

# Pickerel and Kimball Lakes Association

## Fall 2008 Newsletter

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### Co-Pres Comments

Thank you to everyone who attended the Pickerel and Kimball Lakes Association (PKLA) meeting on August 30<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to future meetings and continuing the association traditions as we move forward. We are also pleased about the progress on a PKLA website (<http://pickerel-kimballlakes.com>) as a new resource for the association. We will be posting this newsletter on that website, and ask for your help in cutting down our mailing costs by sending us your e-mail address to receive the newsletter electronically. In addition, if you are interested in becoming a part of a website committee as we continue to grow the website content please contact us at [PKLA@tds.net](mailto:PKLA@tds.net).

Please take note of the following key dates:

**October 14, 2008:** Weed Control Public Hearing, Garfield Township Offices, 7:00 p.m.

**May 25, 2009:** Next PKLA Meeting, Camp Henry 9:00 a.m.

**July 4, 2009:** PKLA 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festivities

If you have any comments, ideas, or questions please feel free to contact us at our permanent residence numbers listed below or [PKLA@tds.net](mailto:PKLA@tds.net). Have a wonderful holiday season and we'll see you in the spring.

Thank you,

Steve Plank                      and                      Jennifer Simpson  
(616-447-0188)                      (616-361-9802)

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## August 30, 2008 Fall Meeting Minutes

By: John Schorr, Secretary

**The meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents Steve Plank and Jennifer Simpson.** Steve thanked Camp Newaygo for letting us use their facilities for our meeting.

### Camp Newaygo:

**Jane Vitek, Director of the Camp** has been at Camp Newaygo for 33 years. Jane reviewed the history of the camp which is now a NCCS facility. Over the years, many residents of the area have volunteered to assist the camp, redo their canoes, update their facilities, etc. Currently Camp Newaygo has a \$2.4 million campaign to winterize, expand, and modernize Lang Lodge. So far \$1.7 million has been raised and Jane encouraged all attendees to pick up a brochure if possible, help with their financial campaign. Jane said the camp attendees are 85% coed and around 20% minority.

### Officers:

**Steve Plank thanked Vonnie Holmberg and Carole Blair** for their services as past Co-Presidents. Steve introduced the new officers for this year. New directories were up front for members of the association to take after the meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

**Jim Linkfield** handed out a financial sheet covering the years 2007 and 2008. The current balance is \$(not available on website). Jim said that we collected \$7,314 in dues this year. The treasurer's report was approved.

### Secretary's Report

**John Schorr** had handouts of the minutes from the Spring Meeting. With one minor correction, the minutes were approved.

**Weed Control Report**

**Jim Chase** stated that Garfield Township has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. to review our application for Weed Control. The township will do a mailing the end of September to announce the hearing and also publish the notice of the meeting in the Fremont Times Indicator. The renewal starts in 2010. Jim encouraged as many people as possible to attend the hearing.

**New Business:**

**Rules of the Lake Card – Jennifer Simpson reviewed** the Rules of the Lake Card that was handed out and asked attendees to post it in their house for everyone to see.

**Website – Gary Ebels has created a website** for the association and it is up and running. The website is [www.Pickerel-KimballLakes.com](http://www.Pickerel-KimballLakes.com). A discussion was held on what individuals would like to see on the website and this issue will be covered in a future newsletter.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday in 2009. Stanly Fisher is in charges of the fireworks and Nina fox is the coordinator of the boat parade.** Nina reviewed several possible themes for the parade and “Wild Wild West” was suggested and unanimously decided as the theme.

**Weed Control –** There was a discussion on the purple loosestrife which is not treated by our weed control program. It was stated that there are three purple flowers in the area and it was agreed that a write-up on how to distinguish and control purple loosestrife would be put on our website.

**Newsletter – Steve Plank and Jennifer Simpson will publish the newsletter** following this meeting. They asked attendees to put their e-mail addresses on the sign-up sheet so the newsletter can be e-mailed versus regular mail.

**Zone Representatives – Tammy Looman** said there was a need for a zone representative from Centerline Road around Pickerel Lake Drive to Switzerland’s. **Bob and Nina Fox volunteered.** It was unanimously approved.

**Weedmats – Jim Chase** stated he purchased one of the weed mats mentioned at the last meeting and they work. They are available at Camp ‘n Cruise in Marne or online at [www.seaweedmats.com](http://www.seaweedmats.com).

