

Pickerel and Kimball Lakes Association

Summer 2009 Newsletter

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Co-Pres Comments

Thank you to everyone who attended the Pickerel and Kimball Lakes Association (PKLA) meeting on Monday, May 25th. We are looking forward to the 4th of July holiday festivities and future meetings to continue the association traditions. Please check out the PKLA website (<http://pickerel-kimballlakes.com>) as a newer resource for the association. We will be posting this newsletter on that website, and ask for your help in cutting down our mailing cost by sending us your e-mail address to PKLA@tds.net to receive the newsletter electronically.

Please take note of the following key dates:

July 4, 2009: PKLA 4th of July Festivities

July 14, 2009: Expected Garfield Township public hearing for weed control (check mailing by township)

September 5, 2009: PKLA Fall Meeting at 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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Monday, May 25, 2009 Spring Meeting Minutes

By: John Schorr, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by **Co-Presidents Steve Plank and Jennifer Simpson**. Steve welcomed the group and thanked Camp Henry for providing coffee, juice, and cookies. Steve introduced the officers: **Jim Linkfield – Treasurer, John Schorr – Secretary, and Jim and Kay Chase – Directors of Zone Reps**.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Linkfield reported that we currently have a balance of \$XXXX. That is an increase from the 2008 balance of \$XXXX. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Secretary's Report – John Schorr had handouts of the minutes from the Fall Meeting. The minutes were approved.

Zone Rep Update – Kay Chase had the Zone Rep packets available for the Reps. Kay confirmed that the dues are \$35 again this year. Twenty dollars of the dues goes for the July 4th fireworks.

Jennifer Simpson reviewed the Rules of the Lake Card which were available on the front table and asked attendees to post it in their houses for everyone to see. The 2008 Directories were also available on the front table. Jennifer asked everyone to give their email address to her so the association can keep everyone current on lake events.

Jennifer thanked Gary Ebels for creating our website

(www.Pickerel-KimballLakes.com) She indicated that the Emerald/Sylvan website is a very robust site and encouraged people to visit their site. Jennifer asked for volunteers to form a website committee. **Jonathan Engelsma volunteered**. Anyone else that is interested should contact Jennifer. pkla@tds.net

July 4th 2009 Activities:

Boat Parade - Nina Fox, coordinator of the boat parade, confirmed that the theme for the boat parade this year is the "Wild Wild West." There also will be a patriotic award for the best patriotic decorated boat. The parade times are: **6:30 P.M. on Kimball Lake and 7:30 P.M. on Pickerel Lake**

Fireworks - Stan Fisher reported that the contract for the \$4,000 fireworks display has been signed. After some discussion, a vote was taken and it was decided to increase the fireworks display to \$4,500 this year. The extra monies will come out of the Treasury. **Scott Looman and Stan Watson** volunteered to clean up after the fireworks.

Fishing Contest: Steve Plank will again be responsible for the weigh-in for the contest. He will be on his dock during the day for weigh-in. The contest is open to residents 7 to 15 yrs. old and guests are welcome to enter.

Ring of Fire: Remember to put your torches out along the shore on the 4th.

Weed Control

Jim Chase reported that the Garfield township board approved our application for weed control for the next seven years. The township board will announce the approval at their next meeting on Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00 P.M. There are a couple of families that are opposed to the spraying for weeds and have petitioned to not be included in the weed control assessment. Our lawyer will represent us at an upcoming tax tribunal meeting. The tentative schedule for the weed and algae treatments (weather permitting) are the weeks of May 18, June 8, July 6, and August 10.

New Residents – **Jack & Joan Boyko** introduced themselves. They recently bought a home on Pickerel Lake.

Moment of Silence – Jennifer reminded us to observe the National Moment of Silence at 3:00 P.M. to honor our Service Men and Women this Memorial Day.

New Business:

Ward Staffed commented on the poor condition of Centerline Road and asked everyone to contact Pat Gardner, our commissioner, to see if we can get the road improved. The county is aware of the problem but says it does not have the money for repair.

Break-Ins - It was reported that 11 homes on Pickerel Lake were broken into in late April. The State Police reported that no fingerprints were found and at this point no one has been arrested. It was also reported that a motorcycle was stolen on Saturday night, May 23rd on the Northwest side of Pickerel Lake.

Water Studies – We have discontinued using the company that did the water study testing. The weed control company gives us the same water studies and they are very complete. **Jim Linkfield** reported that the water quality is very good. We will post the water condition reports for both Kimball and Pickerel Lake on our website shortly.

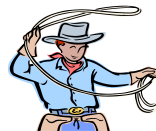
Camp Newaygo – They have extended an invitation for us join them for “**Dinner on The Ridge.**” The dates are: June 20th for a Strawberry Feast, July 18th for Cherry Jubilee, and August 15th for Blueberry Bonanza. Call Brenda at (231) 652-1184 ext. 107 or email Campretreats@nccscare.org. to reserve a spot.

Steve Plank adjourned the meeting at 9:50 A.M.



Summary of Saturday, July 4th Festivities 2009

- **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.



The Boat Parade theme for 2009 is Wild Wild West!

However, we want many people to participate so we have other categories to choose from. We will award a trophy for each category for both pontoon and non-pontoon. That means six trophies on each lake.

1. **PRESIDENTS AWARD**—Outstanding concept of theme, creativity, animation and beauty for “**Wild Wild West**” Theme.



2. **SPIRIT OF THE LAKE AWARD**—Best use of “**Forth of July**” theme.

3. **PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD**—**No theme—just decorate as you wish!** We will collect votes from people gathered on their docks. One vote per dock.

Parade Times and Starting Locations:

Kimball Lake boats will line up at 6:15pm near the channel. This will allow Kimball Lake boats to join in the parade on Pickerel Lake if they are interested.

Pickerel Lake will line up at: 7:15pm near the same channel. It takes approximately 1 hour to parade around the lake and about 30 minutes to count votes and distribute trophies. Everyone should have plenty of time to get back to their docks in time for the “ring of

fire” and fireworks. Trophies will be awarded immediately after the parade on each lake and you must be present to receive your trophy. If you have any questions about the parade, please contact Nina Fox at 616.340.4364 (cell).

Important Notes: Boats will receive instructions and boat numbers when they come to line up. No water guns or water balloons can be used as part of your theme. Thank you.