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the PELICAN *brief*

PELICAN LAKE • LITTLE PELICAN LAKE • FISH LAKE • BASS LAKE

RECORD SETTING • ICE OFF THE LAKE

The ice went out on Saturday, April 3rd.

This is the earliest the ice has gone off since 1965 which is as far back as our records date.

Summer Fun at Fair Hills Resort

June 20: Annual Father's Day brunch

Cost is \$11 per person from 9 am to 1pm. Call 847.7638 or 532.2222 for reservations. Green fees (plus cart) at Wildflower Golf Course are 20% for dads.

June 20: Pelican Lake Open House

Swimming pool, tennis courts, golf at FH, pony rides, cabin tours, and all of the other amenities free to public from 1 pm -4:30 pm. Big Pelican rides around the lake will be at 1:30 and 3:00. Cake and coffee will be served on the deck, entertainment will be provided.

Stop by the Burger Barge!

We will be at the sandbar Saturdays and Sundays during the summer when it is nice out. Be sure to check out our specials each week!

Talk of the Town

CORMORANT TOWN HALL • 2010

Open to public starting at 9 am.

JUNE 18TH: Larry Longtine

Accomplished artist and wood carver

JULY 16TH: Dennis Reimer

former Chief of Staff, US Army 1995-99

AUGUST 20TH: John Askew

Insights of Lewis & Clark Survival Travel

LET THE SUMMER GAMES BEGIN

There are lots of activities planned this summer. See the back page of this newsletter for a partial calendar of events. There is a lot more information at the Pelican Lake website, www.pelicanlakemn.org.

The 2010 PLPOA Membership Directory will be delivered to your beach majors and captains at the end of May. All paid memberships will receive a copy. Pay your membership now and become a partner with your neighbors.

Your dues are needed and help fund many projects on your lake each year, i.e. mosquito spraying, trash cleanup day, July 4th parade and fireworks, lake quality.

Don't miss out...sign up this year!!

Send your \$45.00 annual dues to:

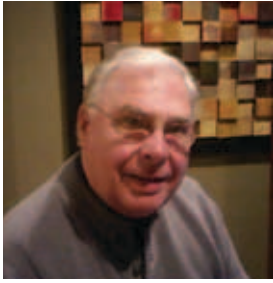
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To make changes to your listing you can email www.pelicanlakemn.org





KEN ERICKSON, president

Thanks for your memberships, your input, and your constructive concern.

Welcome,

It's great to look forward to another season at the lake. As your new president I look forward to the next two years, getting to know as many lake owners as possible. I hope I will see you at the spring meeting on Friday, May 21 at Fair Hills.

The focus this year will be to get as many members as possible and get more of you involved. The bigger the membership the better for critical issues that affect all the lake residences.

Please encourage your non-member neighbors and friends to join if they haven't already done so.

We will still do the trash pick-up, even though it continues to be more costly each year. It does improve our yards and also keeps the neighborhoods clean. The 4th of July Fireworks and Boat Parade will be held as usual. I would encourage you and your neighbor to participate in this event.

We will continue to monitor the lakes and do what we can to keep the Zebra Mussels from spreading.

As always we will strive to keep you informed of critical issues that affect our lake and your pocketbook. Remember to use the website. All lake events and info are at your disposal. The Spring Meeting and Breakfast is open to all members so keep this in mind. Come enjoy and participate.

ZEBRA MUSSELS ARE HERE

Remember to always practice proper boat care to prevent the spread of all invasive aquatic hitchhikers.

Unfortunately, zebra mussels were found in Pelican Lake last fall. Zebra mussels are an invasive species that has been spread throughout Minnesota Lakes, including Mille Lacs and the Alexandria area lakes. Zebra mussels are ¼ to 1½ inches long and are D-shaped with alternating black and brown stripes. Zebra mussels are tricky to find when they are larvae, because they are not visible to the naked eye. The larvae can live in your live well if there is water there, and then spread into other lakes. Zebra mussels can attach to hard surfaces such as boat lifts and docks and clog water intake pipes.

Unfortunately, there is no remedy for Zebra mussels. There is no chemical treatment available to control them. The best we can do is prevent them from spreading to other area lakes.

