

## **Fall** • Winter 2010

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER BY LARRY HAHN

As the new president of your We established a website: Pelican Lake Property Own- www.pelicanlakepoa.org. ers Association I am very The board feels this will enexcited to see what the able us to ensure better newly elected board has al- communications with the ready accomplished.

Your board received tentative approval of our 501C3 The designation is status. commonly called "Tax Free Status". This can have significant impact on our organization. We will be able to accept donations from large corporations and private citizens. Contributors will be able to use their generous donations as tax deductions! This can be a huge advantage to us as we try to advance clean water, clean environment and preserve this beautiful lake.

membership. Check it out!

We applied for DNR permits to install 10 new fish cribs in the next two years. If anyone would like a crib in front of your home please let us know.

We have been awarded the stretch of highway 45 from County "B" to McGinnis Rd. for litter control. This Adopt-A-Highway program will give us the area right through Pelican Lake.

In September the DNR and Mole Lake did their annual fish shocking and they were pleasantly surprised by the

large amount of adult fish in Pelican Lake. Their report cites a good year class of walleyes and some year class Muskies, some of which were 45"to 49" fish. If anyone would like a copy of the report just let us know.

Another event being set in motion is a lake management study that was approved by the membership at the July meeting. We have received approval on two of the three grants needed to start the study in the amounts of \$7776.60 and \$9973.92. Hopefully the study will start by April.

The board has been very conscious of the needs of the members and we look forward to a great year of service.

President:	Larry Hahn	715-487-4352
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Treasurer:	Joe Altschaefl 715-487-5	155 or 262-334-0711
Director:	Ed Erickson	715-487-4032
Director:	Dan Miller	773-255-7807
Director:	Cheryl Schmit	262-242-4421

## SECRETARY REPORT BY BOB MOTT

#### Minutes of the Pelican Lake Property Owners Association Annual Meeting July 24, 2010

The annual meeting of PLPOA was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Kirby Ament. There were 95 members present.

Main areas of business will be

1. Election of PLPOA Board 2 Discussion regarding changing PLPOA to a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization 3. Discussion of a Lake Management Study for Pelican Lake.

Minutes of the spring meeting held April 10, 2010 were read by secretary Bob Mott and approved as read.

Treasurer Joe Altschaefl gave a treasurer's report which was approved as read. Moved- Lucy Nelson 2<sup>nd</sup> Ethel Sturn Joe also recognized and welcomed new members to the association.

Members are asked to approach their neighbors and encourage them to join the association. There is strength in numbers.

#### AIS Report

Bob Mott reported that unlike 2009 a grant for \$8,200.00 was awarded by the State of Wisconsin to monitor two landings on Pelican Lake. Landings are monitored Friday afternoon, Saturday all day, and Sunday mornings from the start of May through the end of September.

Gary and Nancy Blumreich, our long time landing monitors return and are much appreciated. Two new part time monitors Jackie Belgnam and Kathy Handt have added to our efforts to protect Pelican Lake.

Some people have been disrespectful and rude to our monitors. If you see this - step in and support our monitors. If you are the offender-WAKE UP. These people are helping keep this lake the wonderful water body it is. HELP THEM-THANK THEM.

Thanks also to Jean Roach assisted by Lynn Anderson for arranging volunteers and setting workers times at the landings. Thanks also to Lucy Nelson for her work with the resorts and campgrounds on the lake.

#### Election-

Nominations were received for the six board member seats available. Barb Weaver-Krause chose not to run again after her two year term, Butch Kress resigned in mid-term due to family concerns, Kirby Ament completed his 6<sup>th</sup> year and resigned due to term limits. Bob Mott, Joe Altschaefl, Dennis VandenHeuvel, and Larry Hahn (completed Butch's term) agreed to run for another two year term. Dan Miller and Cheryl Schmidt agreed to run for the open board positions. All candidates were unanimously elected to two year terms.

#### 501(c)3

Ed Erickson who has headed up the investigation of gaining tax exempt status for the PLPOA through gaining 501(c)3 status reported to the members.

