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the PELICAN *brief*

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MEMBER BREAKFAST & ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 31 with a special breakfast at 9:30 am for members of PLPOA followed by the annual meeting at 10:00 am. Be sure to pay your annual dues of \$45 to participate.

More Trees, Please!

Did you know that trees around your lake home can increase its value up to 15% or more? The trees you plant remove CO₂ & help fight global warming. They produce oxygen and give songbirds a home.

They help cool your home, break cold winds to lower heating costs and provide food for many forms of wildlife. Landscaping can reduce air-conditioning costs up to 50% by shading the windows and walls of your cottage. Also, the planting of trees means improved water quality, resulting in less runoff and erosion. This allows more recharging of the ground water supply. Wooded areas also help prevent the transportation of sediment and chemicals into our lakes.

In laboratory research, visual exposure to settings with trees, produces significant recovery from stress within 5 minutes as indicated by changes in blood pressure and muscle tension. In summary, trees are a vital part of what we love about the lakes. It's a package deal: not just the water and waves, but the birds, the colors of each season, the sound of leaves rustling in the wind. They soften the sky line, create beautiful shadows and provide balance to our lawns and our life.

SOURCES: Arbor Day Foundation, Dr. Roger Ulrich, Texas A&M University, Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers, American Public Power Association

ENHANCING YOUR SHORELINE

Want free help with your shoreline?

PGOLID currently has a grant from the DNR running through June 2011. This money can be used to provide funding to private properties to install trees, shrubs and plants along their shorelines. We have already restored 6 properties and we have room for 4-5 more. Take advantage of this opportunity to have your restoration costs covered before June 2011!

The purpose of the DNR Shoreline Habitat Program is to improve the quality of shoreline habitat, to expand the diversity and abundance of native plants, and to enhance and protect water quality in Minnesota's lakes and streams.

The focus of these projects must be on reestablishing vegetation for fish and

wildlife habitat and funds cannot be used for rock riprap stabilization or permanent wave breaks. Funds can be used for materials needed to reestablish native vegetation along shorelines including: native trees, shrubs, plants and seeds, temporary biodegradable toe protection and erosion control fabric, mulch, herbicide to treat invasive species on site, labor to design, install and maintain project, temporary biodegradable wave breaks and temporary fencing for keeping out foot traffic or herbivores (geese/musk rats) from the site.

If you would like more details about the grant, please contact Moriya Rufer, 218-846-1465, lakes.rmbel@arvig.net.



LAKE FUN



KEN ERICKSON, president

Greetings,

What a great time to be at the lake, with July 4th just around the corner; you can enjoy the Boat Parade, Fireworks, Barbecues, family and just plain lake fun.

I invite you to participate in the July 4th Boat Parade, our theme this year is "Favorite Musicals," decorate your boat, pontoon or any thing else that floats, plus you could win a great cash prize for participating. All the passengers on your boat are invited to the Yacht Club for a barbecue and the awarding of prizes.

Have a safe 4th of July!

The fireworks are said to be better and bigger than ever so don't forget to be there. We would also encourage your donations to help defray the cost and keep the show alive.



BOAT PARADE America Takes the Cake in our greatest show on the lake last summer!

PLPOA

ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JULY 31ST • FAIR HILLS RESORT • 9:30 am

Mark your calendars!! Come and meet your neighbors on the lake!! You will receive a postcard with an RSVP for a head count for the breakfast, please be sure to return them promptly.

The breakfast will start at 9:30 am, but please don't come early, as we will be waiting outside for the Fair Hills guests to finish their time in the dining room.

Guest speaker, **TIFFANY ARP** a system arborist under contract with Lake Region Electric Cooperative will share information regarding LREC's Vegetation Management plan and explain how it impacts the safety and reliability of electric services to PLPOA members. Tiffany will also share helpful hints in the proper planting and maintenance of trees and shrubs around and under power lines. **MORIYA RUFER** from RBM Labs will present on lake quality issues. (Moriya is a new mom to daughter, Marielle.) **OTTER TAIL WATER PATROL** will be speaking on the rules of water safety. *Hope to see you there.*

Our Spring Meeting at Fair Hills on Friday May 21st, was a beautiful evening. The appetizers were delicious and it was fun to catch up with lake friends. Nathan Olson from the MN DNR presented information on zebra mussels with handouts showing the sizes of the mature zebra mussels that were found in Pelican Lake.

