



The Lake Slumbers...



Thank you Darcy Leonard for the great picture

E-Newsletter February 2016

This E-Newsletter will provide updates on on-going activity of PLPOA as well as focus on several new issues that have only recently emerged.

- Greetings from the President
- 2016 Ice-Out contest
- MLR Survey
- RV Park expansion
- New Otter Tail County Shoreland Ordinances
- Stop stocking muskies in Pelican lake
- 2016 PLPOA Dues Reminder

Greetings from the President

Greetings from Pelican Lake and Happy Valentine's Day, Happy President's Day, Happy Leap Year!

We had just enough snow and good weather over the Christmas and New Year's Holidays for some cross country skiing. Then grass started peeking through during a January melt. Now the ice fishing and snowmobiling are in full swing. The night sky has been wonderful with the short days and no city lights.

The PLPOA board is planning for a great 2016 with the special trash pickup, fireworks and a parade, and a new directory.

We are lining up speakers for our two annual meetings.

There are important Special Issues mentioned in this month's news with which you need to be aware. These issues greatly impact the quality of lake life as we know it. They also impact our budget as we spend to defend Property Owners. Two critical issues are 1) the proposed RV Park on Rolling Hills Golf Course in Scambler Township and 2) Stop Muskie Stocking

Even if your property is not in Scambler Township, please attend the meeting Thursday, Feb 25 at 7pm to be part of a very important decision.

Please stay informed, support the PLPOA financially and call to volunteer. [Sherry Trepp](#), PLPOA President, 218 863 5107

ICE-OUT CONTEST

Spring is almost here! It is time to look into your crystal ball and register your entry for the 4th ANNUAL PLPOA ICE OUT contest. Guess the day the ice goes off Pelican lake. The deadline for entries is March 15, 2016. 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 will be the interpretation and decision of the judge(s) and will be final. If more than one entry is submitted by a contestant the latest will be used.

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER](#)

[John Kruse](#)

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Survey

On February 4 PLPOA sent out a special bulletin to E-Newsletter recipients to participate in the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Survey of Lake Residents. The results of this survey will help in the effort to build positive public perception of the excellent work Lake Associations and their members are doing in Minnesota that benefit all.

It is not too late! Just click on the MLR SURVEY link below. It will only take five minutes or less and will do so much to help get out the word about what you and other lake association members are doing to protect Minnesota's water resources.

MLR is the most important statewide lake association group in Minnesota, and MLR is entirely funded by voluntary contributions from actual people. MLR takes no foundation or grant money so that they can remain entirely independent to represent their members' interests. Please consider helping PLPOA support MLR with your individual donations.

[MLR SURVEY](#)

[Jeff Forester](#)

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RV PARK expansion proposed

An article recently appeared in the Pelican Press telling of a public hearing on an RV Park proposal to be held at the Scambler Township Hall, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. After collection of public input a decision will ultimately be made by the Township whether or not to grant a conditional use permit for the RV Park. The process calls for a comment period for area residents to provide input to the Township. Interested persons are encouraged to join the delegation from PLPOA who will be attending the hearing and to email their opinions and comments to scablertwp@loretel.net or mail to Scambler Township Clerk Lou Ann Zum, 18799 St Hwy 34, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572.

[**SEE FULL ARTICLE**](#)

New Otter Tail County Shoreland Ordinances

New ordinances proposed by Otter Tail County provide for each lake property owner to stay 10 feet back from imaginary lines going out to the lake. If this becomes law, then each owner will have 20 feet of open space because each owner has to stay back 10 feet from each property line in the lake. If an owner has a 50 foot lot, then only 30 feet of lake space is usable because 10 feet per side is unusable area. An owner can put a 6 foot high fence next to his neighbor, right on the property line but in the lake there is a 10 foot setback. The good thing about the ordinance is to have a guideline of where the imaginary line is in the lake and what happens if a neighbor will not settle the neighborly dispute of being over the line.

See the [**Dock and Riparian Use Ordinance**](#) from the Otter Tail Website

Go to the [**Otter Tail County Website**](#) to see all of the proposed ordinances

[Kevin Biffert](#)

Stop Stocking Muskie Update

The Stop Stocking Muskies in Minnesota campaign continues to gain momentum. [Dave Majkrzak](#) reports that the effort has been endorsed by numerous lake associations, townships, chambers of commerce and cities.

A group of PLPOA members concerned about the muskie issue have embarked on a campaign of sending emails, letters and otherwise attempting to contact Governor Dayton and Lt Governor Smith to step in and support this cause. If you would like to join this group and be brought up to date with current issues, please email PLPOA.

[PLPOA EMAIL](#)

Dues Reminder

The notice for 2016 PLPOA Membership dues has been sent out.

Payments are currently being received and recorded. If you haven't done so already, please send \$50 by check to PLPOA, PO Box 1782, Detroit Lakes, MN 56502 or pay using the [PLPOA WEBSITE LINK](#). Please contact [PLPOA](#) if you have any problems.

Sincerely,

[John Kruse](#)

PLPOA Communications Chairman