Bob, Ed, Kirby, and Joe met with Rhinelander CPA Laurie Weston to discuss the costs and procedure for becoming a 501c3. Ms Weston has experience with forming 501c3 organizations and is willing to work with the PLPOA in this venture.

#### Positives

- Total cost would be around \$ 1200.00 initially. Additionally, there would be a yearly filing fee
- PLPOA would be able to write off association dues
- PLPOA members and others can donate to the PLPOA and write off those donations
- PLPOA can solicit donations and grants from corporations

### SECRETARY REPORT BY BOB MOTT

- PLPOA will become more up to date regarding tax status

#### Negatives

- PLPOA could not donate to political candidates

PLPOA member Mike Reece, experienced with 501c3 organizations, offered the following comments-

- PLPOA board has done extensive research concerning the 501c3

- Amount accumulated in PLPOA treasury may be red flag to IRS. The 501c3 status would resolve any conflicts and put PLPOA on good grounds with IRS

• PLPOA could set up a separate fund to receive donations from trusts etc.

Motion was made by Mike Reece to proceed with attaining 501c3 status 2<sup>nd</sup> Jean Roach, Motion passed 75-0.

Ed Erickson was directed by President Ament to continue pursuing 501c3 status.

The present Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws need to be adjusted to be in compliance with 501c3 status.

Question- Do members need to vote on changes?

Answer- Vote gave board authority to make needed changes. Changes will highlight the charitable nature of the

organization. They will be minor and will be reported to the membership.

Question- Will there be any problem transferring funds from old PLPOA to new?

Answer- None are anticipated.

Question:- Are there limits to the kind of organizations to which PLPOA can belong?

Answer- Not to our knowledge. Ed will check.

#### **Break for Raffle**

Thanks to the many businesses and individuals who donated time and prizes for the raffle. Thanks to Faye Edwards, Mary Raddatz, Barb Ament and all who collected for the raffle. NOTE: New people are needed to work into these duties for upcoming years.

#### Lake Management Study

Bob Mott reported on the proposed Lake Management Study

- Two year study

- Onterra, LLC from DePere, WI has given a proposal for the study The firm has done many studies in northern Wisconsin including projects begun this year at Summit Lake and Three Lakes. The company has done over 40 in the last ten years.

The grant supervisor in Rhinelander has worked with Onterra often over the past several years.

- The study will be 75% funded by the state of Wisconsin if the grant applications are approved. The PLPOA will be responsible for the rest with some of the costs being offset with in-kind work.

- Onterra will write and submit the grants.

- If the grants are rejected, there is no obligation of any sort for the PLPOA.

- Three Lakes was recently notified that " unless they develop a Lake Management Plan, no further rapid response grants will be issued."

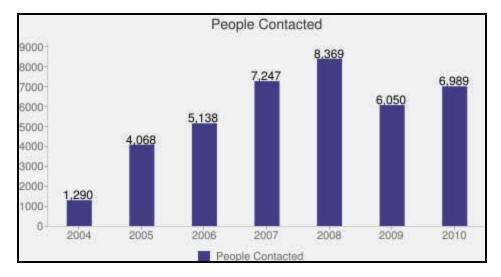
A Lake Management Plan needs to be in place if long term state grants to fight AIS problems are requested .

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## CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATERS

In 2010, 3203 boats were inspected at the two main landings. Some interesting statistics were that 7% of boats were on a different water body within 5 days, 100% claimed to have removed all plants before launching, 99% were aware of the launch law, 1% had plants present, 1642 people said that the inspectors provided main information

followed by boat landing signs and if we had a wash station 62% said they would use it.



Thanks to the Resorts, Campgrounds, and Hotel, for their ongoing help in educating their customers about AIS. It certainly was a huge support in KEEPING OUR LAKE SAFE from AIS. Also, a gracious Thank You to our staff, Gary, Nancy, Jackie and Kathy and the volunteers who covered the lunch hours and extra hours needed at the boat landings. Your help is extremely important to save Pelican Lake from AIS.





