



# Pike Lake Preserver

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## **President's Report** **Larry Modean**

One of the major concerns for the Pike Lake Area this year has been the fate of the AAA Recreational Area. We will hopefully have some closure of this situation by the time of the Fall Banquet. We are planning to have the banquet on Thurs. the 19th of October. It will be held at the Cast Iron Grill, who has been our gracious hosts for the previous two banquets.

Roger and Dianne Anderson have made an offer that AAA has accepted for the recreational area. An environmental study has been completed and the Andersons are waiting for AAA to provide a clear title. The Andersons have a preliminary written plan for the area. They recognize that this property, which has been available to the public for over a hundred years, is a community asset and holds great sentimental value to many people. They, of course need to recoup their investment.

The plan would keep the golf course and the beach open and available to the public. A limited amount of housing would be developed adjacent to the golf course. WLSSD has been contacted and the amount of housing that can be accepted by WLSSD has been negotiated. The housing would probably require some modification of the golf course. They are also planning to demolish the existing storage and clubhouse buildings. A new multi-purpose event center which would include concessions plus would be built. This is a plan we hope would keep this unique community asset functioning and available to the entire community. We will invite the people most knowledgeable of this situation to attend and be available to speak at the banquet. It

would also be fun to have some of our historians share their knowledge of this community center.

About the banquet, we need more of the younger people from the area to attend. The more active members we have, the more credible are our thoughts and viewpoints.

People stepping up are: Diane Ahlers who is always working for the association, Kris Hagemeyer who is the new communications person, and Cindy Lundeen, the new co-chair of the membership committee. We also wish to thank Brian and Linnea Mirsch for their years of service.

See you at the banquet!

## **Pike Lake Area Association July 4th Celebration** **Tom Whitaker**

Dianne Ahlers, our very talented and hard-working Director of Special Events organized, staffed, and implemented a very successful July 4th breakfast against all odds. The AAA closed our long-time venue, the Auto Club Caddy Shack and cut off access to their picnic tables. Diane didn't miss a beat. She worked with Kevin Cornick, Canosia Township Supervisor-and a great friend of the PLAA, to get the okay to hold the breakfast in the newly paved Canosia Town Hall parking lot. The Canosia Volunteer Fire Department offered us the use of their kitchen. Diane rented tables and chairs and recruited an excellent group of volunteers including her husband Steve, children Breanna and Connor, the Swanstroms, the Modeans, the

Ogstens, the Vosses, the Mirsches, the Wallaces, the Whittakers, the Rauschenfels, Jean Nisius, Kathy Tanski and others. She put them to work setting tables; cooking eggs, sausages, pancakes and other goodies. We were worried that the change of venue would limit the attendance. Not so! We gave nametags to 273 people, and based on our observations, missed about 10% of the attendees. In short, the PLAA crew fed about 300 people. Those people donated \$860 and more than 100 pounds of food to the Proctor and Great Harvest Food Shelves. We also sold 10 PLAA memberships. A remarkable event. The celebration continued with the Riley Boat Parade. Sue Modean counted over 50 boats! There was one complaint. The parade has evolved into a spirited naval battle featuring water balloons and water cannons, ship to shore bombardments, and vice versa. Most people love the action, but an elderly non-participant got hit in the head with a water balloon. She didn't appreciate it. In the future, we encourage people to focus their energy on active combatants.

The day ended with great fireworks, albeit less than in previous years. Frank Messina decided to sit this one out. We are working on him to resume participation next year.

## **Environmental Committee**

**Bob Idziorek**

We have a chloride study that is ongoing, and we have a UMD student that's going to do a "risk assessment" on Pike Lake with an educational component for area residents". It is still in the planning stages and too early for a report.

## **2017 Landing Inspections**

The 2017 public landing educational inspections are underway. The Pike Lake Association is very grateful for Canosia Township's management of the program. Please thank your Canosia Township Supervisors. The total budgeted hours for 2017 are \$1200 for Pike Lake and \$800 for Caribou Lake. The program is staffed by eight certified inspectors managed by Alyssa Hagemeyer. The inspectors received all day training and were tested on Saturday May 6, 2017, at the Canosia Town Hall. All inspectors were given a written exam and were required to score 80% or higher to become certified.

The training was done by Jessica Moore of the MN DNR. She is an AIS Trainer. Also on hand was a MN DNR officer, who brought a boat to the training site. This allowed the inspectors to have firsthand training on what, and where, to look for invasive species. We will be publishing the results of the AIS program after all the data has been collected for the year.

Canosia Township is Supervising the AIS Program. You may direct any questions to Kevin L. Cornnick, Canosia Supervisor @ 590-6473. E-mail is [cornnick@msn.com](mailto:cornnick@msn.com).



**AIS Inspector at Pike Lake**

## History Corner

Sue Voss

A few of the victims of the tragic 1918 fire rest there.

The Cemetery is open to the public.

## Treasurer's Report

Mark Rauschfels

**Pike Lake Association  
Financial Report Summary  
Fiscal Year End 2018**

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Beginning Checking balance 6/1/2017 | 15,250.15        |
| Income:                             |                  |
| Memberships                         | 435.00           |
| July 4th Food shelf donations       | 860.00           |
| July 4th Canosia Township donation  | 500.00           |
| Dwan Environment Gift               | 1,000.00         |
| Interest Income                     | <u>1.27</u>      |
| Total Income                        | 2,796.27         |
| Expenses:                           |                  |
| Newsletters / Mailings              | 731.43           |
| Events- Pike Lake Rummage Sale      | 29.50            |
| Events- July 4th breakfast          | 853.03           |
| Events - Sams Club membership       | <u>45.00</u>     |
| Total Expenses                      | <u>1,658.96</u>  |
| Ending Checking balance 07/31/2017  | 16,387.46        |
| Reserve Fund Certificate of Deposit | <u>15,000.00</u> |
| PLA Checking & Reserve Fund Total   | <u>31,387.46</u> |

# Fall Banquet

Thursday, October 19th, 2017

## 5:30 Happy Hour

## Italian Buffet

## Cast Iron – 5906 Old Miller

## Trunk Highway

Cost to be determined

Hope to see you there!



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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;
- Continual community updates and information; Political updates and review;
- Pike Lake Area Fall & Winter Banquets; and
- The Old-Fashioned summer picnic.

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

Mail your membership check to:  
PLAA, 6034 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 \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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: