



Pike Lake Preserver

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President's Report Larry Modean

Wow! We usually don't have this much snow in February, and we still have March and April to go. I am looking forward to the beautiful weather we can have when the snow melts. When the weather around Pike Lake is good, it is the best weather in the world. The trouble is, that doesn't happen often enough.

In the meantime, there is still plenty to enjoy. The new hockey facility in Proctor is beautiful. They have open skating both indoors and outside. There is a walking/running track inside and ongoing exercise programs. There is also a discussion of a privately funded youth recreation center on the same property. This would be in conjunction with the city of Proctor and associated with Lake Superior College. The plan would be to have the capacity for 6 basketball courts or 12 volleyball courts. Easy access to I35, would mean area wide tournaments which would be a real asset for this area. This is still in the discussion phase as they are looking for backers.

In addition, the new YMCA in Hermantown is being built. The last I heard, they plan to have it open in the Fall of 2019. It really looks impressive as I drive by with lots of activity. With the addition of bike trails and other recreational activities that already exist, this will be a first-class recreation area.

The lawsuit regarding the sale of the Pike Lake Recreation Area has been resolved. AAA has been given the okay to sell the facility. As I write this, there is still some time before the appeal period expires. If the decision stands, the Andersons plan to proceed with their project as they have described it to us.

We are working with the Proctor school district to print placards that can be posted to indicate that you are a member of the Pike Lake Area Association. They will be given to all members, private and commercial. With some luck, they will be available at the Spring Banquet.

The Spring Banquet will be Thursday, April 11th, at the Cast Iron. The Cast Iron has been very supportive of our organization and we are very happy that they were willing to host us again. I guess we weren't too rowdy last time.

We will have two speakers at the banquet. Kate Kubiak, from the South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District, will present information about how vegetation can protect our precious water and what types of vegetation can be used. Cory Johnson, director of the new Veterans Cemetery, will give us an

overview of this impressive and patriotic addition to our community. We are fortunate that these two are joining us to share their knowledge with us.

Speaking of lucky, we have a new association member, Jim Prusak, who has vast experience regarding public utilities. For all of us who are interested in PLAWCS, but don't have the knowledge or experience, we are very happy to have Jim, a consumer, contributing to the ongoing development of the wastewater system.

See you at the banquet and stay warm. With all the exercise we are getting removing snow we can eat more at the banquet.

Pike Lake Area Association Spring Banquet



Thursday April 11, 2019

The Cast Iron
(formerly: The LeGrande)

Happy hour - 6:00 pm
Buffet Dinner - 6:30

Menu
Red meat sauce Spaghetti, Pizza, and salad.

The cost is \$15.50 per person
(includes the tax and tip)

All are welcome! Please come and get updated and learn more about the area we live in.

Please RSVP to Dianne Ahlers - 729-7300.

History Corner Sue Voss

This true story was submitted by Pauline Olsen, daughter of Dick Olsen. Dick is recovering from a stroke in Minneapolis, near Polly and her family. Dick is in his mid-80's, and full of great stories. Mentioned in the story are the Anderson and Vieau families.

"Draft Dodger at Pike Lake"

The year was 1942 or maybe 1943. Pike Lake was almost all cabins, owned by affluent people who lived in the city. I was probably about 11 or 12.

It was the middle of winter, and I was outside on my skis with my dog on a leash. My dog was mean, he would bite anyone. Nobody was there in the winter, the only area plowed was where the school bus had to drive. At that point, there were only one or two other year around homes on Pike Lake; the rest were only summer cabins. The only light on the other side of the lake was the house where Howie Peterson lives.

I was right down at the bottom of the driveway and holding my dog on a big chain. Some guy walked down the driveway and wanted to use the phone, but I told him “no or my dog would bite him.” Back then we were the only house on the lake with a telephone. “Hell, we were almost the only year around house on the lake.”

My dad was working in the shipyard, so I was waiting for him to come home that night. It was just Mom, Guy, and I at home. When Dad came home, he asked what I was doing. I replied, that some goofy looking guy with hair down to his shoulders just passed through here and asked to use the phone. He asked where the guy went, and I told him he went that way as I pointed east along the line of summer cabins. For those of you who don’t know where I grew up, it’s that little house two doors east of Roger and Diane. Dad told me to go tell your mom, “I need the 38 pistol.” I did. I told her dad was going to go look for someone.