## **PELICAN LAKE WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB** BY LUCY NELSON, FUNDRAISER CHAIRPERSON

The Pelican Lake Women's Civic Club held their 10<sup>th</sup> Memorial Weekend Fundraiser on Sunday, May 30,2010. We want to THANK All of YOU who helped make this fundraiser another success. Our beer stand and crafters also helped make this event successful. We hope you PLAN to JOIN us next year, **Sunday, May 29, 2011**, for our **MEMORIAL WEEKEND FUNDRAISER**.

This year, we presented two-\$750 scholarships at the Elcho School Commencement Program in May to -twins- Miss Kari Seay and Miss Krystal Seay. This is a wonderful honor our club is able to bestow to the qualified students. Our club supports the civic needs of the community.

Officers elected at the September meeting are:

President:	Gladys Miller
Vice President:	Mary Martin
Treasurer:	Barb Kraetsch
Secretary:	Carolyn Briggs

Three Board Members: Past President, Lucy Nelson, Marge Boulanger, and Marsha Pahl.

The annual Fall Style Show and Luncheon was held October  $14^{\rm th}$  at Holiday Acres in Rhinelander.

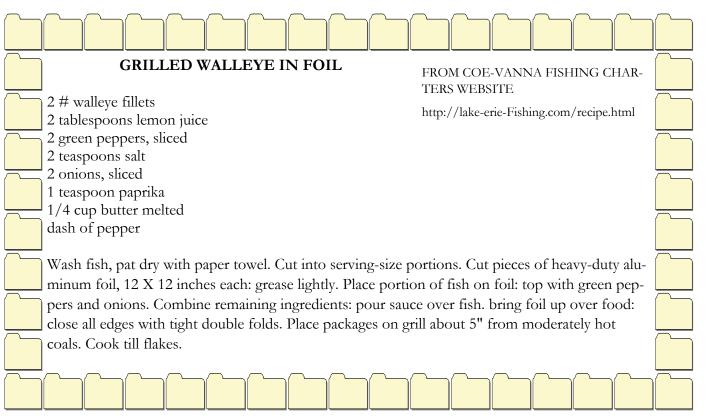
The diversity of club members and assortment of ensembles makes this an interesting and fun experience. Food, door prizes, and our "Silent Auction," compliment this event. Drawing the name of Ed Stomner, brother of one of the gals who helped make the quilt, won our "Shaggy Pine Tree Quilt with matching pillows. What- an exciting finale to the program.

Full and part-time residents in Enterprise and Schoepke townships are welcome to join the Pelican Lake Women's Civic Club. Our



meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. Please contact

President Gladys Miller-487-5471, or Treasure Barb Kraetsch-487-5271 and join in the fun !!!



# SECRETARY REPORT

BY BOB MOTT

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Doris Beyer moved to approve the Lake Management Study. 2nd Dan Miller Motion passed 75-0.

Question- What if the study comes up with recommendations that can't be done?

Answer- There is no obligation to act on report's suggestions. Hopefully the changes

suggested are within the scope of available funds.

Question- Do they look for other invasives like spiny water fleas and zebra mussels/ Answer- It is thought so.

#### Land Trust

The Northwoods Land Trust is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization that promotes conservation by private landowners of natural shorelands, woodlands, wetlands, and other natural resources, as public benefits for present and future generations.

The Northwoods Land Trust covers area of Vilas, Oneida, Forest, Florence, Iron, and Price counties. Donations of property or conservation easements may provide tax benefits while promoting conservation of our northwoods.

More information can be found at <u>nwlt@northwoodslandtrust.org</u> 715-479-2490

Comment- Recently completed state loon count showed 8 loons on Pelican Lake

Retiring President Kirby Ament was presented with a chaise lounge for he and Barb to enjoy as thanks for the effort and leadership he brought to the PLPOA.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50.

Bob Mott- Secretary

## TOWN LAKES COMMITTEES

In November, the town of Newbold became the first town in Oneida County to create a lakes committee. What is significant is what the mere creation of the committee means for Newbold and perhaps the rest of Oneida County. Though the area isn't short on lakes, Newbold is now the only town in the county with a lakes committee. Newbold committee chairperson, Scott Eshelman said he hopes more towns will consider starting such a committee in the future.

The primary objective of the lakes committee is to maintain the overall health of the lakes. A big part of that right now is controlling the invasive species that are gradually appearing in some lakes. These committees are comprised of local lake associations and volunteers. Vilas County has eight of fourteen towns with lake committees.

