



Pike Lake Preserver



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“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”.

Serving the Pike Lake Watershed
visit: pikelakeassociation.org

President's Report

When the wind is still and the sun is warm and bright there is no better place to XC ski than right on the lake. We had a day like that in the middle of Jan, we were blessed. Walking out the door I expected to go out and work hard to break trail for a classic ski adventure. Us old folks don't skate ski that much. To our amazement we found a groomed ski track. We could actually glide, it was fantastic. We discovered later that the Skytta's did it. THANK YOU.

Dianne Ahlers and I met with the owners and manager of the Cast Iron Bar and Grill about the winter banquet. They were accommodating and gracious and we were able to schedule the winter banquet at their establishment. They expressed a desire to become more involved with the community and are open to suggestions. We talked about community events and the use of the land behind the restaurant. They are working hard to make their business the best it can be and welcome customer comments. They have already achieved considerable customer support and we hope this continues to grow. We thank them for restoring a part of our community. The empty restaurant was not a pretty picture, lonely and desolate.

Speaking of the banquet it's going to March 7th, Tues. and the Cast Iron. Kevin Cornick and Bob Idziorek will be speaking. Kevin will bring us up to date about Canosia Township's relationship with the DNR and St. Louis County regarding the landing and other projects. Just a sneak peak, we will be getting a BIG washer dryer.

Bob had been working closely with UMD, doing water testing, water flow, etc. They are looking at how our beautiful lake is effected by other events in the environment. Critical information needed to protect our water.

On a very sad note some of our best lake historians are leaving us without seeing their knowledge preserved. I just became aware there was once an airfield where the gravel pit is by the West end of the lake. Dick Olsen told me that, he used to land there. By the way the gravel pit was sold and the new owner is designing his new home to be built there. Warren Lundeen's picture is on the wall of Mariucci hockey arena in Minneapolis. It's there, I looked. Warren played hockey with John Mariucci. Cal Sabtini played basket ball for the University of Minnesota and I am sure there are many others with accomplishments of note that we are just not aware of.

If we can pull it off I'd like to have a panel of a few lake historians answer questions about this community at the end of the banquet. Hopefully this would be ongoing and we could record it.

I just found out Warren Lundeen did pass. He loved the lake and he and his family wanted donations to go to the Pike Lake Association to protect and preserve Pike Lake. Thank you, we will work to honor his memory through our stewardship of the lake.

Hope to see you all at the banquet -
Larry Modean, President PLA

Winter Banquet Details

Tuesday March 7th 2017

Cast Iron Bar & Grill

5906 Old Miller Trunk Highway

5-6:30 Happy hour

Dinner at 6, with speaker and meeting following

Pasta dinner red sauce with sausages, white Alfredo sauce, chicken on the side, Caesar Salad, bread sticks, soft drink beverages and coffee included in the price of \$14.95 this includes tax no tips.

Please ask for RSVP to Dianne Ahlers 729-7300 before March 1st.

Other Dates to Note

Pike Lake Rummage Sale moved to May 13th due to several requests. Mark your calendar!

New History Column Coming!

The Pike Lake Association invites Pike Lake residents to share information as part of a new History Corner Column. Thank you to Sue Voss for volunteering to serve as point person for this contact. Sue can be contacted via phone, email or mail:

Sue Voss

729-7304

5899 S. Pike Lake Rd., 55811

We'd love to share your family stories or any other information to celebrate the history of Pike Lake and the people here.

Membership Report

Tom Whittaker, Membership Chair

We finished 2016 with 111 2016 Residential memberships, and 27 2016 Business memberships; 18 2017 Residential memberships, and 4 2017 business memberships; and \$1600 in boat inspection donations. Invoices for 2017 memberships for those who have not already paid will be mailed out in early February.

Chloride, Keeping Watch

The 2014 CLMP+ Report on Pike Lake is available on our website. The report noted, "Pike Lake had chloride concentrations considerably higher than the ecoregion expectations. This is most likely due to urban runoff".

Pike Lake association is now measuring and tracking chloride levels on an annual basis. In addition, we are coordinating with UMD researchers to measure water flows for potential impact on concentrations. It should be noted that in 2016, we toured the St Louis County Public Works facility and found procedures for the storage, handling and application of road deicers to precede and exceed MPCA standards.

