



**PIKE LAKE
SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2025**

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: FEBRUARY 6, 2025
PLACE: Whitey's Place (Garage)
START: About 4:00 to cut up veggies!

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

The minutes of the Pike Lake Sportsman's Club meeting that was held on Monday, January 6th at Hartford Town Hall. There were 17 members present. The meeting started at 6:08.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHECKING \$6,463.24

SAVINGS \$7,914.16

GUEST

ELIAS WILSON

(Elias is the Pike Lake Park Supervisor)

FISHING REPORTS:

John started meeting with a fishing trip report. He said that a few club members and himself went on a trip to the Mississippi. They had hired a guide, who put them on the fish and they were able to catch a nice variety – perch, bluegills, walleyes – nothing real big but enough to have a fun time. John said that it wasn't real expensive but it wasn't cheap and thinks it would make a nice trip for the Club. (We'll have to look into a trip like this for next year.)

CLUB EVENTS:

John said the he and Steven stopped at the Down Slope Bar before the meeting to check about the having a meat raffle. John said we were invited to have one again at one of their events. John said also with the "Friends Of the Park" candle lite hike that is coming up that we are going to need a lot of members to help to pull these events off. John said that (as mentioned in January's Newsletter) Steven volunteered to head up the organization of the "Booyah Boil/ Hike this year. Steven has a web site he is working on to help the event run better. (Watch for more on that!) (You

also may have received a call from Steven about various jobs and times you are available to help.) John said that Deanne volunteered to work on a "hand out" cards that tells "who we are" and how to contact us if interested in the Club. Also, John talked with Chris Goemann and Chris was going to look into making up a pamphlet to hand out at the station. (We just had a sheet of paper last year that didn't work out too well.)

PARK BENCH MEMORIAL:

Elias described told the Members what the bench would look like. He said it had a sturdy metal base with a wood bench and back. (Elias sent an e-mail with a picture of the bench the next day. The picture showed an example of a plaque that may be installed as a memorial to a person or group. Elias suggested that instead of a single name or a statement that honors current and past members. The names being honored could be kept in a ledger in the park office. (In his e-mail, he included possible messages that we could have attached on the bench that would be more generic as we have more names of past members that should be honored.)

The cost of the bench is \$2500 that is good for ten years and then \$1500 for the next 10 years. Elias said there were some places on the path near the launch that would be available to place a bench. A motion was made "That we continue planning to have a Memorial Bench installed in the Park – location and plaque finalization to be determined. The motion was seconded and passed with unanimous voice vote. Final location and plaque wording to be discussed and finalized in later meetings.

MORE "HIKE":

Discussion returned to planning for the "Hike" Nick said that he could have a sign made up that would be mounted outside the tent that would announce to the "Hikers" that the Sportsman's Club is selling hot food. It was decided to have Nick make up two signs that would tell them that the Pike Lake Sportsman's Club had food available for sale. There was some discussion on having them lite up. Steven told the members that he was trying to workout a "Tex Message" system for the various groups that will be working on getting the "Hike" ready. Like those that volunteer for setting up the tent could be advised of times. He had a sign up sheet passed around that asked for the members phone numbers. He said he'd like to have a person's name that is in "charge" of a job like tent set up. John said that we would be selling the "Booyah" and Bruce was planning another kind of soup maybe two different kinds.

John said he was hoping to get a bigger "donation" from Festival Foods. He had to submit a request to the cooperate office. John was told it could be at least 3 weeks and he hasn't heard anything back yet. He said that he needed to order more cups and they were \$83 dollars a carton. He was also going to get more spoons.

John said that Deanne has worked on a "Business" like card that has a short statement on what the club is about and how to find more out by looking at the website. Deanne will have a bunch made up.

Whitey said his garage is available for cutting up veggies. John said that the Thursday before the hike would work. Jerry told the members that the hall was not available for February meeting. John said we could just change our meeting date to Thursday and have meeting before or after cutting up the veggies. It was agreed to move the meeting date.

BOARD MEETING:

A board meeting was held on Monday. Jan.27th at the Town Hall. (Moved from Shumway Dental as Chris was sick!) There was only 7 members present! We discussed the Hike and set the following dates and times.

1: Thursday, Feb. 6th. Meeting and Booyah vegetables cut up! Start time is 4:00 at Whitey's garage.

Bring some knives for chopping up the veggies. If can't make that early time come later! We'll have the meeting and dinner after we are done! 5:30?

2: Friday, Feb. 7th – Tent Set Up: Friday afternoon at 3:00. We will need about 8 to 10 able bodied people! We need to set up tent, move tables and set up serving area. Also signs and lights? We may have some time before the Hike starts to complete the set up.

3: Saturday, Feb. 8th - Candle Hike day! John said he'll be there at 12:00 to get the Booyah started. If you can make it come around 2:00 as we may have signs and lights to hang up! Come later if you can't make it that early! Can use servers and ?

Don't forget to get a parking voucher or buy a park sticker or pay a \$10 day pass ! You can download a voucher at "friendsofpikelake.org" It's suggested that we car pool if possible!

4: Sunday, Feb.9th Tent take down! Will need 6 or more guys to drop and fold up tent. Also, clean up area! More hands makes things go faster!!

CHEFS:

Jerry served Italian sausage soaked in a tomato sauce w/sweet peppers, garlic and onions, bakery fresh rolls, Auntie Ems potato salad and Cole slaw. Ed served delicious brownies.

(Thank You Nancy for doing the sausages!)

Hope everyone enjoyed!!!

UPCOMING CHEFS:

February – Dianne [REDACTED]

March - Steven [REDACTED]

April -

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

John– [REDACTED] **or** [REDACTED]

Jerry – [REDACTED] **or** [REDACTED]

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 6th -Cut up veggies and meeting to follow. (Start at 4:00 or so. See notes in Board Meeting!

February 8th – "Friends Of Pike Lake Candle Lite Walk! See notes and info in Board Meeting!

March 3rd – Monthly Meeting at the Hartford Town Hall (5:30 setup and visiting/6:00 meeting start.

50/50 WINNER

DEANNE [REDACTED]

\$44 FOR THE CLUB AND \$44 FOR DEANNE

WAY TO GO DEANNE!