A presentation was given Lawrence Eslinger, Oneida County AIS Coordinator to the town s of Schoepke and Enterprise. If interested please contact your local town board.

## TAKE THE LEAD OUT, PLEASE! By Jean Roach

In July a sick immature Bald Eagle was found at the Groeger cottage on Mekinak Point. Marge Gibson of REGI (Raptor Education Group, Inc. http://www.raptoreducationgroup.org/, near Antigo) came to the rescue. Mekinak Pt. residents and our Lake Association made donations to REGI to save our Eagle, but despite Marge's efforts, it suffered a painful death. The cause was lead poisoning from ingesting fish that had swallowed lead jigs and sinkers.

Although much money was spent along with the loving care of volunteers at Raptor Education Group Inc. (REGI) one Pelican Lake eagle (pictured right), died in July due to the effects of lead poisoning. Donations to REGI can be sent to them at REGI, P.O. Box 481 Antigo, WI 54409 or online.

Unfortunately, efforts thus far to ban lead fishing tackle have been unsuccessful, due mainly to lobbying by Sports Fishing Groups organized by mega business interests such as Cabela's Sporting Goods. Their profits come before our raptors.



Upon hearing once again that these groups defeated a no-lead fishing tackle

ban, Marge Gibson had this to say: "I am without words. I got the notice from the EPA. Sadly I got it minutes after I had a beautiful adult male Trumpeter Swan die in my arms from lead poisoning. I literally felt his heart stop beating. What a kick in the gut! Two days before that I lost an adult bald to lead poisoning. I am actually in FL now about to release two loons recovered at REGI. One had lead poisoning the other swallowed a hook and was wrapped in fishing line. What a sad statement by fishermen. The huge sport fishing lobby is taking advantage of the camaraderie of sportsmen, they (fishermen) should be furious this group, (Keep America Fishing, editor added) thinks they are so unintelligent they would not read facts for themselves."

While Marge's long struggle saving raptors continues, we on Pelican Lake can make choices that will protect our Eagles, Ospreys, Ducks, and Loons from a horrible fate. Non-lead fishing tackle can be purchased on the internet, and fishermen can request their local bait store to stock non-lead tackle. Fleet Farm responded to our inquiry and they do stock non-lead alternatives. The cost is only slightly higher than the lead equivalent, despite claims to the contrary, and is well worth protecting our great birds.

Many of us have watched with pleasure the growth of populations of Bald Eagles, Ospreys and Loons. The hauntingly beautiful call of the Loons, the majestic soaring Eagles and diving Osprey have become sights and sounds we love. We must not take them for granted. If we want to pass on God's majestic birds to our children and grandchildren, we need to act responsibly. Choose to use non-lead fishing tackle, and pass the word on to your friends and neighbors.



Lake Address

Member

Joleen (Jodi) Allard 2593 Uncle Ben Road **Eugene De Bruin** 1809 Hwy Q 2185 Sabinois Point Road Jim & Debbie Fedel Ken & Kathy Flatoff 2381 Norway Point Road David & Jerelyn Hardt 2107 Kabel Road Jeff & Joy Herman 2432 Indian Point Lane **Charles & Mary Martin** 898 Hwy Q Don & Pat Oremus 2240 Hwy G Pat & Jean Buckley 2351 Hwy Q 831 Mekinak Point Road Greg & Donna Cieslak Scott & Dawn Jansen 932 Hwy Q David & Sue Jeske 450 Hwy G Brian S. Wolc & Sharri A. Wuestenberg 2334 Hwy G 1872 Hwy B Anne Novotny Steve & Pat Peeters & 1025 Hwy 45 Lori Parker Martin Studenec 2465 Norway Pt. Road **Francis Baierl** 1884 Hwy B Pat & Wendy Peeters 1830 Norrie St. Daniel & Debbie Bunker 2273 Hwy G Blake & Patti Carver 2346 Indian Point Lane



PELICAN LAKE HISTORY??? By Larry Hahn

One of the issues brought up at the Spring Meeting was to look into publishing a book about the history of Pelican Lake. It seemed there was a lot of interest in trying to put this project together.

