

Pickerel and Kimball Lakes Association

Spring 2010 Newsletter

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Co-Pres Comments

We hope everyone had a nice holiday season and that you are looking forward to a fun summer. Please join us for the Monday, May 31, 2010 meeting at Camp Henry as we kick off the summer season to discuss some of the traditional summer events. In addition other topics have been brought our attention by members and those will be discussed by them at this next meeting and include: non-phosphorus fertilizer, water ski league, and water testing.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting and continuing the association traditions.

Please take note of the following key dates:

Monday, May 31, 2010: Next PKLA Meeting, Camp Henry 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 3, 2010: PKLA 4th of July Festivities

Saturday, September 4, 2010: PKLA Fall Meeting, Camp Newaygo, 9:00 a.m.

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.

Thank you,

Steve Plank and Jennifer Simpson
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September 5, 2009 Fall Meeting Minutes

By: Nina Fox in absence of John Schorr, Secretary

Camp Newaygo: Brenda Huckins Bonter shared information on Camp Newaygo including upcoming events, rental opportunities and offered tours after the meeting. If you have any interest in renting the facility for an event, please email her at campretreats@nccscare.org.

Carole Blair: A Business Women of Newaygo Calendar is currently available for purchase and proceeds will benefit Camp Newaygo.

Steve Plank called for Office Reports.

Treasure Report—It was a good year with a total of \$7,500 collected for association dues for 2009. The weed control permit fee is the only outstanding invoice at this time.

Jim, Weed Control Person—the current mixture of “weed control” chemicals have been well within the guidelines of safety for our lakes. Improvements have been noticed—and the fishing population seems to have increased.

We still need to apply for our 2010 weed control permit. It will be a total of \$2300 and due in November of 2009. Garfield Township is currently trying to unravel some of the financial questions due to a loss of a key person who handled permits. Clarification on this topic will be forthcoming at our spring meeting.

Zone Rep Report, Mr. & Mrs. Chase—We received 70% response from the total of 284 residents. 86 families have not paid with accounts for \$3,045.00. Ideas to stimulate payment included sending a letter to those families indicating the benefits of being part of the association. This was put to a vote and approved.

Other topics that surfaced from the Zone Rep meeting included:

Honor Roll for those who pay association dues to be posted on the web site.

- The need to create a Noise Ordinance
- Hosting a 5K Run around the lake.
- Home security around the lake—Fishing equipment has been stolen from boats.
- Including a “Information Sheet” on the benefits of being part of the association in 2010

Gary Ebels, Webmaster Report—The website is up and running and is one year old. Looking for help with Association Policy, Rentals, Photos Site, Members Area, History, Weed Control Dates, Loon Contest Photos, etc. He will also send an “eblast” to all association members who have email addresses informing them of the summer weed control application dates. Gary asked that anyone interested in helping him with site content, to please email him at Gary2277@gmail.com. He also talked about setting up a Pay Pal account for dues.

Nina Fox, Boat Parade Coordinator—The 2009 boat parade was successful in that we had over 20 boats between the 2 lakes and photos of our parade were also featured in the Fremont Indicator. We do not have list of the actual winners however the attached information features some excited participants and winners.

The 2010 Boat Parade Themes are as follows:

- Presidents Award** will be “Christmas in July.”
- Spirit of the Lake Award** will be for “most patriotic”
- You Can Do It Award** will be for boats that best represent children’s creative involvement

It was discussed that gift certificates would be more appreciated than trophies and only a Traveling Trophy would be purchased for each group. We will also provide treats to all participating children so feel like they won something. The association voted that the parade budget be increased from \$150 to \$300 to support increase in prizes. Part of this increase will support Boating Poker Run Event in August in 2010.

New Business

Jim asked for a memorial donation from our association is sent to Mr. Weatherstone. This was voted by the majority and approved that \$50 would be sent to his memorial.

The association has decided that it’s important to consider having LLC or Inc. status. This discussion is currently in the “Think Phase” and needs to be budgeted approximately \$500-800. This was approved by the group and the actual cost and process will be defined at the Spring Meeting.

