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## RELAX AND ENJOY YOUR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

*Labor was the first price, the original purchase—money that was paid for all things. It was not by gold or by silver, but by labor, that all wealth of the world was originally purchased. ~Adam Smith*

## YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM HAD A GREAT YEAR

This was the biggest year ever for the Youth Sailing Program with 30 students spread over three 2-week sessions. The instructors Medora Sletten, Reed Deardorff, and Kent Deardorff made sure it was both a fun and a learning experience, with many students planning to return next year. A group from Concordia College is expected in September to wrap up the season. Support from the lake association, along with the newly established “Brad Burgum Endowment” in honor of all Brad did for sailing on the lake, go a long way toward keeping the costs low for the youth of our lake.

### BRADLEY BURGUM ENDOWMENT FUND

This spring a Sailing School Endowment Fund was established in honor of Brad Burgum (*pic right*) for all he had done for the sport of sailing over the years. Brad passed away this winter, but left behind quite a legacy. The fund has been growing all summer and will focus on reducing the cost for students in the growing youth sailing program on the lake.

## 46TH ANNUAL WALLWORK REGATTA

The annual two day sailing regatta was held on Pelican Lake July 31st and August 1st with 23 boats competing. Established in 1965, it is developing quite a history. Lack of winds caused the cancellation of a couple of races, but didn’t dampen the enthusiasm. The boats were split into 3 fleets with Brian Harris (Big Cormorant) winning the E Fleet, Tim Krech (Lake Minnetonka) winning the C Fleet, and Mike Ostbye (Pelican) winning the Open Fleet. Co-chairs, Rhonda Loberg and Carol Schlossman made sure it was a well run event.



# INDEPENDENCE DAY SUCCESS



**KEN ERICKSON**, president

We all benefit  
when we get  
involved.

## Greetings,

*Though the parade was relatively short, the support by the spectators was outstanding. As the parade moved around the lake, there were very few docks and decks that weren't crowded by waving and cheering spectators, lifting the spirits of the parade participants. They certainly deserved your cheers.*

*The winners of this year's competition were:*

*1st place: Foss family, 2nd place: Tonsfeldt/Prondzinski families,  
3rd place: Johnson family, and 4th place: Hella family*

*The theme for next year is "Favorite Vacation Site" and the parade will be counter-clockwise. Any questions or comments should be directed to Jim Prondzinski, 532-2066.*

*A big thanks to Jim for his leadership for the parade and picnic, to Nick Valentine and crew for organizing the fireworks display and parking, and to Rocky Swanson for organizing the clean-up in the parking area. Their efforts helped make the 4th a success.*

*If you haven't had a chance to donate to the fireworks fund you can do so online at [www.pelicanlakemn.org](http://www.pelicanlakemn.org).*

*Thank you to all the Beach Captains and Majors for your hard work to deliver the directories and get new members.*

*Membership numbers this year are the best ever; thanks for your support.*

*I also want to thank the committee chairs and board members for their hard work this summer. Many people spend many hours to provide the benefits we receive as members of PLPOA.*



**1ST PLACE:** The Foss Family having a "dog-gone" good time on the water for the Fourth of July!



**2ND PLACE:** the Tonsfeldt/Prondzinski's proving that "Grease" is the word!



**3RD PLACE:** the Johnson family taking us back to "High School." Go Wildcats!



**4TH PLACE:** the Hella family share the tropics in their "South Pacific" entry.

## REVIEW OF OUR E-COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

The E-communications is new this year and is going quite well with the exception of our "cableone.net" members. These members are experiencing blocking issues and we are working on that. We encourage anyone with that email provider to switch to one of the more accepted providers like Hotmail, Yahoo, or Google in the meantime.

PLPOA is now able to accept fireworks donations, both through our website and the E-Communications. This is also working quite well. As we get more comfortable with this, we may include membership dues payments as well for next year.

People can go online either through our website <http://www.pelicanlakemn.org> or E-communications to update any of their information that might not be correct in the directory or has changed and any changes in emails. This helps reduce errors in re-entering data or interpreting handwriting, so we encourage its use.





# PELICAN LAKE PROPERTY OWNER ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING



*Friday, May 21, 2010*

**Attending:** Ken Erickson, Rocky Swanson, Don Meidinger, Dave Majkrzak, Nancy Kapaun, Karen Hart, Aldie Kelsven, L. Fitzgerald, J. Sugihara, D. Anderson, J. Prondzinski, M. Donnan, C. Solum, N. Valentine, C. Skistad, G. Lawrence, J. Friederichs, M. Ostbye, P. Tollefson, F. Manuel

**Absent:** H. Ottoson, J. Peltier, M. Sletten, J. Beckstrom, J. Delvo, J. Elliott, D. Gordon, K. Hovey, C. Winter, H. DeHollander, S. Duemeland, F. Engkjer, B. Jenkins, M. MacLeod, G. Martin, S. Trepp.

