug Johnson and Doug Oksendahl are candidates for three board positions. You can read their statements in the insert. Besides the election of Directors there will be a report by Moriya Rufer our Lake Coordinator, our Treasurer will report on the financial condition of PGOLID and the 2013 Operating Budget will be presented for approval. Property owners will also be asked to approve several changes to the Rules of Governance for PGOLID. This information is in the PGOLID Annual Report posted at www.PGOLID.org on the Annual Meeting page.

Saturday
August 18
9:00 am

FUN & FAST FROZEN FRUIT SALAD

RECIPE CORNER

1/3 cup chopped walnuts
3 Tablespoons cherries (chopped & drained)
3/4 cup crushed pineapple
1 banana diced
Prepare above and set aside.

2 cups sour cream,
3/4 cup sugar
1/8th teaspoon salt
2 Tablespoons lemon juice
*Mix these last four together,
blend in the fruit mixture and
put into paper lined muffin tin.
Freeze until firm. Soften slightly before serving.*



Submitted by:
Janis Gustafson
(Knollwood Lane)

PELICAN GROUP OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

} PGOLID

Wednesday, May 23, 2012 • RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc

Board Members Present: Doug Oksendahl, Denny Tollefson, Gary Hart, Larry Kohler, Jonal Uglem, Nick Valentine, Ed Johnson, Suzanne Lervick **Board Members Absent:** Doug Johnson **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 presented and Hart requested to amend the agenda to include discussion on dock address numbers. Uglem moved to approve the amended agenda; Hart seconded and it passed.

Hart made a motion to approve the April meeting's minutes as presented. E. Johnson seconded and it passed.

Valentine presented the financial report. Not much for financial transactions. Lervick suggested looking into the bank checking fees to see if it can get waived. Valentine will look into this with the bank.

Rufer presented the Lake Coordinator Report. Pelican Lake has experienced record water clarity this spring so far. The previous record was 26 feet, while this spring it has been as high as 35 feet. Clarke treated four acres for curly-leaf pondweed in Little Pelican Lake where the Pelican River drains into the lake. The DNR grant will pay for the full cost of treatment. The shoreline restoration projects are all set to go for planting the first week of June.

Rufer put together a report comparing the plant survey from 2003 to the plant surveys from 2010-2011. Results show that the plant density is lower in the 2010-2011 survey, although that survey was done with different methods. Rufer believes the different methods and different surveying companies is the reason for the lower diversity, not that the plant community is declining.

Tollefson reported on land use changes in the taxing district. The county will send a letter out to residents that will be added to the district. This will be 103 parcels, and will go into effect in 2013. Anything classified as agriculture will not go into the district. In the future, when land gets reclassified, the county will notify PGOLID when people need to be added to the district.

Tollefson made a motion to move forward in updating the land use taxing district to the LID, in addition, this will be reviewed by the county annually in accordance with the Dec. 27, 2001 order. Kohler seconded and the motion passed.

Oksendahl reported from the nomination committee that Bill Kelsven will run for Uglem's seat in the August election. All nominees must submit bios to Uglem for the election letter.

Uglem reported that she is editing the 70 day letter and absentee ballot application. She will have Otter Tail Power do the mailing. Lervick will pursue doing electronic notices to save money. At this time, that is not possible by law. Rufer and Oksendahl will work on the PGOLID annual report. PLPOA will pay for refreshments at the PGOLID Annual Meeting.

Hart reported on the mosquito spraying. Treatment began May 24, and will continue every Thursday until Labor Day. There will be an extra treatment on 4th of July weekend.

Hart also reported that there have been some sightings of tent caterpillars. PGOLID feels that the mosquito treatment will keep the caterpillars at bay. Residents should report to Hart if they have a nuisance amount of tent caterpillars. This information will be put into PLPOA's e-communications and Pelican Brief.

Kohler reported that water levels are 7.24" down from last year. The Cormorant Lakes Watershed District is still working on the water agreement with Bob Merritt.

E. Johnson reported that PGOLID is 9th on the DNR's dam replacement list, up from 16th last year. No work will likely occur on the dam this year.

E. Johnson reported that we received the contract from the DNR, and PGOLID will have 515 hours of DNR watercraft inspections this year at their access, which will cost \$3,991.

Hart reported that at the PLPOA meeting they discussed having dock address signs. The Sheriff Department recommended these signs for safety. They will be red numbers on a white reflective background. They need a 200 sign minimum to order, and there have been many residents interested.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Moriya Rufer

**PELICAN GROUP OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
2012 CANDIDATE STATEMENTS****BILL KELSVEN**

I am currently a resident on Charosa Beach on the south side of Pelican Lake. My wife and I have lived here full time since 2002. I started coming to Pelican Lake when I was 5 years old, as my parents had a cabin on Broadwater Beach and I spent many summers at the lake.

I recently retired from Dakotah Paper Co. As an outside sales representative after 39 a years. The last ten years at Dakotah Paper Co., I was working in the Pelican Lake and Detroit Lakes area. Prior to that, I was in the US Army from 1969 -1971 and was deployed to Vietnam Nam. I have been involved in the community with Pelican Lake Property Owners Association for years. I am currently the chairman of the Property Board with Scambler Township. I would appreciate your vote and am looking forward to working with PGOLID on various upcoming projects to help Pelican Lake stay a Star Certified Lake.

DOUG OKSENDAHL

I am completing my first three-year term on the PGOLID Board and have decided to run for another term. For the past two years, I have served as Chairman and have enjoyed working with the other Board members and representing the property owners of our lakes. I feel the PGOLID serves an important role in the effort to monitor the water and environment of our lakes so that property owners and visitors can enjoy living and visiting this area. My wife Kathy and I reside on Charosa beach.

DOUG JOHNSON

I have been coming to our cabin on Knollwood Beach for the past 12 years with my wife, Jo, and our family. After a career as a lawyer, a lobbyist, and most recently a teacher at Moorhead High School, I retired last year. I have served on the PGOLID Board for the past year filling out the unexpired term of Lisa Wheeler. My time on the Board has given me greater appreciation and insight into what PGOLID has accomplished and the challenges we face in the future. I am particularly concerned about water quality and invasive species. I would like to preserve, if not improve, the quality of the lake experience for future generations.



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LOCAL EVENTS

- Aug 6-12 Pine to Palm Golf Tournament-DL
- Aug 9-12 Looney Days-Vergas
- Aug 24-25 Potato Days-Barnesville
- Aug 31 Steam Threshers Reunion-Rollag, MN
- Sept 8 Annual Dick Beardsley Half Marathon-DL

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LATE SUMMER 2012 • Calendar of Events

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)
Sept 8	9:00 am	PLPOA Executive Board Meeting
Sept 19	7:00 pm	PGOLID Board Meeting (RMB Labs)

Enjoy the rest of your summer! See ya next year!!!



Advice From A Lake By Ilan Shamir

- Be Clear • Make Positive Ripples • Stay Calm
- Look Beneath the Surface • Shore Up Friendships
- Take Time to Reflect • Be Full of Life