



PLPOA E-NEWSLETTER  
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Pelican Lake, Ottertail Co, MN

## **E-Newsletter March 2017**

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

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## **Greetings From the President**

Last month I requested you become involved with water quality protection. This is not only a global, national and statewide issue, it is very local. We need to protect the beautiful natural resource to which we are drawn, as in Pelican Lake stewardship.

This month I am asking you to look at the list of volunteer opportunities below. Do you think we need these positions? If so, can you help find people to fill them?

Beach Captains - there are Beach Captain openings. Mary Lystad, chair of

Beach Captains has a better list than I do but I believe we need Beach Captains for Clearview and Fish Lake. I believe Fish Lake is a long run on the east and south side of the lake and needs multiple people to distribute the work. Contact Mary Lystad or I with your suggestions to fill these rolls. Beach Captains are important as Ambassadors for the PLPOA.

Directory - Aldie is retiring from the Directory this spring as she considers other volunteer roles in PLPOA. We have been dividing up the responsibilities of Membership and Directory so that more people know how to do it and it is not burdensome for one person. What role can you serve? Data entry? Organizing the ads? Manage the printing process? Etc.

Membership - this is closely related to Directory, Beach Captains and Communications Chair positions. John Kruse, the Communications Chair, needs the membership data base updated a few times a year so we can reach people with important developments.

These are fun jobs, a good way to stay connected to the lake, yet can be done remotely.

Thanks for your help finding volunteers.

[Sherry](#)

## 2017 Calendar

04/18/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
05/19/17	4:30 p.m.	Board Meeting - Fair Hills Resort Blue/Green Room
05/19/17	5:30 p.m.	Member Spring Social - Fair Hills Pavilion
05/19/17	6:00 p.m.	Member Spring Meeting
05/30/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
06/03/17	8:30 a.m.	Majors & Captains Meeting - Fair Hills Blue/Green Room
06/14/17		Clean up Day
06/17/17	8:30 a.m.	Board Meeting - Fair Hills Resort Blue/Green Room
07/04/17		Independence Day Parade and Fireworks
07/10/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
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

## PGOLID "Let's Plant Trees" Project

### Project Scope

The shore impact zone (0-15 feet from lake) around the PGOLID Lakes have experienced a significant reduction in the number of healthy and mature trees. When these mature trees die, there will be no trees left on the shoreline. This project hopes to start a seed that promotes tree growth within PGOLID providing shoreline stabilization and fish and wildlife habitat.

**Goal:** Provide and plant young trees within the Shore Impact Zone (0-15 feet from lake) in PGOLID in 2017.

**Participants:** Landowners that have property within the Shore Impact Zone of the Lake.

**Cost:** \$15 per tree includes delivery & planting.

**Size of Trees:** The trees are approximately 3-4 feet tall.

**Species Available:** Paper Birch, Quaking Aspen, Sugar Maple, Red Oak.

**Timing:** Trees will be delivered in late June. Payment will be due upon tree delivery.

**Limitations:** Participants are limited to 2 trees per parcel. The tree must be planted within 15 feet of the lakeshore. The landowner agrees to proper watering and care of the tree after planting.

**How can I order?** Please use our online web order form: <http://pgolid.org/programs/trees>. Orders are due by Friday, April 7.

If you have any questions, please contact [Moriya Rufer](mailto:moriya.rufer@rmbel.info), moriya.rufer@rmbel.info, 218-846-1465.

## 2017 Ice-out Contest

Spring is almost here! It is time to look into your crystal ball and register your entry for the 5th ANNUAL PLPOA ICE OUT contest. Guess the day the ice goes off Pelican lake. The deadline for entries is April 5, 2017 or three days before the ice goes off, (holy cow! another early spring!) which ever comes first. Please- only one entry per email address. The prize is a \$20 gift certificate to the Cormorant Pub. In case of a tie the winner will be decided by drawing of the tied entries. The day or closest day will be the interpretation and decision of the judge(s) and will be final. GOOD LUCK!