Certainly a percentage of the problem is us, the watershed residents. Our home page, pikelakeassociation.org, links to site which offers the science of "homeowner" type salt application for sidewalks and driveways. It also contains an educational video to teach people how to apply deicers.

Key Concepts

1. Use deicers as a "last resort"
2. No more than 1-4 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. (coffee cup is one pound)
3. Don't use deicers in cold weather, they don't work
4. Spread rate of 3" between each salt crystal! (learn what this looks like, and stick with it)
5. Colored salt is better than white salt (because you can use less of it)
6. Shovel more often, sweep more often
7. Teach your kids the proper use of deicers (or not to use them at all)

Public Landing Boat Inspection Program Expands

Kevin Cornick, the Canosia Town Board Chairman, has advised that the township has applied for a \$30,000 grant for boat inspections at the Pike Lake and Caribou Lake public landings. This is \$20,000 more than was spent last year, and it will enable them to cover more hours per day, and more days per year. This program has become a model for the control of Aquatic Invasive Species in Minnesota lakes; and a model for local government/ lake association cooperation. The Pike Lake Area Association started the program at the Pike Lake public landing serviced by Carmen's Way many years ago-with the help of Canosia Township. Now Canosia Township runs the program, with the help of the PLA, the Caribou Lake Association, and Grand Lake Township.

Kevin expressed appreciation for the PLA in general, and Brian Mirsch in particular. The PLA would like to add Brian Daugherty and Mary Dwan to that list. These two men helped raise money, establish relationships with the township, the county, and the state; hire and train people, and oversee inspections. Mary Dwan funded much of the inspection program. We also want to thank Kevin, and his fellow Canosia Township supervisors. They have taken over most of the PLA's duties, and we are very grateful for their support.

Along with his announcement regarding the basic inspection program, Kevin advised that Canosia Township has been selected by St. Louis County to participate in a two year pilot program involving a CD3 Watercraft Cleaning Station, at no cost to the program, which boaters can use to clean their boats on their way into and out of Pike Lake. The station employs high pressure air to blow and/or vacuum AIS and other pollutants off boats and boat trailers. Properly used it can be a valuable adjunct to our inspection program.

In summary, what was started as a modestly funded initiative by the Pike Lake Area Association is becoming a comprehensive Pike Lake/ Caribou Lake AIS inspection and removal program led by local government.

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Pike Lake Association Financial Report Summary Fiscal Year End 2017

Beginning Checking balance 6/1/2016	14,909.89
Income:	
Memberships	1,220.00
July 4th Food shelf donations	952.00
July picnic silent auction	905.00
July picnic raffle	197.00
Events - Fall Banquet	536.00
Dwan Environment Gift	1,000.00
Exotic Species Prevention Program	50.00
Interest Income	4.94
Total Income	4,864.94
Expenses:	
Newsletters / Mailings	1,459.86
Events- July 4th breakfast	588.64
Events- July 4th Food Shelf donations	952.00
Events- July picnic	562.77
Events - Fall Banquet	688.24
Environmental	1,173.78
Total Expenses	5,425.29
Ending Checking balance 1/31/2017	14,349.54
Reserve Fund Certificate of Deposit	10,947.95
PLA Checking & Reserve Fund Total	25,297.49

2016-2017 Pike Lake Association Board of Directors

President – Larry Modean 729.7772
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Be more connected to your community. Membership has its benefits!

- Continuation of the Exotic Species Prevention Program at the Pike Lake public landing; Environmental testing and reporting
- The 4th of July Pancake Breakfast, Riley's 4th of July Watercraft Parade
- Pike Lake Area Fall & Winter Banquets
- Continual community updates and information; Political updates and review
- The Old-Fashioned summer picnic & golf outing at AAA

And we couldn't do it if it weren't for our members!

Mail your membership check to: PLAA, 5968 N Pike Lake Rd, Duluth MN 55811.

Member Name:

Phone Number:

Address:

Email:

\$35 annual fee enclosed (\$50 for business members)

\$ _____

Optional: Additional amount enclosed to help fund
the Exotic Species Prevention Program

\$ _____

Issues that most affect you:

Please **circle** the volunteer opportunities you are interested in:

4th of July Picnic --- Annual Picnic --- Fall Banquet --- Winter Banquet ---- Lake Monitoring --- Highway Cleanup

Other:

Total enclosed: \$ _____