Ken Erickson opened the meeting with a motion to accept the minutes from the Annual Meeting of August 1, 2009. Char Skistad made a motion to accept the minutes and was 2nd by Lucy Fitzgerald. Agenda approved.

Don Meidinger, treasurer, presented the financials for 2009 and 2010 to-date. 2009 ended with a balance of \$71,789.88. So far in 2009 we have received \$42,315.87 and spent \$6,142.93 with most of the year to come. Jim Prondzinski made a motion to file the reports for audit and was 2nd by Rocky Swanson. Accepted.

Membership is going very well for 2010, with 800 paid members to date. The Majors and Captains will meet tomorrow morning to receive the new directories along with the beach folders. With 38 more members we will reach a record high!!

Website is upgrading to Constant Contact. This will give us a better means of communication with a more professional appearance. It will tie the newsletter and the website. Better means of collecting information, emails and to upgrade property owner information. We will also be able to use 'pay pal' for direct deposit of dues and donations received.

Chuck Solum made a motion to donate \$2000 to the Sailing School and was 2nd by Jim Prondzinski. Approved.

Char Skistad made a motion to pay \$250 for the insurance costs to Baker Insurance for the Swim Program and was 2nd by Marion Donnan. Approved.

Clean up day will be Wednesday, June 16th. Last year Ballard charged PLPOA over \$9500. So we need to make changes. This year we will not be picking up appliances or TVs. If a property owner needs this service they can contact Ballard Sanitation directly and they will pick up for a \$40 charge per appliance, \$20 for TVs.

Jim Prondzinski spoke about the July 4th parade. He is working with Kathy Hovey to prepare a mailing to send out with the Majors and Captain in the beach folders and directories. The picnic plans are going well also. Nick Valentine discussed the July 4th fireworks. The contract is signed and all is going well. Need volunteers. The cleanup for July 5th may be helped by the Pelican Rapids 4-H group and other volunteers.!!

Gary Lawrence mentioned the road work scheduled for Hwy 9. The first ½ may start in 2011. He has plans that can be viewed. Some of the cottages on the west appear to be as close as 3' to the road right-away.

Mike Ostbye, President of PGOLID, said that the mosquito spraying will start for the season next Thursday, before Memorial Day. The buoys are in the lake. Curly leaf pond weed only has a few patches in the lake and MN DNR will not spray at this time. Bill Zimmerman has resigned and Larry Kohler has replaced him.

There are three spots open on the PGOLID board and they have three candidates to run for office.

They applied for a grant in 2009 for a rock upgrade to the dam and were refused. Will apply again this year with some changes, they could be accepted. This grant would cover most of the costs for dam repair.

Upcoming events are July 31 for the Annual Breakfast and meeting. We are now lining up some guest speakers. Also August 27 for the Appreciation Social.

Don Anderson discussed the work that is being done with the Walleye Foundation. All of their paperwork for the organization has been updated. It is a sanctioned organization. Their board consists of Don Anderson, Don Meidinger, Dave Majkrzak, Larry Kohler and Tom Sherman. He also made a motion for a donation of \$2000 for stocking fingerlings and was 2nd by Chuck Solum. Approved.

Adjourned

By: Aldie Kelsven, Pelican Lake Property Owners Association

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

*Wednesday, May 26, 2010*

**Directors Present: Ostbye, Peltier, Oskendahl, Tollefson, Hart, Wheeler, Uglem, Kahler**

**Directors Absent: Valentine**

**Also Present: Moriya Rufer, Lake Coordinator**

President Ostbye called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Peltier moved to accept the agenda as presented, Wheeler seconded the motion and the Board passed it. Uglem then moved to accept the minutes as prepared (including the spelling error), Tollefson seconded the motion and the Board subsequently passed it. The financial report as prepared by Valentine was presented by President Ostbye. Tollefson and Hart, moved and seconded to accept the financial report. The Board passed the motion.

The Lake Coordinator reported that there were no major new issues. Lake monitoring continues with no alarming increase in the presence of E coli following storm activity. There is still money available to owners for shoreline restoration. Tollefson moved to increase the maximum individual grant to \$5000 for 2010-2011. Peltier seconded the motion and the Board passed it. The rules require that a 25 foot buffer must be kept for a minimum of 10 years, must restore 75% of the owners frontage and must consist of all native plants. She also presented a brief update on the zebra mussel situation and the interns inspecting boats at the public access. New regulations will be prepared for service providers for dock and lift removal and installation.

The Annual Meeting Agenda was reviewed. The board determined that the candidate introductions should be before voting closes and agreed that the proposed agenda should include a change --- opening of the polls at 8:30AM and closing of the polls after the Nominee introductions.