**Public Comments and Questions – Jim Morse moved and Steve Plank seconded** a motion to give a \$50 gift certificate to each Vonnie Holmberg and Carole Blair in appreciation of their service as Co-Presidents. The motion was approved. Both Vonnie and Carole thanked the group for their thoughtfulness but declined the offer and said they would rather have the money stay in the treasury.

**Attendance: There were 65 people in attendance**

**Next meeting – Camp Henry on Monday, May 25, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Steve Plank adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.**

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## Summary of 4th of July Festivities 2008



Thank you to everyone who showed their support by participating or was a spectator the fishing contest, boat parade, Tiki Torch Ring of Fire and fireworks display. We look forward to another successful celebration next July 4<sup>th</sup> and encourage everyone to join in the fun and bring new ideas to the spring meeting.

### 2008 Boat Parade

**By: Nina Fox**

The 2008 Pickerel and Kimball Lake Association boat parades were held on Saturday, July 5, 2008. It was a beautiful sunny day and the “Zoo” theme provided a spectacular array of creative boats! Pickerel Lake had over 15 boats participate—the largest turnout ever. If you want to see the color photos of the winners and other photos from the boat parade, visit the website.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

Outstanding concept of theme, creativity, animation, and beauty.

**Pontoon #13 Leo & Pat Rasch**



**Boat #16 John and Edna Schorr**



**SPIRIT OF THE LAKE AWARD**

For the best use of movement both live and mechanical.

**Pontoon #18 The Goering Family**



**Boat # 10 The Kett Family**



**PARADE COMMITTEE'S AWARD**

For the best use of humor.

**Pontoon #5 The Westfalls (Penguins)**



**Boat #19-Lake Haven**



The Kimball Lake Boat parade was managed by Camp Henry, and regrettably the information on the winning boats was lost. In 2009, the Kimball Lake parade will be managed by a Kimball Lake resident. It was also requested that the Kimball Lake parade start earlier, so Kimball Lake boats could join the Pickerel Lake parade. They would only be eligible for the "Peoples Choice Award" on Pickerel Lake.

**The theme for 2009 is "The Wild Wild West." The categories will include:**

1. **PRESIDENTS AWARD**—Outstanding concept of theme, creativity, animation and beauty
2. **SPIRIT OF THE LAKE AWARD**—Best use of "Forth of July" theme.
3. **PARADE COMMITTEE AWARD**—Best use of humor.
4. **PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD**—Votes will be collected from people gathered on their docks. One vote per dock.

So start collecting your western costumes, decorations and get your creative minds flowing for 2009. We hope that each year we can increase the number of participating boats! If you have any questions about the parade, please contact Nina Fox at 616.340.4364 (cell).

## 2008 Fishing Contest

By: Jen Simpson



The 2008 Fishing Contest had over 20 participants this year. There were 5 gift certificates awarded to each of the participants with the largest catch in each of 3 different age divisions: 7 years and under (Division III), 8-11 years (Division II), and 12 – 15 years (Division I). In addition there were 2 gift certificate awards given across age divisions for most unusual fish, and smallest fish. Everyone was a winner who participated and each contestant not receiving a gift certificate was given a participant 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place ribbon for their catch of the day. Thank you to Parsley's Sport & Fly Shop for being a sponsor of the Pickerel and Kimball lake Association fishing contest. Below are the list of the gift certificate winners, description of their prize fishes and photo of 3 of these winners:

### Biggest Fish in Age Division:

- Division I: Marie Engelsma,  
Bass—15 ½ inches, 1 pound 8 ounces
- Division II: Ty Geertman,  
Pike—27 ½ inches, 3 pounds 12 ounces
- Division III: Olivia Westfall  
Crappie (speck)—10 ½ inches, 10 ounces

### Most Unusual Fish Cross Divisions:

Payton Westedt,  
Bullhead—13 inches, 1 pound 11 ounces

### Smallest Fish Cross Divisions:

Duncan Wright  
Perch—6 ½ inches, 2 pounds 1 ounce



### Participant Ribbon Award Winners (in alphabetical order)

Heather Alyea  
Mark Alyea  
Emma Bauer  
Jamie Bauer

Zach Bauer  
Regan Berse  
Payton Berse  
Jaco Engelsma

Carter Fettig  
Ben Featherstone  
Colton Geertman  
Emma Goering

Leah Goering  
Nathan Goering  
Luke Pahl  
Mason Westedt  
Maggie Wright