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[John Kruse](#)

## Join the PLPOA Team

The PLPOA Nominations Committee is seeking out PLPOA Members to join the Board of Directors. The Pelican group of lakes association is highly respected not only in Otter Tail County but also across all of Minnesota for its dedicated participation of its members and responsible stewardship of lakes. If you are interested in helping PLPOA run effectively and efficiently please contact [Julie Freiderichs](#), Nominations Chairperson. 218-532-2911



## 2017 Pelican Lake Sailing School schedule

Hope you're all having a good winter. Progress is happening behind the scenes lining up equipment and training of instructors. Signups have already begun, so if you want a specific time slot for your child or grandchild, let us know as some sessions fill up early. For more questions or information go to our website <http://plyc.info/school.html> or contact Jeff Peltier [peltier@plyc.info](mailto:peltier@plyc.info) or 701-238-6270.

Below is the schedule. Once you have confirmed there is room in a session, you can go online to pay at <http://plyc.info/school.html>

The Schedule for the 2017 season: (conditional of participation and weather).

Cost of all sessions is \$150/ Person:

1. June 26-29 (Mon-Thu), July 3,5,6,7 (Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri) 9:00am to 11:30am
2. July 3,5,6,7 (Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri), July 10-13 (Mon-Thu) 1:00pm to 3:30pm

3. July 10-13 (Mon-Thu), July 17-20(Mon-Thu) 9:00am to 11:30am

Thanks,

[Jeff Peltier](#)

PLSS Chairman



## **Upper Mississippi River: What to Protect, What to fix**

A new study by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency takes a look at the river from Lake Itasca to downtown Minneapolis, evaluating pollution, fish and other aquatic life. It then acquires significant problems south of St. Cloud, where tributaries from agricultural and more developed landscapes begin to flow into the Mississippi.

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## **Water, Water Everywhere Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit**

### **'Water/Ways' in Detroit Lakes Until April 8**

The Minnesota Humanities Center is bringing the traveling Smithsonian Institution exhibition, "Water/Ways," to Detroit Lakes this week, as the final stop on the exhibit's Minnesota tour.

The Water/Ways exhibit focuses on "the importance of water in our lives, from a local, state and national perspective," says Museum Program Director Emily Buermann, adding that the exhibits will include space for local residents to record their own "water stories," which will eventually be available online, and will also be part of a display at the Minnesota State Fair in August.

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## **MN Pike Regs Stay Same for 2017**

ST. PAUL - Plans to improve Minnesota's northern pike fishery with a system of zones and changes to bag limits and size limits has been put on hold after the proposed regulations hit an unexpected legal snag.

As a result, the statewide pike limit for Minnesota inland waters remains at three with one longer than 30 inches in possession for this year, but the new regulation is on track to take effect in 2018.

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## **How Old Are MN Cabin Owners?**

The answer might surprise you. Minnesota lake home and cabin owners - that oh-so-MN demographic - are getting older. And not any richer. And their health care costs are rising. Which might prove troublesome for the cherished natural resources - namely our lakes - that lakefront property owners are at the forefront of protecting.

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## **2017 Legislative Update**

"Why can't Minnesota tag inspected boats so that they can launch safely without having to be reinspected; can we set up a system so that boaters

who launch into and out of one lake can get a special pass since they pose no threat of transporting AIS; why can't Minnesota do mandatory inspection /decontamination at choke points around the state, instead of trying to cover every single boat ramp in Minnesota?"

These are good questions. A tagging system combined with a centralized inspection/decontamination program would make Minnesota's efforts to stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species both more effective and far more efficient. We have laws on the books that would allow us to start using these tools.

So why have we not done these things? Last week I, and a number of Minnesota legislators, learned the answer. Lack of effective partnership and collaboration.

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## **Missed a past issue of the PLPOA E-Newsletter?**

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They are located on the [NEWS](#) page.

## **OTTER TAIL COUNTY COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS**



### **Living on the Edge Workshop**

OTC COLA is one of the sponsors for the Living on the Edge Workshop Saturday, May 6th at Thumper Pond Resort in Ottertail, MN. The workshop

will focus on the nature around and on your lakeshore property. Featured speakers include Steve Woods, Executive Director of the Fresh Water Society and Babe Winkelman, outdoors expert.

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PLPOA is a Member of OTC COLA. PLPOA Members serve on the OTC COLA Board of Directors and provide administrative support for the organization.

To learn more about OTC COLA visit the [OTC COLA](#) website There you can sign up for the monthly E-Newsletter and get more information about OTC COLA. You are also welcome to attend monthly Member meetings held during the summer months.

[John Kruse](#)

Sincerely,

[John Kruse](#)

PLPOA Communications Chairman