There are some new regulations that apply to Pelican Lake now that it contains zebra mussels:

- taking wild animals (fish, frogs, crayfish, etc.) from infested waters for bait or aquatic farms is prohibited;
- equipment used for commercial fishing purposes in infested waters must be dried or frozen before it can be used in noninfested waters (misdemeanor);
- water from infested waters may not be used to transport fish except by permit; persons leaving infested waters that contain populations of spiny waterflea or zebra mussels must drain bait containers, other boating-related equipment (excluding marine sanitary systems) that holds water, and livewells and bilges by removing the drain plug before transporting the watercraft and associated equipment on public roads (\$50 civil penalty or misdemeanor);
- water from infested waters may not be transported on a public road or off riparian property on infested waters except in emergencies or under permit (\$200 civil penalty or misdemeanor).



ZEBRA MUSSELS These tiny creatures are a real threat. Help prevent spreading them to other lakes.



COME SAIL AWAY THE DAYS

ON THE WATER

All lake members are welcome to join in the activities for just \$35/year. We've included a quick summary of what's going on this summer. Visit: www.plyc.info or contact Jeff Peltier peltier@plyc.info for more details.

SOCIAL CALENDAR:

- **Brunch for a Bunch:** at the Clubhouse, Sun, May 30 at 10:00 am
- **Fun Sail Thursday Nights:** west end of the lake, June-Aug at 6:30 pm
- **Sail-Fest:** Sat, June 19, 3-5 pm meet/greet on Pelican Lake for sailors & friends, followed at 6 pm by a BBQ at the Clubhouse; live music; the Brad Burgum Sailing School Fund Fundraiser; participation awards & more (*alternate weather date: Sat, June 26*)
- **Fireworks & Raft Up:** Sun, July 4 at 9 pm, east end of the lake
- **Wallwork Regatta Dinner & Dance:** *RSVP is required.* Sat, July 31, 6 pm for PLYC members, Wallwork sailors & friends of sailing; catered by Convent on Reeves; live music by Dave Herzog.
- **Raft-Up Party:** Sat, Aug 14 at 5 pm on Pelican, location tbd; bring appetizers & fenders

PELICAN LAKE SAILING SCHOOL: Want to learn how to sail or improve our sailing skills? For more information, contact Jeff Peltier at 218.532.3388 or peltier@plyc.info

- **Age 9 thru High School:** \$125 per session; Mon-Thurs; 9-11:30 am
Session 1: June 28; July 1 & July 5-8 / Session 2: July 12-15 & July 19-22
- **Adults:** Private lessons are available by appointment; \$40 hour plus a fee for sailboat usage if needed
- **Pelican Lake Sailing School Clinic:** Improve your skills: Saturday, July 17th

SAILING RACES: Love to Race? PLYC's regular Sunday races begin June 6 at 11 am on the west end of the lake. The sequence of 2 races for the C-Scows and Open Fleet. For more info contact Brad Schlossman @701.866.7290 or bradschlossman@gmail.com.

It is not the ship so much as the skillful sailing that assures the prosperous voyage.

-George William Curtis



SIX THOUSAND WALLEYES!

LAKE LIFE

PELICAN LAKE WALLEYE FOUNDATION planted 6000 walleye fingerlings in the lake last October. The Collins Fish and Bait Co had the fish in six tanks of 1000 fingerlings each so we were able to put 2000 at the east and west public landings and 2000 at the Broadwater landing. The fingerlings looked very active and ranged from six to eight inches in length with many of them over seven inches long. The board secured the appropriate permits to plant fingerlings on alternate years and the DNR will continue to plant fry on the years we don't stock.

Good things come to those who bait.

-fishing proverb

We appreciate the support from the Pelican Lake Property Owners Association and from many individuals on the lake that make the efforts to enhance the walleye fishing in the lake. The board of the walleye foundation was reorganized this past year with the following owners agreeing to serve. Don Anderson, Don Meidinger, Larry Kohler, Tom Sherman, and Dave Majkrzak. Any of the board members would be pleased to accept your donations to the foundation stocking program.