We tracked the guy through the snow; dad, me, my dog, and the 38. The guy checked out every cabin, we could see his footprints walking around each one checking windows and doors for an opportunity. When we got to the house, where Vieau’s live now, (was Bostrom’s before that, about 10 homes east of Roger and Diane) all the lights were on, and the music was playing like crazy from the jukebox! We looked through the window and there he was; drinking whiskey. What were we going to do next? Dad told me to stay near the house next door.

Now dad was just from the shipyard with big gloves on and dressed in winter work clothes. I should add, my dad was an oar boat captain. He was a smart and very tough guy. He kept order on those ships with that 38.

Dad went up on the back porch as quietly as he could. The guy was in front of the sink drinking, not a care in the world. He had just struck gold, a beautiful vacant cabin, a fireplace, booze, and music. He was living the dream! Dad ran his hand along the screen door to make noise and when the guy pressed his face against the screen to see what the sound was, dad shoved his gloved hand right through that screen, grabbed him by the throat, and pulled him straight through the window. Then he asked me for the 38. I quickly handed it to him. He had the guy by the throat and shoved that gun in the guys back. He walked him back toward the house.

Now dad was a tough guy but had a sense of compassion, so he offered him a cigarette. He told me to run ahead and tell mom to call the sheriff and we’ll meet him at the top of the driveway.

The sheriff came and said they had been looking for this guy for a long time. He’s hiding out from the draft. Dad was given a Letter of Commendation.

Treasurer’s Report Mark Rauschenfels

Pike Lake Association

Financial Report Summary

Calendar Year End 2018

Beginning Checking balance 1/1/2018 17,511.86

Income:

Memberships-Residential 4,130.00

Memberships-Business 850

July 4th Food shelf donations 802

July 4th Township donation 500

Events - Fall Banquet 1,026.00

Events - Winter Banquet 625

Events - July 4th 965

Exotic Species Prevention Program 695

Interest Income 9.95

Total Income 9,602.95

Expenses:

Newsletters / Mailings 811.63

Events- Pike Lake Rummage Sale 58.2

Events- July 4th breakfast 1,124.66

Events - Fall Banquet 949.54

Events - Winter Banquet 766.07

MN Lakes Assoc. Membership Dues 150

Membership billing 319.48

Lundeen Memorial 2,963.60

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Total Expenses 7,239.18

Ending Checking balance 12/31/2018 18,875.63

Minnesota Sea Grant Doug Jensen

“CD3 Stations: Everyone Likes a Clean Boat”

Like bracing for severe cold weather with layers of clothing, we might use layers of defense to protect our lakes and rivers against harmful aquatic invasive species, or AIS, right? This is a way to view MN’s relatively successful approach to AIS prevention. Let’s take a brief look at what has worked and not worked.

For nearly 30 years, MN boaters and anglers have learned that it’s their responsibility to clean their boat and equipment to prevent the spread of AIS. Most have been privy to the simple steps to Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! Clean-Drain-Dispose-Dry. MN Sea Grant surveys consistently show that 97% of boaters and anglers reported compliance. MN DNR watercraft inspection and enforcement data show success with 94% compliance based on 470,000 watercraft inspections in 2018. Despite 1.6 mill. anglers, 825K registered boats and 3,600 public and tens of thousands private accesses, only 5% of our

lakes are infested. Clearly, more boaters and anglers than ever are doing the right things. Could we do better? YES, because zebra mussels continue to spread. But *how* can we do better?



Ed Rudberg and his business partner Mark Apfelbacher had an idea. When Ed and Mark asked me about their concept of a waterless boat cleaning station, I was like, “Yah!” Then I enthusiastically agreed to be a technical advisor to the CD3 station effort (Clean-Drain-Dispose-Dry).