Are you a member of PLPOA so you can receive your new directory?

Following the Friday evening meeting, the Majors and Captains met on Saturday morning to receive their beach folders and this year's new directories. If you need any information about membership or receiving directories: www.pelicanlakemn.org or call Aldie at 218-532-7991.

PLPOA

NEW E-COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR PLPOA

The goal is to send out monthly updates during the lake season and a couple in the off-season to keep members informed. If issues come up, like Zebra Mussels or Forest Tent Caterpillars, a special alert will also be sent out. There will be easy access for updating contact info and changing emails. Donations for fireworks will be able to be done online this year. As always, go to the PLPOA website for more complete information.

visit us online at www.pelicanlakemn.org

Also on our Pelican Lake website, there is lots of information about our lakes, our governing bodies and lake events. The web page is another extra provided by the Pelican Lake Property Owners Association along with volunteer members who maintain the site.



PROTECT AGAINST LAKE INVADERS

BOAT SAFETY

Unfortunately, some boat owners will see and feel the damage caused by zebra mussels first hand. Boat hulls can be damaged and motors can overheat because some boat owners do not know how to minimize the impacts of zebra mussels. There are simple and proactive steps owners may implement to protect their investment and prevent the spread of invasive species into more of Minnesota's waters. Proper boat hull, engine maintenance and cleaning are key. Juvenile and adult zebra mussels have the ability to attach to many different types of substrate including fiberglass, aluminum, wood, and steel. This ability to attach decreases fuel efficiency and damages a boat's finish. Larvae (called veligers) are extremely small – too small to see without a microscope. When veligers are present in the water they can be drawn into engine passages or can move into them on their own.

Once they settle in the engine, they grow into adults and may block intake screens, internal passages, hoses, seacocks, and strainers. The best ways in which boat owners may avoid this type of damage are:

- **USE A BOATLIFT** to completely remove the watercraft from the water.
- **USE YOUR BOAT.** If boats are left moored in infested waters run the engine at least twice a week at slow speeds (about 4½ mph) for 10 to 15 minutes. The hot water will kill the zebra mussels in your engine's cooling systems.
- **LIFT THE MOTOR OUT OF THE WATER** between uses if mooring. Tip down the motor and discharge the water when leaving a waterbody. This will reduce the chances of zebra mussels being carried to a new location in the trapped water.
- **MOTOR "MUFFS,"** also known as motor flushers, are another tool designed to remove zebra mussels and other materials from your boat engine or personal watercraft. Motor "muffs" flush away soil particles and other foreign materials, preventing clogging, corrosion and helping to extend the life of your engine.
- **RINSE BOAT AND EQUIPMENT.** Adult zebra mussels should be removed from your boat, trailer, and equipment by hand (whenever possible) and discarded in the trash before rinsing the boat. Boats and equipment may be pressure washed to remove veligers and juvenile zebra mussels.

- **APPLY ANTIFOULING PAINTS** to the hull and the engine's cooling system. In-line strainers can also be installed in the engine's cooling system.

Adult zebra mussels can be carried to new water bodies when attached to boats and plant fragments. Veligers can be transported in water.

As a general practice, when in any lake, please take the proper steps to prevent the transport of any aquatic invasive species to new waters.



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

*Wednesday, May 5, 2010
Lake Region Coop*

Directors Present: Ostbye, Hart, Valentine, Tollefson. Wheeler, Peltier, Oksendahl, Uglen
Director Absent: Zimmerman
Also Present: Jason Vinje, Moriya Rufer

President Ostbye called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Peltier moved to accept the minutes from the December 2, 2009 meeting as prepared. Tollefson seconded the motion and the Board passed the motion. Peltier then moved to accept the agenda. Wheeler seconded that motion and likewise, the Board passed the motion. Nick Valentine reviewed the 2009 financial statements and the 2010 budget. Tollefson moved to accept the financial report. Hart seconded the motion and the Board passed it.

