



# PIKE LAKE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER MARCH 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: MARCH 2, 2026**  
**PLACE: Hartford Town Hall**  
**START:5:30 Set Up/Socialize – 6:00 Meeting**

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



The minutes of the Pike Lake Sportsman's Club Meeting held on Monday, February 2nd. The Meeting was held at the Hartford Town Hall. There were 9 members and one guest present.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

**CHECKING \$5,666.10**

**SAVINGS \$5,917.48**

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### GUEST

**MARILYN** 

**(Steven invited some "Friends" to the meeting.)**

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### MEETING:

My tape recorder, for some reason did not pick up the meeting or if it did I could not find it on the recorder, so I will try to "wing it" with my notes.

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Marilyn told the members that she was at the meeting to tell the members about a project she was involved with and maybe the members may have some historical information. She explained that she has become involved with a group that is starting a museum in Hartford. Marilyn said that they are gathering artifacts to be displayed that will depict the history of Hartford and the surrounding area. They are looking for old pictures, antiques, etc.. that people may want to donate. There were a number of things Hartford was famous for like the Kissel car company. There may be pictures of Pike Lake and activities around the area that people may want to share as at one time there were hotels and rental cabins that people would come from Chicago and Milwaukee to vacation either for the day or the week.

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### CANDLE LIGHT HIKE:









Since it was decided not to do the "booyah" and soup tent this year, Steven said the "Friends" were interested in taking it over. Steven volunteered to work with the "Friends" and set up a dining area for the customers to enjoy their soup with lights and heaters.) (At least the Club would have some participation.)

Steven told me that he wound up not being able to find the time to set up the "rest" area and also the "Friends" decided to not do the soup but did the hot cocoa once again. He said that there was a very large turn out this year with an estimated 2000 people compared to approx. 1400 the year before. (The weather cooperated and it was a nice evening!)

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### ELECTIONS:

As reported in last month's Newsletter, 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**   
**Secretary: -**  
**Treasurer: - Whitey**   
**Sargent-at-Arms: - Marco**   
**Board Members: Dan**   
**Chris**   
**John**   
**Jim**   
**Dan** 

**Note: There are 4 Board Members up for election.**

Hopefully, some Club member will step up and run for the open positions.

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**MEMBERS NEEDED:**

We are in need of new members!!! If you know someone that likes fishing or hunting invite them to a meeting! According to surveys, the best way for Clubs or Organizations to grow is by "word of mouth!" (I know that is how I learned about the Club and 26 years later am still a member.)

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**CHEFS:**

Jerry served grilled Italian sausage soaked in a tomato, sweet pepper and onions sauce with fresh bakery rolls, Auntie Em's potato salad and fresh Cole slaw. Steven brought delicious chocolate cake and Tom [REDACTED] brought chips and dip for appetizers. Hope every one enjoyed!

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**UPCOMING CHEFS:**

**March** – Steven [REDACTED] (Corned beef and cabbage for St. Patty's Day!)

**April** -

**May** -

(We can use some volunteer chefs!)

**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]

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**March 2 – Monthly Meeting at Hartford Town Hall**

**April 7 – Monthly Meeting at ????????**

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**50/50 WINNER**

**STEVEN [REDACTED]**

**\$20 FOR THE CLUB AND \$20 FOR STEVEN!!**

**(WHAT AGAIN!!!! THAT'S 2 IN A ROW!)**

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**If any Club Member wants to look up older Newsletters and other Club information you can find it at [pikelakesportsmans.club](http://pikelakesportsmans.club).**

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**SAD NEWS:**

For those that may have missed the e-mail I sent out – I received a phone call yesterday morning from Pat [REDACTED]. She told me that Ed had passed away a few days earlier. Ed had the RSV virus which probably weakened him. He was rushed to the hospital but they couldn't save him.

Ed was a long time member of the Club and was a President and Board member for years. One of the things Ed really enjoyed was when the Club would take the "Big Brothers/Big Sisters" out fishing on the Lake and also when we would help on the fishing pier at the Park teaching kids how to fish on the "Free days at the Park". He was really happy to see the kids catch their first fish!

Also, the members will remember when John would ask Ed to "Start" the meeting! Every one certainly noticed!

Ed will be missed! May he rest in Peace!

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