



PIKE LAKE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER MARCH 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: MARCH 3, 2025
PLACE: Hartford Town Hall
START: 5:30/help w/set up – 6:00 Meeting

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

The minutes of the Pike Lake Sportsman's Club meeting that was held on Thursday, February 6th at Whitey's Garage. There were 17 members present. The meeting started after veggies chopped up and chicken d-boned about 5:30.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHECKING \$5,994.44

SAVINGS \$7,914.16

GUESTS

DIANE [REDACTED]

JULES [REDACTED]

(Thank you once again for helping!!!)

MEETING:

First, we want to thank Whitey for the use of his garage for the cutting up the veggies for the Booyah and the monthly meeting. The meeting part came about when the Town Hall wasn't available. John thought that since we were going to do the veggies on Thursday that we could do the meeting after instead having two separate days. It worked out well! For most of the meeting we discussed times for the various days. Friday for the tent set up (which went well – not to windy but ground frozen making driving stacks harder!) Saturday John will get there early afternoon to start Booyah and help will be needed to finish setting up. He said he had cardboard for the tent floor in case it's sloppy from snow. It was suggested to get there before lot fills up. Finally, a time was set to take tent down and clean up on Sunday

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John mentioned the memorial bench was in the planning stages and maybe also do a tree planting. He also said we would be able to work with the

“Friends of the Park” on some projects in the Park especially since we didn't have any projects planned for lake projects – like the board walk they are planning to repair later this summer. He said they were looking more for workers than a meal after. Steven told the members that he was hoping to have a credit card reader ready to go for the Hike. He said that he was working with a company to set it up. He said a lot of young people now a days don't carry cash.

John mentioned that maybe we could get a Club fishing trip together for later in the year if there is enough interest.

One other thing we would like to **THANK** Jim [REDACTED] for bringing the nice piece of home smoked salmon and a venison sausage with crackers to share as a snack before the meeting. **DELICIOUS!!!**

FRIENDS OF PARK HIKE:

All the Club members – and Diane [REDACTED], Jules [REDACTED], Ronnie [REDACTED], Patti [REDACTED] and Dan [REDACTED]'s sons Logan and Travis – that helped out with the “Friends Of the Park” Candle Lite Hike deserve a big pat on the back as the Club's part with the Booyah/Soup tent was a big success!!!

I don't want to go through all the details again like I did in the e-mail I sent out on the Monday after the “Hike”. But I want to mention that John put a lot of work with the planning and coordinating with Elias and doing all the planning for the Booyah – buying the chickens and veggies – getting the stove and pots and everything to the Park. Then cooking the two 10 gallons of Booyah from noon on Saturday until the end of “Hike”. Great job John!!! (Bet the legs and back were hurting!)

Also, a big “Great job to Bruce for planning the two delicious soups – stuffed pepper and sauerkraut – 9 gallons each - great choices! A lot of work buying the makings and finding the deal on the pots! Also

hauling the stoves and pots and everything to the park and home again.

I think we owe a "Well Done" to Steven for getting the new Club web site set up and handling work scheduling and informing the members of the work days and times – like the tent set up and take down and other set up tasks like the lighting in the tent and spot lights and other lights outside the tent. (Hope we get a response from all the business cards that you handed out at the hike!)

Great job Nick with the banners that you had made up that were hung on the outside of the tent during the "Hike". People could look over from the trail to see who and what we had to offer!!

I could go on naming and thanking members for the good job they did before, during and after the "Hike" but I'd have to add pages to the newsletter!!

GREAT JOB to everyone that was able to help and I'm sure we made a good impression!

(John said that we took in about \$1000 in cash and about \$50 in credit card donations. Hope that was enough to cover John's and Bruce's and any other costs.)

Oh yeah! We lucked out with the weather! Some light snow on and off. Good thinking Joe for bringing the blower to blow off the outside tables!

SUMMER CAMPS:

Bruce told the members that he had received information regarding the DNR Conservation Summer Camps in Stevens Point. The Club for years sent 1 or 2 kids to attend the week long camps. The last couple years we didn't have any kids interested in attending. John told the members that unless there was any interest we would just forget about sending any one.

FREE FISHING WEEKEND:

John said that Elias told him that there were about 41 kids that came to try the ice fishing during the free fishing weekend but sadly, no one caught anything.

CHEFS:

Deanne and Joe – mostly Deanne – served pulled pork with a couple kinds of homemade barbecue sauce, fresh rolls, creamy potato salad, corn Cole slaw and freshly baked French apple rum cake.

Great job Deanne as always!!! Oh yeah! and Joe!! (Nancy loved the samples of cake I brought home for her and wants the recipe.)

Also, Deanne brought two more cakes to be raffled off by the Club members. The winners of the cakes were Steven [redacted] and Bruce [redacted].

UPCOMING CHEFS:

March - Steven [redacted]

April -

May -

We need Chefs!!! Please consider taking a turn!!!

Also, 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:

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

April 7th - Monthly Meeting at the Hartford Town Hall. (5:30 setup and socializing/6:00 meeting start.)

50/50 WINNER

JOSH [redacted]

\$48 FOR THE CLUB AND \$48 FOR JOSH

**NICE POT!!!!!!WAY TO GO JOSH!
FIRST TIME?**

**IF ANY ONE IS INTERESTED WE HAVE
TWO PULLOVER HOODED SWEAT-SHIRTS
– XL – LEFT. LET ME KNOW AND I'LL
BRING TO A MEETING.**