CD3 are automated to gather data on what tool is being used, when and for how long. This information may be just what is needed to improve AIS compliance. Boat washing helps prevent the spread of AIS. Based on our surveys, roughly 20% of boaters don't “take action” because a boat station was not available. Our surveys reveal what they do (clean, drain, dispose, dry) but we don't know how.

Pike Lake is the first location for a CD3 station in northern MN. The station debuted July 11, 2017. Its installation was a collaborative effort between CD3, Wildlife Forever, Canosia Township, St. Louis Co. AIS Program, MN DNR and MN Sea Grant. Has it been effective? Within 80 days, it was used over 800 times! Most popular tools were the universal plug wrench, followed by blower, vacuum, grabber and lights. Since then, 2,600 tools were used.

Boaters find them “easy” to use and “like” them based on a Three Rivers Park District study. Once they use a CD3 station, they are likely to use it again. Importantly, when CD3 stations are combined with signage, education, and striping/stop signs, violation rates can be reduced by more than 70% according to Hennepin County. And, CD3s can greatly reduce residual water from boats, thereby reducing the risk of spreading AIS according to the UofM Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center.

CD3 stations provide 24/7 coverage. That said, CD3 Stations are not meant to replace watercraft inspections or decontamination stations. All are important preventative layers to help stop aquatic hitchhikers from spreading to our lakes and rivers. Congratulations to PLAA and Canosia Township for innovative leadership on AIS prevention. Keep up the terrific work!

Doug Jensen is Co-Chair of the national Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force's Communication, Education and Outreach Committee and Extension Professor/AIS Program Coordinator for the U of M Sea Grant Program for over 25 years.

Dear Pike Lake Area Resident/Business Owner:

If you were a member of the Pike Lake Area Association (PLAA) in 2018, thank you for your support. We invite you to renew your membership for 2019. If you were not, please consider joining in 2019. Your membership dollars support the following programs and activities that protect the lake and create community:

- * Public Landing Boat Inspection and Exotic Species Education Program: **Between the PLAA and Canosia Township, we have kept Eurasian Milfoil and Spiny Water Fleas out so far; let's continue to do so.**
- * Water purity and clarity testing: **Our lake is as clean as it has ever been; but just to be sure, the PLAA is sponsoring additional testing.**
- **Building a strong community:**
- * **Spring Banquet: Join us at the Cast Iron Bar and Grill on Thursday April 11, 2019. We will update you on current PLAA initiatives and the Auto Club status; guest Cory Johnson will talk about the new Veterans Cemetery off the Caribou Lake Road; guest Kate Kubiak from South St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation will talk on waterfront landscaping; and the banquet will provide an opportunity for you to socialize with your neighbors.**
- * Pike Lake Rummage Sale, which we publicize.
- * We adopted the roads around the lake for litter pickup.
- * Fourth of July Breakfast and Boat Parade: **We served about 300 people. They gave \$802 to the Pike Lake School PIE (Partners in Education) and over 190 pounds of food to local food shelves. There were over 50 boats in the increasingly lively boat parade, otherwise known as the naval battle.**
- * Fall and Spring Social Banquets: **Good turnout; great program.**
- * Quarterly Newsletters: **See our web site.**
- **Participation in township, county and state governmental bodies, especially PLAWCS. Your association continues to be a constructive partner of the PLAWCS Joint Powers Board.**
- **Business members: we publish your business card in one or more newsletters each year to show your support for our community.**

2018-19 PLA Board of Directors

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2019 PIKE LAKE AREA ASSOCIATION (PLAA) RESIDENTIAL/BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP INVOICE

Name & Pike Lake address: _____

Mailing address: (if different) _____

Pike Lake Area Association 2019 (January-December) Dues \$ _____
\$35.00 for Residential, \$50.00 for Business (please enclose business card)

Additional contribution for Exotic Species boat inspection/education program \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please use the enclosed return envelope and return your dues as soon as possible.
If you have any questions, please call Cindy Lundeen – 218-348-7747.

Be more connected to your community. Membership has its benefits!

“Our mission is to preserve the environmental integrity of Pike Lake and the contiguous area, guaranteeing the ongoing availability of the lake for recreational use. We also wish to serve as a vehicle of information regarding the interests of the property owners who live around and on Pike Lake.”