In speaking to several longtime residents we found many interesting stories already. Stories about an old sawmill, an icehouse, a drug and alcohol recovery house and

where the early Indians portaged back and forth from the Wolf River. Truthfully I am not sure how to get the project off the ground but if we have enough interest we will find a way!

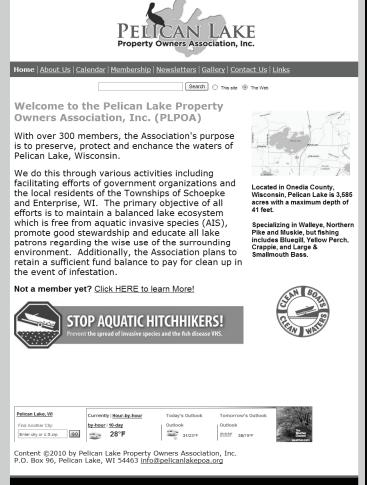
If you have a short history of your property that you would like to share with the other members, let us know and we will start compiling and see what happens.

### Introducing Our NEW Website: www.PelicanLakePOA.org

We invite all of you to visit our new Pelican Lake Property Owners Association, Inc. (PLPOA) website that was just launched in October. The website is <u>www.pelicanlakepoa.org</u> and you can provide feedback and suggestions to Dan Miller at <u>info@pelicanlakepoa.org</u>.

As many of you know, we have been wanting a website for sometime, but now with the application for 501(c)(3) status we felt it was more important than ever. As we make requests for donations from individuals and businesses and also pursue applications for grants we knew that having an online presence would be expected and also help support our organization's credibility.

We are hoping that the website will also help us save some \$\$\$ and even help the environment a little– **but we need your help!!!** Did you know that one of the largest ongoing expenses of our organization is for mailings? And the less we print and mail the better it is for the environment!! So we would like to start e-mailing newsletters to as many members as possible and stop mailing them the hardcopies. The website



has a section where we post our current and recent newsletters so they will always be just a click away.

Our goal is to get as many people as possible to sign-up for the electronic version of the newsletter, and it's so EASY to do!! Either sign-up and provide your e-mail address on the 2011 membership form (see page 16), or just send us an e-mail to <u>info@pelicanlakepoa.org</u> providing your name and address and tell us we can stop sending hardcopies of the newsletter. We'll get the message and you'll get the newsletter online as well a good feeling that you are helping the PLPOA and the environment!! Providing your e-mail will also let us contact you on important issues in between newsletters.

The website currently has 8 sections: **Home, About Us, Calendar, Membership, Gallery, Contact Us, and Links.** We are always looking for new members (see Membership), new photos for posting (see Gallery), and new sponsors (see Links). Browse around and let us know what you think at <u>info@pelicanlakepoa.org</u>! We look forward to hearing from you!

### **2010 AIS PROGRAM - PELICAN LAKE** BY BOB MOTT, AIS DIRECTOR

The year 2010 brought us back to full scale AIS monitoring after a reduced program in 2009. The Pelican Lake Property Owners Association, the Town of Enterprise, and the Town of Schoepke share the costs of the monitoring equally. Thankfully, we were awarded a grant by the State of Wisconsin this year to support the Clean Boats/Clean Waters Education program at Keelers Landing and the State Landing. The grant was for \$8,200.00 and the total cost of the program was nearly \$ 11,000.00.

The two landings were monitored on Fridays from 3 to 7, on Saturdays from 6 am to 6 pm, and on Sundays from 7 am to 1 pm. Monitoring began the first weekend in May and ended the last weekend in September. There were reduced hours in September at both landings.

We were very happy to have our long time friends, Gary and Nancy Blumreich return as our primary monitors. This couple treats Pelican Lake as their own going beyond paid help to protect and enhance the lake. They help boaters land boats, share information about fishing and boating, and put up with endless complaints about water depth or lack of it, the DNR (which they don't represent ), and even where the buoys are placed. Through it all, the Blumreichs stay positive and know how important their job is in preventing AIS from entering Pelican Lake.