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SUMMER 2010 • Calendar of Events

May 8	Saturday	8:30 am	Executive Board Meeting (Fair Hills Resort)
May 21	Friday	5:00 pm	Board meeting (Fair Hills Resort)
		6:30 pm	Social
		7:30 pm	Spring Membership Meeting (Pavillion)
May 22	Saturday	9:00 am	Majors and Captains Meeting (Fair Hills Resort)
June 16	Wednesday	all day	Clean Up Day (one day only)
June 19	Saturday	8:30 am	Board Meeting (Fair Hills Resort)
July 4	Sunday		Parade and Fireworks
July 31	Saturday	9:30 am	Annual PLPOA Members only Breakfast
		10:00 am	Annual Meeting (Fair Hills Resort)
Aug 27	Friday	4:00 pm	Board Meeting
		5:30 pm	Social by invitation for PLPOA volunteers
		6:30 pm	Appreciation Dinner (Fair Hills Resort)
Sept 11	Saturday	8:30 am	Executive Board Meeting (Fair Hills Resort)

HAVE A GREAT, SAFE AND MEMORABLE SUMMER EVERYONE!

PELICAN GROUP OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Directors Present: Oksendahl, Hart, Ostbye, Wheeler, Valentine

By Phone: Peltier, Tollefson

Director Absent: Uglem

Also Present: Jason Vinje, Moriya Rufer

President Ostbye called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Everyone cited the Pledge of Allegiance. Wheeler moved to adopt the proposed agenda, Oksendahl seconded the motion and the members passed the motion. Peltier then moved to accept the minutes of the September 23, 2009 meeting as prepared. Valentine seconded that motion and the motion passed. Valentine presented the financial report. Wheeler and Hart moved and seconded to accept the financial report. The members passed the motion.

Moriya Rufer reported on efforts to secure funding for repair or replacements of the dam. Tollefson presented information about the vegetation survey and curly leaf pondweed.. Peltier moved to authorize Tollefson, Hart and Rufer to proceed with weed eradication as necessary in the spring of 2010. Wheeler seconded the motion and the Board passed the motion. Funding remains for two more shoreline restoration projects in 2010. The lake coordinator also presented the lake monitoring wrap up. The Board also discussed the zebra mussel issue. There is no solution or means to decrease their numbers at this point in time. Owners are encouraged to monitor their docks and boat lifts.

The meeting recessed at 8:00PM in order to convene the Mosquito Abatement meeting. Hart reported that the cost for 2010 is close to the cost for 2009. Tent caterpillars remain a threat, although the threat has lessened.

The Board of Directors meeting resumed at 8:07PM. The meeting calendar for 2010 was established with meeting dates as follows: April 21, May 26, June 23, July 7, September 22, and December 1. These meeting will be at Lake Region Electric at 7:00PM. The Annual meeting will be August 14 at Fair Hills.

President Ostbye adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa J Wheeler, Secretary

PELICAN GROUP OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Directors Present: Oksendahl, Ostbye, Wheeler, Zimmerman, Tollefson, Hart,
Valentine (by phone), Peltier (by phone)

Directors Absent: Uglem

Also Present: Rocky Swanson, Moriya Rufer, Jason Vinje (RMB Labs), Nathan Olson (DNR)

President Ostbye called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Oksendahl moved to accept the proposed agenda and Tollefson seconded the motion which subsequently passed. Zimmerman moved that the minutes be approved as written. Hart seconded that motion and the motion carried. Valentine presented the financial report. The Annual meeting cost for mailing, printing and other election requirements was approximately \$6000. Wheeler moved to accept the financial report. Hart seconded the motion and the Directors approved the motion.

The Directors decided to keep the same slate of officers for the year 2010. Tollefson moved that Ostbye remain as President, Uglem as Vice-president, Wheeler as Secretary and Valentine as Treasurer. Hart seconded the motion and the motion passed. Other committee assignments are as follows: buoys—Oksendahl and Hart; public access---Zimmerman and Peltier; mosquito control---Hart; flowering rush and invasive species—Tollefson; coordinator liaison—Peltier.

Nathan Olson discussed with the Board the discovery of zebra mussels near Provan Beach. In as much as 740 hours during the summer of 2009 were devoted to inspection of boats and boat trailers entering the lake, this discovery is very disappointing. Each zebra mussel filters about one quart of water each day removing the food source for game fish. Residents are asked to notify Nathan Olson at 218-739-7576 ext 259 if any additional zebra mussels are found. The DNR also asks residents to inspect their docks and lifts for zebra mussels. To date, there is nothing available to eradicate this invasive species. Moriya announced that she will be leaving on maternity leave and that Jason Vinje will be her replacement.

Hart reported that some of the buoys have been removed and will be inspected for zebra mussels. Tollefson is soliciting quotes for the vegetation survey and for spraying curly leaf pondweed.

Ostbye adjourned the meeting at 8:52PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa J Wheeler