



PIKE LAKE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024

Dedicated to working with the DNR to protect and enhance the water quality of Pike Lake and it's fishing inventory. The Club also encourages the promotion of all water sports and recreational activities.

MEETING: DECEMBER 2, 2024
PLACE: Hartford Town Hall
START: 5:30/help w/set-up – 6:00 Meeting

President: John
Vice-Pres. Chris
Treasurer: Jason
Secretary: Jerry



The minutes of the Pike Lake Sportsman's Club meeting that was held on Monday, November 4th at Hartford Town Pavilion. There were 13 members present. The meeting started at 6:12.

TREASURER'S REPORT
CHECKING \$6,462.30
SAVINGS \$7,911.84

GUEST

NATE STRUPP

(Gilbert's Great-Grandson- Mike brought him. I think he's Mike's fishing buddie! Hope he had a nice time!)

There was a lot of back ground noise so the tape recorder picked up everything, so if I miss covering something, sorry! Glad we don't meet there often! Also, John couldn't make the meeting so our VP Chris filled in for him and did a good job!

WALLEYES FOR TOMORROW BANQUET:

Dan reported briefly on the Walleye's For Tomorrow Dinner. He said that they had a table of 12 members, so a good showing of support. (Hope they remember the Club when they are considering a project on Pike Lake!)

Dan said that no one from the Club won any big \$ prize but mostly smaller prizes like fishing rods. He said the food was good and the beer was cold so evening was nice!

CANDLE LITE SKI HIKE AT THE PARK:

Next Chris said that the "Friends of the Park" winter candle lite ski/hike was scheduled for February 12Th. He reminded the members that the Club took part by having a "Booyah Boil" and also provided hot dogs. It was a big hit although we ran out of the

Booyah a little early – by the second group – and there were disappointed people. (We made a hit abd have been invited back next year!) Maybe this year Chris said we would be able to have two batches or Chili or another soup or two for all the customers. The hot dogs didn't go over that well but live and learn. Chris reminded everyone that it took a lot of work before the hike setting up the tent and area the afternoon before and help taking it down the next morning. Mark the date!

State has a lot of restrictions on what people can do in the Park – as far a placing memorials and crosses, etc. - because people probably placing all sorts of signs and things around the Park. Hope the weather cooperates like it did last year. There was a big turn out!

Chris told the members that we will need to be planning the "Booyah" Hike at the January meeting for sure. One thing was on how we could handle payments by looking into having a credit card charging device available as a lot of people use that method now instead of using cash. Any other ideas bring them to the meeting.

KAYAK LAUNCH:

Bruce gave a little update on kayak launch the "Friends" are working on. He said it is going to be a little north of the beach area. He said it should open in spring or early summer. There was a little setback as they had to redesign it so it could be "handicap" accessible.

When asked about the proposed education/reception building, Bruce said it had been delayed to 2027 or2029. As is so the case with government. many steps and people to have to give there okays so that the project can get approved and get built. There will need to be fund raisers, etc. Chris asked Bruce to keep us informed on the progress.

Bruce M. also said that they will be working on a wooden walk way. He said there is a walk there now but they are going to rebuild it and it will be wider and stronger so they can drive ATV's on it. Bruce told the members the "Friends" were planning a meeting the next Monday evening – Nov. 11th at the Landmark Bank. - 6:00 start – and the Club members were invited to attend. (Maybe we will have a report from any one the attended.)

GILBERT'S MEMORIAL:

Discussion was held again regarding a memorial for Gilbert Strupp. Chris mentioned what John had been told about the costs of a bench in the park were over \$2000 with a plaque on it. Bruce M. told the members that he knows that the costs are negotiable and that depending on the type of bench – wood versus concrete – they were different from what John was told. Joe [redacted] said he would be willing to look into the bench memorial in park further. It would really nice to have the memorial bench installed near the fishing pier.

DUES ARE DUE:

Actually the Club's Annual dues are now way over due! If you haven't paid your dues because you have not been able to make a meeting and plan to remain a member, please bring them soon. If they are paid in December consider this your last Newsletter.

CLUB FISHING TRIP:

At the September meeting, we discussed a possible Club ice fishing trip to Sturgeon Bay or Winnebago or? this year like we did a few years ago. At the November meeting, someone mentioned December 30th as a good date to shoot for. We were decided to put off until the November meeting but now decided to wait until the weather got colder and see if there will be enough ice on the lakes.

CHEFS:

Dan [redacted] served bratwurst burgers soaked in a beer /onion sauce with rolls, catch up and pickles. Delicious macaroni tuna casserole and yummy potato salad made by is mother Linda. Also, for dessert great chocolate chip blondies (cookies) made by Dan's wife Julie. **Great job Dan ! Also, a big THANK YOU! To Linda and Julie helping Dan! Great meal!** Also, Thank you Chris for bringing the dilly beans, salsa and chips for the before meeting snacks.

COMING CHEFS:

December – Diane [redacted] and Jules [redacted]

January- Jerry [redacted]

February – Dianne [redacted]

March -

Please let us know if you plan to attend!!! (Please let us know by Saturday or before!!!!)

John– [redacted]

Jerry – [redacted]

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 28th – Thanksgiving Day

December 2nd – Monthly meeting at the Hartford Town Hall! (5:30 setup and socializing/6:00 meeting start.)

(Please note the change in meeting location!!! We decided that the Hatchet House would not work for the meeting very well especially with the lack of parking and access for our older members.

December 25th – Christmas Day

January 1st – New Year's Day (Happy New Year!)

January 6th – Monthly Meeting probably at the Town Hall.

50/50 WINNER

DAN [redacted]

\$29 FOR THE CLUB AND \$28 FOR DAN

WHAT AGAIN!!!!!!

CLUB SWEATSHIRTS AVAILABLE

1 -XL ZIPPER W/HOODIE

2- XL PULLOVER W/HOODIE

1-L PULLOVER W/HOODIE

(Cool weather coming!)

Also have a few orange caps w/fish logo