We were also very thankful to have Kathy Handt and Jackie Belgnam as our full time substitutes. They did a great job when Gary and Nancy were gone. Please thank these people when you visit the landings.

There was only one confirmed sample of Eurasian Water Milfoil found at the landing this year. When a boater loaded his boat, milfoil was found on the trailer. The monitor was working with incoming boaters and was not able to find out if the boater had been at another lake with EWM recently. The boater left before that could be discovered. When his boat number was checked, the owner was not the same person or same boat.

The area around the landing was checked thoroughly and no samples were found in the lake.

During the year 3,203 boats were checked at the two landings, 6,989 people were contacted, and 974 hours were spent on the project. In checking records from around the area and state, Pelican checked the most boats by a wide margin. By comparison, Post Lake checked 1,938 boats and the Three Lakes Chain 1,789 boats. Crescent, Squash, and Lake Julia a total of 1,229.

PLPOA members should be proud of this accomplishment.

Special thanks goes to Jean Roach who did a masterful job in coordinating the landing workers with help from Lynn Anderson. Lucy Nelson assumed the job of working with the resorts and campgrounds on Pelican for the second year. This is a very important area to spread the word about invasive. Thanks, Lucy.

Finally, thanks to all of the volunteers who worked at the landings. Your hours are vitally important. Thanks also goes to the Town of Schoepke and Enterprise that continue to support the AIS program as well as Dick Dvorak, Schoepke Town Clerk, for his help in processing the checks for the workers.

With your help, we will continue to protect and enhance Pelican Lake and keep it AIS free.

JANUARY 2011 BILL TO PAY

## **NOTICE:**

As voted by members present at the July 2009 Annual Meeting, the Annual PLPOA Membership **Dues** are now **\$25.00**. All dues must be paid in January, 2011. Please check your mailing label on your envelope for your dues expiration date.

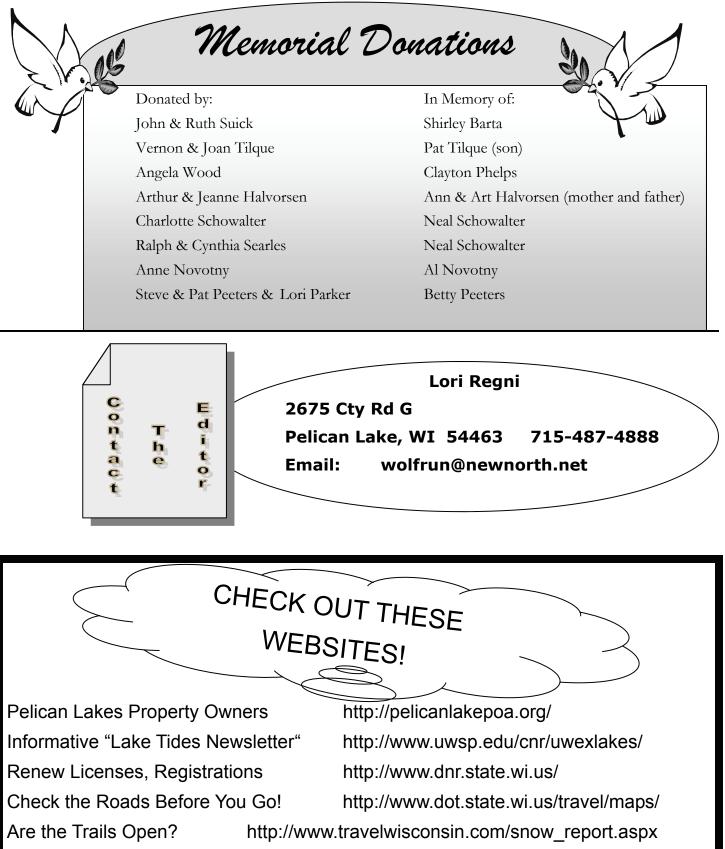
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Tickets are \$2.00 each or (3) for \$5.00. Take time now to renew your membership by using the Membership Application on the back of this Newsletter, and you can easily submit your raffle ticket sales too!

This raffle is a big fundraiser for the PLPOA. The money is used for protecting our Beautiful Resource - Pelican Lake, and the Cash Prizes are Great! If you'd like more tickets, contact any board member.