Moriya Rufer presented the Lake Coordinator Report. PLM surveyed the lake areas for curly leaf pondweed and found only two areas that may require treatment. The total acreage is less than .5 acres and may be too small to secure a permit for treatment. Lake and stream monitoring has also commenced indicating very low levels of E coli. The Lake Management Plan has been updated and is posted on line. An additional \$20,000 has been awarded to the district for additional shoreline restoration grants. Any interested party should contact Moriya. Discussion followed about the new rule requiring a permit for seining minnows and the need for education regarding docks, boat lifts and sprinkler systems in light of the zebra mussels discovery.

The Annual Meeting in August was discussed. There are openings for two individuals on the PGOLID Board. Tollefson is eligible for another term. Peltier moved to engage Advertising Marketing to fulfill the notification requirements and absentee ballot functions. Oskendahl seconded the motion and the members passed it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM to convene the Mosquito and Pest Control meeting. The mosquito spraying will commence in May and continue through the summer. If residents desire additional spraying on the specific nights for spraying, usually Thursdays after dark, they can contact Clark and arrange for that.

The Board meeting reconvened at 8:25 PM and was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa J Wheeler

SWIM SCHOOL UNDERWAY

LAKE LIFE

DUNN TOWNSHIP- PLPOA SWIMMING PROGRAM This year our lake swimming program starts Tuesday July 6, 2010 with classes every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons continuing through the month of July. This program is FREE and open to the public. Lesson location is 51628 Pelican Point Drive, north shore of Pelican Lake, down from Fair Hills Resort. Classes offered are from pre-beginner to swimmers. Jessica Hivl (Zsedeny) will return for another year of instruction.

CLASS TIMES (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Primary Skills/Pre-Beginner	12:00-12:30
Stroke Readiness/Beginner I	12:30-1:00
Stroke Readiness/Beginner II	1:00-1:30
Stroke Development/ Advanced Beginner I	1:30 - 2:15
Stroke Development/ Advanced Beginner II	2:15- 3:00
Intermediate/Swimmers	3:00- 3:45

For more information or pre-registration for programs, please contact Faye Engkjer at 218.532.7066 or email Faye@cableone.net

*Move your arms
and kick your feet,
Do a dog paddle
to the squishy beat,
Wave your hands
up very high,
And start to do
some butterflies.*

PELICAN LAKE SAILING SCHOOL

ON THE WATER

PLSS SAILING CLINIC • JULY 10 • 2:00-5:00 PM

Open to all interested sailors on the lake. There will be 2 levels offered. One for those with boats that would like to pick up a few tips from PLYC members as they sail and another for those without boats that would like to see what it's all about by sailing on PLYC member boats. *RSVP Jeff Peltier 218.532.3388 so boats and people can be lined up.*

PLSS YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

We are off to our biggest year ever. Most sessions are almost at capacity and we are excited to have so many enthusiastic kids signed up. Check with Jeff Peltier for any available spots if you are interested in joining.

If you happen to be on the water weekday mornings, stop by and watch some of the action of our youth sailors!



LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN NOW ONLINE

WATER QUALITY

The updated Lake Management Plan is online. Much time and effort went into the plan, which includes best management practices, the differences between our four bodies of water and how management of them can vary, and other efforts to maintain the quality of our lake.

It gives a good view of what goes on behind the scenes at Pelican Lake. Visit <http://pgolid.org/LMP/main.htm> to download the whole plan, or browse through different sections.

*It is our duty as
lake property
owners to
participate in
lake management
in an effort to
maintain quality
water for all.*





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SUMMER 2010 • Calendar of Events

June 18	Friday	7:30 pm	Patsy Cline Impersonator (Cormorant Community Ctr)
June 19	Saturday	8:30 am	Board Meeting (Fair Hills Resort)
July 4	Sunday	10:00 am	Boat Parade (clockwise-9:30 am signup and float #)
		following parade:	Parade Participant Picnic (PLYC)
		10:30 pm	Fireworks Show
July 22	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Hidden Talent Show (Cormorant Community Ctr)
July 31	Saturday	9:30 am	Annual PLPOA Members Only Breakfast
		10:00 am	Annual PLPOA 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)
Aug 27	Friday	6:00 pm	Lobster Dinner w/ticket (Cormorant Community Ctr)
Sept 11	Saturday	8:30 am	Executive Board Meeting (Fair Hills Resort)
Sept 12	Sunday	7:00 pm	Red Johnson Country Music (Cormorant Comm Ctr)

HAVE A GREAT, SAFE AND MEMORABLE SUMMER EVERYONE!