



PIKE LAKE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 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.

ANNUAL FISH FRY: FRIDAY, SEPT. 12TH
PLACE: STATE PARK NORTH PAVILION
START: 5 :00 or so for Setup - 6:00 FISH FRY
i Family and Friends and are Invited!

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



The minutes of the Pike Lake Sportsman's Club meeting that was held on Monday, August 4th at Down Slope Pub. There were 14 members present.

TREASURER'S REPORT
CHECKING \$5,740.01
SAVINGS \$5,915.98

ELECTIONS:

John opened the meeting and said that since there were so many members that were not able to make the meeting because of vacations and other family obligations, that maybe it would be better to delay the election until the October meeting. A motion was made to delay the meeting. The motion was seconded and the motioned passed by unanimous voice vote. (The October meeting is scheduled to be held at Whitey's garage.)

MEETING LOCATIONS:

Next there was a little discussion on the meeting locations. Some members think we need more ex-poser as the Town Hall is nice but away from the lake and more "traffic". He said that the Down Slope is a little far for some but a nice set up now and Tina and Jim good to work with. (They did say that there are some customers interested in our Club but none showed up at our meeting!)

ANNUAL FISH FRY:

Next we discussed the next month's fish fry. John told the members that we will need to be sure we have a good "head count" to be sure we have enough fish for everyone. Whitey said that he would have his deep fryers there and that he also will have the breading. (He said that he'll have better tasting breading than he had last year!) Whitey also told the members that the fish members bring should be completely thawed! Also, boneless and cut into smaller pieces if large fillets. John was concerned

we would have enough fish as we don't have as many "fishermen" like before. (I think he was referring to Gilbert Strupp, who would always bring plenty to share!) John was assured everyone that there would be plenty like every year. Also, Chris said that he would be making his delicious fish chowder like he usually does. (Can't wait!) (Chris said he'd be there earlier in the afternoon to start the chowder so anyone that can should come to help!) (Also, we may have to move tables around and wipe off as the pavilion is not always ready!) Everyone should bring a "side" or dessert to share. Chris told the members that everyone should make an extra effort to invite some one that may be interested in the Club to come to the outing! John said that he has never had a call or inquiry about the Club from the handouts and Steven can't tell how many "views" we get on the web site. John said that he'll make sure that we invite Diane [redacted] and Jules [redacted] and her husband Ken.

PROJECTS:

Joe said that he has talked Justin and Drew regarding the "tree drops" and "fish sticks" and both of them say that the projects are very "doable". They said that the Park has plenty of trees available and are willing to help with getting them on to the Lake. Whitey said he had a lot of concrete blocks would gladly donate. Joe said that he'll stay in contact with them because he knows that Elias, Drew and Justin are excited about any projects that improve the Park. They also have the equipment to haul the trees to where they will be used. Joe was not sure we can do a "drop" or "sticks" this year yet but will keep working on the project. He said that Elias, Justin or Drew would handle the permits, locations and trees. Joe thought a possible time frame would be to have the trees ready on the shore line by March and time the "drop" or "sticks" depending on ice conditions. (Hopefully, this works out as it will be great for improving fish habitat in Pike Lake.) (Also, if

anyone knows any other group or Club that has done these kinds of projects, they should let Joe know.)

MEMORIAL BENCH:

The Bench has been installed! On Thursday Aug. 21st, Steven had a call from Elias that the bench was received and he was hoping it could be installed on Monday, Aug. 25th at 4:00. It actually was a fairly easy project for us as Elias, Steven and Joe were able to do it in a little over an hour! Justin had brought the park's hole digger and drilled the 3 holes needed for the bench support holes. They also had the bags of concrete to secure the support poles in the holes. Steven and Joe assembled the bench. Then lifted the bench supports into the holes under Elias's direction. Once the bench was leveled, the holes were filled with the concrete and dirt and tamped down. Water from the lake was used to set the concrete. Done! John had surveyed the location earlier and brought his trimming saw and clippers and cut down a few small trees and brush along the waters edge that were spoiling the view of the lake in front of the bench. John said that hopefully, we can plan a time in near future to hold a proper dedication. For those that may be interested in seeing the bench, it is located right next to the boat launch. (I have a few pictures of the assembly if anyone's interested.)

CLUB SHIRTS:

Some one brought up the idea of getting the Club's name out more to the general public. Some ideas were to sent up a box with our pamphlets in the park or some place where the general public can find them. Also, mentioned was getting some shirts with our logo on so if people see us on a project and maybe ask about the club. Both ideas will be looked into.

DUES ARE DUE OVER DUE:

Our Annual Club dues are now over due! It was agreed that we keep the Annual dues at \$35.00! If you missed the August meeting or didn't pay your dues then, please pay soon! Whitey said that we need to keep the savings account over \$5000 or we are charged a fee to keep the account!

(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!

CHEFS:

Tina and Jim – of the Down Slope Pub – had a “Taco Bar” with a nice variety of “toppings”. They had a choice of the “hard” or the “soft” shells – which were warmed. It was all you could eat! (John said that he had donated the ground beef! Which helped with the cost!) No one remembered to bring a dessert but I know I didn't have room after the tacos!)

UPCOMING CHEFS:

September 12th – Annual Club Fish Fry at the north pavilion at the Park. Members are to bring fish if you have them. (Time to clear out the freezer!) Also, everyone one brings a side or dessert to share!

Remember to let us know how many will be attending so we know we have enough fish and tables set up!!!!

October – Whitey [redacted] and Jim [redacted]

November – Deanne and Joe [redacted]

December – John [redacted] and Chris [redacted]

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:

September 12th – Annual Club Fish fry/Picnic at the State Park's north pavilion! 5:00 start – or come ealier if you can? Friends and family invited! (Invite a prospective member!)

October – Monthly Meeting at Whitey's Garage. We will be having the elections that we put off at the August Meeting! Still time to be nominated for a position or take your name off the ballot!

(Remember that John is definitely not returning as President!)

November – Monthly Meeting at ????

50/50 WINNER

MIKE [redacted]

\$31 FOR THE CLUB AND \$31 FOR MIKE

(THANK YOU MIKE FOR DONATING YOUR SHARE TO THE CLUB!!!!)

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