Thank you in Advance!



http://www.weather.com/

Latest Weather

### PLPOA Treasurer's Report 10/9/2010

Balance on H	land as of last meeting (7/17/2010)			\$ 13,039.26
<u>Income</u> :	2010 Buoy fund donations Summerfest 2010 Fireworks Donations (Inc. Memorials): Checking Interest: Membership Dues:	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	10.00 4,482.25 168.00 1.09 600.00	
Total Incom	e	\$	5,261.34	\$ 5,261.34
<u>Expenses</u> :	REGI Donation (Eagle) Fish Crib Permit Ament Gift WI Non-Stock Annual Report Office Supplies License Fees (Raffles 2011) PO Box Annual Fee 2010 Summerfest	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	100.00 50.00 60.12 10.00 127.95 50.00 56.00 2,438.82 2,500.00	
Total Exper	2010 Fireworks General Liability Ins	\$ \$ <b>\$</b>	2,500.00 484.00 <b>5,876.89</b>	 (\$5,876.89)
Checking /	Account Balance as of 10/9/2010			\$ 12,423.71

In Addition we have \$15,000.00 in CD's with a current balance of \$15,354.88

### Total of all accounts - \$27,778.59.

Note: Summerfest Profit: \$2,043.43. Fireworks Donations (Inc. Memorials) Total - \$1,679.00, Cost to Ass'n: \$821.00.

Total Members - 300

Submitted by: Joe Altschaefl, Treasurer

Treasurer Report - 10/09/2010



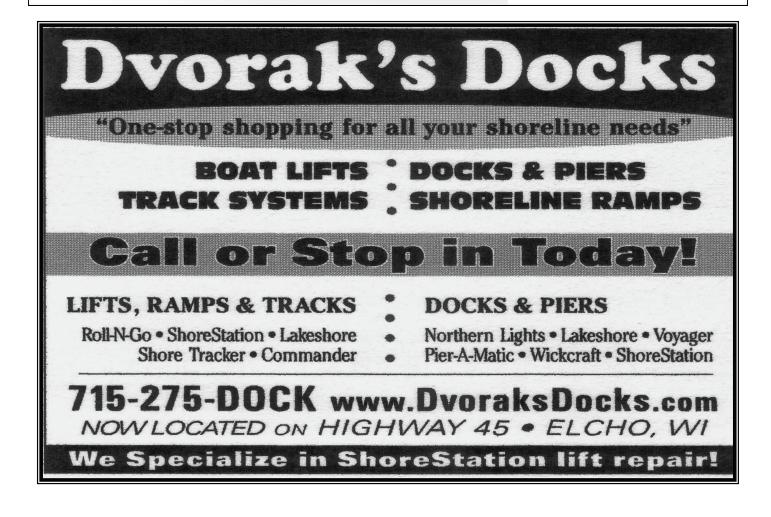
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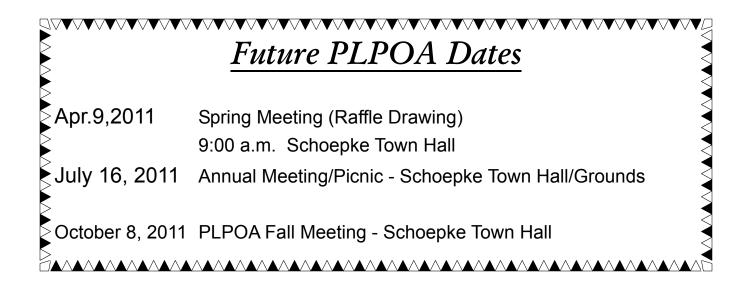
**Gerrit's** Lakeview Inn

*Gary & Sherri Gerrits* 2330 County Road G Pelican Lake, WI 54463 (715) 487-5290



## **Tavern-Food-Carry Out**

<u>Specials</u> Monday - New York Strip Thursday - Pork Chops Friday - Fish Fry Sat - Prime Rib/Chicken Sunday - "*All Day*" Chicken Dinner



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Membership (Renewa	I & New) Application			
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Home Phone Lake Phone		\$		
E-mail address	Misc. Donation	\$		
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