Tollefson reported that a very small area of Little Pelican was treated for curly leaf pondweed on May 19, 2010. A small area in the channel will require treatment in 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM and the Mosquito Abatement Meeting commenced. Mosquito spraying begins on May 27, 2010 on Thursday nights and will continue through the summer on Thursday nights if weather permits. If not it will be completed on the first appropriate following day. For the week of the fourth of July, the spraying will be moved to Friday night for maximum effect over the holiday weekend..

The PGOLID Board meeting was resumed at 8:38 PM and immediately adjourned by President Ostbye.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa J. Wheeler

# SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OFFERS TIPS

## ON THE WATER

Officer Kelly Thomas, Ottertail County Sheriff's Department shared some tips at the Annual Meeting. Hope they will be helpful to you.

- A US Coast Guard approved throwable cushion or ring buoy is required on all boats 16' feet or longer.
- Every person on a boat must have a life vest either worn or easily accessible . They cannot be stored away.
- All boats less than 26' with enclosed engines or fuel tanks are required to have a fire extinguisher.
- Boats and jet-skis must stay 150 feet away from docks and swimmers.

- Jet-skis may only operate between 9:30 am and one hour before sunset.
- An operator's permit is required from ages 13-18. A driver's license does not work for watercraft over 25hp. Contact the MN DNR or contact the Otter Tail Sheriff's Office for home-study materials for a youth watercraft operator's permit.

It was noted some boats have been stopped more than once on a weekend. A suggestion was made to have a sticker that could be attached to the boat so the officer would know that the boat had been checked. Officer Kelly Thomas reminded the members they are there to help keep us safe.

Check out [www.dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/boatwater/](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/boatwater/) for more on the Minnesota boating laws.

## New Regulations: WATER TRANSPORTATION

As of July 1, 2010, the following regulations apply to the transportation of water by boaters from all waters in the state (violations are misdemeanors):

- a person leaving waters of the state must drain boating-related equipment holding water and live wells and bilges by removing the drain plug before transporting the watercraft and associated equipment on public roads; and
- drain plugs, bailers, valves, or other devices used to control the draining of water from ballast tanks, bilges, and live wells must be removed or opened while transporting watercraft on a public road (marine sanitary systems and portable bait containers are excluded from this requirement).



## KEEP FLOWERING RUSH OUT OF OUR LAKES

## WATER QUALITY



**NOT A CLEAN JOB!** PGOLID continues it's effort to keep Flowering Rush out of Pelican Lake.

For the past 3 years canoes have been used to look for and remove Flowering Rush from the Pelican River above Pelican Lake. This is the invasive species that has taken over the beaches of DL and is now in Sally, Melissa, Mill Pond, and just below Bucks Mill. Moriya Rufer is coordinating our effort to remove it starting at the Ottertail county line which is about a Bucks Mill. So far the furthest down stream it has been found is the entrance side of Buck Lake. At this point, no new growth has been found in the areas where it has been removed in previous years.

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



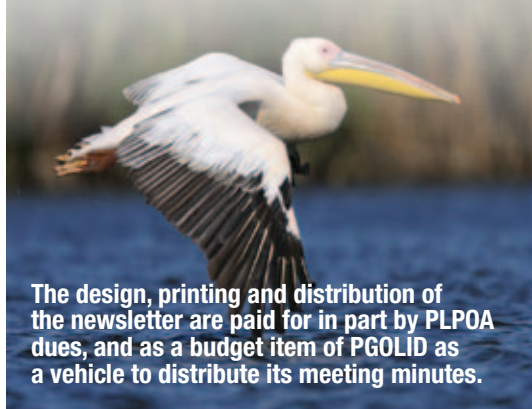
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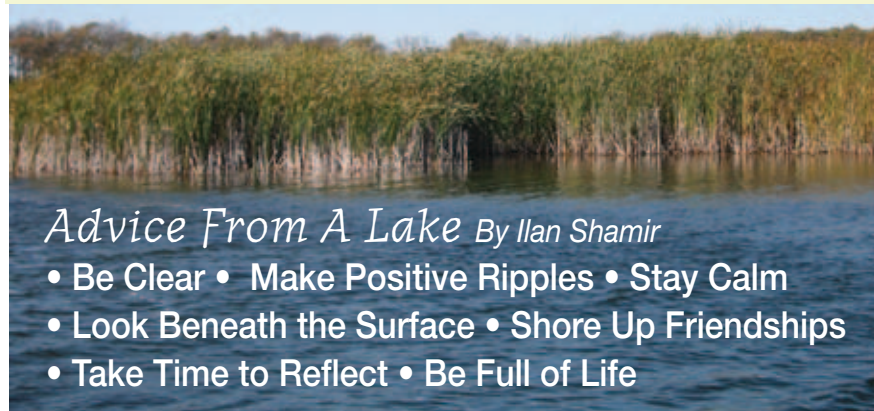


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### LATE SUMMER 2010 • Calendar of Events

Aug 27	Friday	4:00 pm	PLPOA 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 REST OF THE SUMMER AND HOPE TO 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