



PIKE LAKE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER JANUARY 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: JANUARY 6, 2024
PLACE: Hartford Town Hall
START: 5:30/help w/set-up – 6:00 Meeting

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

The minutes of the Pike Lake Sportsman's Club meeting that was held on Monday, December 2nd at Hartford Town Hall. There were 15 members present. The meeting started at 6:05.

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

(Probably not much change from last meeting!)

GUESTS
DIANE [REDACTED]

&

JEWLES & KEN [REDACTED]

(Diane and Jewles did the meeting dinner and Ken helped with carrying!)

FRIENDS OF THE PARK MEETING:

John said that Bruce, Steven and himself attended the "Friends" meeting on Dec.20th. They learned more about the "Friends" and the projects that they are working on at the Park. Also, they invited the Club to participate in the "Hike" again this year.

CANDLE LITE HIKE:

John said the Steven has volunteered to "head up" a committee to organize the "food tent" project for the "Hike".

John also mention having a banner made up. He said that Nick had a nice one made up for the meat raffle that worked real well. It advertised who we were and what we had available. He'll have to see if he can get one made for the "hike".

John also said the Chris [REDACTED] talked to him about a better flier to hand out at the station maybe more card like and also, to have a contact info on it.

The "Hike" is being planned for Saturday, Feb. 8th not Feb. 12th like was in the Newsletter. John also said that we will have a couple meetings before then and we also need to plan on having a Club Board

meeting in January to go through the plans. He was hoping Chris's meeting room would be available. John said he's confident that if we put all our efforts into the project as we really don't have much else going on right now. A date for the Board meeting is set for Monday, January 27th.

MORE PROJECTS FOR THE CLUB:

Bruce told the members that the "Friends" also asked the Club to be part of some other projects. He said that the Warden Justin was going to have a Saturday where they teach kids how to ice fish. He said that they have been getting more kids each year and was hoping the some of the Sportsman's Club members would like to help out. He said a Snowmobile Club was willing to help with getting the kids out to a fishing spot and back to shore. Bruce said it was planned for either the 1st or 2nd weekend in January. He also mentioned having a lunch for the participates like we did for the summer outing.

The second item was the "Friends Candle Lite Hike" and the third item he was hoping for our participation was that they are going to be installing a "board walk" in the swampy part of the park. Elias said the Lions Club was lined up to do the majority of the work but may need help and also a lunch. No date or finale arrangements have been set.. Bruce said that he would be happy to help with the lunches but he doesn't know if the timing will work as the Green House gets very busy in April and runs to June or so.

Another time they are hoping we can help is during "Discovery Days" where there is a "free day" at the Park which includes a free fishing day. There would be a chance to set up a "teach fishing" clinic. (I know we have taken part in that in the past! We teach kids how to cast and also how to fish. (I know I

spent a morning on the fishing pier last year.) Date is June 7th.

One other event is the "Friends" picnic that we may be interested in combining our annual picnic/meeting/fish fry with their picnic. Bruce said the "Friends" don't get much of a turn out so maybe we could work out a mutual outing. The date would be a Saturday, June 14 or in July but final date has not been set. He said that we could maybe bring a few more fish and have a combined picnic/fish fry. Bruce said that the "Friends" have a problem attracting new members like we do.

Some one asked Bruce what the "Friends" are about. Bruce told them they do projects to improve the Park. Right now they are finishing up the kayak launch (which will open in spring), the proposed education/reception building (which has been delayed to 2027), toilets for the campsite area and the wooden walkway project for this summer. (For those that remember Bruce Markert reported on these projects at the November meeting and reported in the December Newsletter.)

Someone asked how many members are in the "Friends" and Bruce M. said about 80. Bruce S. said there were about 15 at the meeting.

MORE "HIKE":

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'll have sign up sheet at meeting.)

He said that for the food we'll have any thing that can go into a cup – like Booyah or Chile – no hot dogs. It'll make the selling go easier as they can order, grab and go. He was thinking about a packaged "sweets" like cookies or cupcakes. He said he'd like to have a person's name that is in "charge" of a job like tent set up.

Whitey said his garage is available for chopping up the vegetables. John said the date would be a few days before the "hike".

There were other items discussed like veggie costs and cups for the soups, etc.

Bring any ideas or suggestions to our next meeting.

GILBERT'S MEMORIAL:

Discussion was held again regarding a memorial for Gilbert Strupp but no definite plans were made. Joe [REDACTED] -who was not at the meeting had told John that 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.)

CHEFS:

Diane Strupp and Jules Berger served parsley potatoes, shredded chicken in broth, corn, rolls and butter and chocolate muffins for dessert. Sue Johansen brought chocolate chip cookies and special "blondies" for dessert. Great meal Diane and Jules! Thank you for volunteering to cook for us. Thank you Sue for the nice treat!

COMING CHEFS:

January- Jerry [REDACTED]

February – Dianne [REDACTED]

March - Steven [REDACTED]

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

John– [REDACTED]

Jerry – [REDACTED]

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 6th – Monthly Meeting at the Town Hall. (5:30 set up & socializing – 6:00 Meeting start.)

January 4th or 11th – Kids Ice Fishing

January 27th – Board Meeting at Chris's meeting room. 6:30 start? All members welcome as "hike" planning to be finalized!

February 3rd – Monthly Meeting – Place to be determined! The Hartford Town Hall and Pavilion is unavailable! (Whitey is the "Garage" open?)

February 5th or ? - Cut up veggies and d-bone chicken?

February 8th – Friends Candle Lite Walk! Everyone mark this date! Probably need help on day before to set up tent and Sunday morning to take tent down.

March 3rd – Monthly Meeting at the Hartford Town Hall

50/50 WINNER

WHITEY [REDACTED]

\$48 FOR THE CLUB AND \$48 FOR DAN

(Whitey donated \$20 back to the Club!!)

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