Dan Johnson informed the group that he has been doing a separate water test each year for the past 5 years. In 2008 it was voted not to pay for this duplicate test. However, Dan indicated that he was only paid for half of his 2008 bill and asked to be reimbursed for the other half.

He also explain the need to have a separate test due to the fact that it would be documentation that would stand up in court since our current water test results are provided by the company that is testing the water. The topic will be revisited in the spring and the group will be provided with proper documentation to see whether both tests are necessary.

Dennis Peterson talked about the break-in at his current rental property on Bliss Lane while his home is being rebuilt after a recent fire.

Officer Terms—It was voted unanimously that Steve Plank and Jennifer Simpson should complete a 3-year term rather than 2-year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am



Summary of 4th of July Festivities



Thank you to everyone who showed their support by participating in the fishing contest, boat parade, Tiki Torch Ring of Fire and fireworks display in 2009. A poker run was brought up at the fall meeting so come to the Memorial Day meeting for more information. We look forward to another successful celebration Saturday, July 3, 2010 and encourage everyone to join in the fun. Here are the scheduled events:

- **Fireworks and Ring of Fire:** Tiki Torches and fireworks at dusk
- **Fishing Contest:**
 - Where:** Plank Cottage Dock: Fish Weigh In and Awards (3rd cottage east of public landing)
 - When:** 1-3 p.m. Weigh In; 4 p.m. prizes and awards
 - Who:** Must be 15 years old or younger to enter your fresh catch
 - Prizes:** 3 age divisions (up to 7, 8-11 and 12-15) for largest fish, plus 2 mystery categories Parsley's Sport and Fly Shop Gift Certificates and Ribbons
- **Boat Parade:** 6:30 p.m. Kimball Lake, 7:30 p.m. Pickerel Lake - See Details Below by Nina Fox.

Boat Parade: By: Nina Fox

The 2010 Boat Parade: Gift certificates will be awarded to winners of these themes below, and children will receive small treats. So, start collecting your costumes, decorations and get your creative mind flowing for 2010. 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).

Presidents Award will be "Christmas in July."

Spirit of the Lake Award - "most patriotic"

You Can Do It Award - "Best use of children's creative involvement"

The 2009 Boat Parade: Below are pictures of some of the participants. Here is a list of some of the winners: Tanis Family, Doul Family, VanValkenburg Family, Linderer Family, Westfall Family, Kett Family. We apologies that we do not have a list of all winners but will strive for that this coming year.

And even the wheels turned...



Yes the Pickerel/Kimball Lake Association had a wild time with the **WILD WILD WEST THEME** for their 4th of July Boat Parade this year!

Many cowboys showed up and
shouted....“**Howdy Pardner**”

to the crowds on shore
who gathered to view the stampede of
excitement.



If you didn't have a cowboy hat or a
teepee to don your boat—the Patriot
Theme was also enjoyed by the
shoreline!



You can bet your bottom dollar that the
fun of the day was something to
remember for all those who
participated.



Even the judges, Dale and Christy Brokaw we're up for the rip roaring rowdy time on the beautiful waters of Pickerel Lake!

2009 Fishing Contest

By: Jen Simpson



The 2009 Fishing Contest had 12 participants. 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 largest fish. Everyone was a winner who participated. Thank you to Parsley's Sport & Fly Shop for being a sponsor of the Pickerel and Kimball lake Association fishing contest. Below is a breakdown of the gift certificate winners and description of their prize fishes:

Biggest Fish in Age Division:

Division I: Tyler Devries - Bass
Division II: Lydia Engelsma - Bass
Division III: Bennan - Walleye

Most Unusual Fish Cross Divisions:

Brianna Chase - Sunfish

Largest Fish Cross Divisions:

Olivia Westfall - Speck

Participant Ribbon Award Winners *(in alphabetical order)*

Ryan Calvert - Bluegill
Luke Engelsma - Bluegill

Rachelann Engelsma - Perch
Colton Geertman - Bass

Emily Maycroft - Perch
Payton Westdt - Speck

Mason Westdt - Bluegill