



PIKE LAKE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026

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 5, 2026
PLACE: Down Slope Pub
Corner of HWY 167 & County Rd CC
START:5:30 Socialize – 6:00ish Meeting

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

The minutes of the Pike Lake Sportsman's Club Meeting held on Monday, December 1st. The Meeting was held at Hartford Town Hall. There were 7 members and one guest present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHECKING \$5,857.62
SAVINGS \$5,915.98

GUEST

MARILYN [REDACTED]

(Steven invited some "Friends" to meeting.)

MEETING:

Since John was unable to make the Meeting because of Family responsibilities, Steven [REDACTED] led the meeting.

Steven said that there were Club activities in the future to be aware of. One was the meat raffle that is held at the Down Slope Pub after the Town of Erin's St. Patrick's Day Parade. (We did that as a money raiser last year and it went well!) The other one is the "Booyah Boil" at the "Friends Candle Lite Hike" at the Park on Saturday, February 14th. Steven said that we have some time to work on both projects. When Steven was questioned about the "Hike", he said that he has talked with Elias - Park Supervisor - and was told that we would not have to set up the tent but could have a couple tables set up inside the north pavilion. Steven said that since John was not available to make his "Famous" "Booyah" that day, Steven suggested we make up a big batch of chili and also have a couple other kinds of soups available. He said we could set up the heaters and tables along with the lights he strung up last year for an eating area outside.

Steven said that we wouldn't need that many people that evening and also there was a group of kids that are available to help. (Please bring your suggestions to the next meeting so that we can start the planing!)

Steven also said that he was going to set up his "ice shanty" as soon as the ice is thicker. He asked if some one had the signs we used at the last year's "Hike". He said he'd like to put them out on the ice to attract attention to the assistance of the Club and hopefully get some new Club members. Steven said we need to be more visible. Also, we need to form a committee to work on ways to get the word out and also come up with more projects to work on.

ELECTIONS:

We still have not held an election as was scheduled for the August meeting. (May be at a meeting soon?) The ballot is still the same.

President: -
Vice-Pres.: - Steven [REDACTED]
Secretary: -
Treasurer: - Whitey [REDACTED]
Sargent-at-Arms: - Marco [REDACTED]
Board Members: Dan [REDACTED]
Chris [REDACTED]
John [REDACTED]
Jim [REDACTED]
Bruce [REDACTED]
Dan [REDACTED]

Note: There are 4 Board Members up for election.

Before the elections, if someone is interested in having their name added or removed from the ballot, they can do so before the election. Please consider the "open" positions!

DUES ARE NOW OVER DUE:

Annual Club dues are now over due! It was agreed that we keep the Annual dues at \$35.00! If you missed the last the meetings since the August meeting or haven't paid your dues since, please pay soon! (Boy! Such a deal! Where else can you go for \$35.00 and receive a great, all you can eat meal and drinks for \$35.00! And that is 12 times a year yet!!! Spread the word!) (If you dues are unpaid consider this your last newsletter.) (If things change, let us know.)

CHEFS:

Since John couldn't make the meeting, we ordered Goeman's Broasted chicken, Jerry brought a cheese & sausage tray, Cole slaw and cookies for dessert.

UPCOMING CHEFS:

January - Down Slope Pub catering – Pizza?

February -

March -

April -

PLEASE NOTE!!!!

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

John— [redacted] or [redacted]

Jerry – [redacted] or [redacted]

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 1st - HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

(Hope things work out for us in the new year!!)

January 5th – Monthly Meeting at the Down Slope Pub

February 2nd – Monthly Meeting at the Hartford Town Hall ???

February 14th – “Friends Candle Lite Hike” !

We will need volunteers to plan, set up area, make batch of chili or other soup/s and serve during even. 4:00 to 8:00 ?

50/50 WINNER

DAN [redacted]

\$19 FOR THE CLUB AND \$18 FOR DAN!!

(WHY TO GO DAN! IT'S BEEN AWHILE!!!)

If any Club Member wants to look up older Newsletters and other Club information you can find it at pikelakesportsmans.club.

A few fishing chuckles:

Two guys were talking about fishing. One says to the other, “I am NEVER going to take my wife fishing with me ever again!”

“That bad, huh,” his friend responded.

“She did everything wrong! She talked too much, she made the boat rock constantly, tried to stand up in the boat, baited the hook wrong used the wrong lures and WORST of all she caught more fish than me!”

Three priests were fishing on a boat when they ran out of bait. The first priest got up and walked across the water to get some more bait. After two hours they ran out of bait again and the second priest said he would go get more bait, so he got up and walked across the water. After three hours of fishing, they ran out again and the third priest said he would get more bait. So he stepped out of the boat and went straight to the bottom.

The first priest turned to the second priest and said, “Maybe we should have told him where the rocks were!”

What is a fish's favorite TV show?

Name That Tuna!

Did you hear about the fight at the seafood restaurant?

Two fish fish got battered!

Where to fish keep their money?

In a riverbank!

I know they are bad but wanted to fill the blank space!!!