



Greater Pokegama Lake Association

The newsletter information is for those interested in preserving and protecting Pokegama Lake and its environs, together with the wetlands and aquifers, and enhancing the water quality, recreational, and aesthetic features of the lakes for both present and future generations.

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NEWSLETTER

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Board of Directors 2019

Term ends June 2019

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Term ends June 2020

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Membership

Our May newsletter will have a membership envelope included for your renewal convenience. However, you can always renew membership at our website, www.pokegama.org. Also, Board meeting minutes are posted there as well. The GPLA Facebook page would also post any timely lake related information.

If you wish to add your email address to your membership information contact me at patbill@paulbunyan.net.

Dues remain at \$20/year per family, tax deductible, with options to donate to the Fireworks fund, Lakeshore Preservation fund, ICC Scholarship fund or AIS Inspection fund.

GPLA Board Meeting

JANUARY 21, 2019

Unofficial Summary – Blandin Meeting Room, Central Square Mall

Present: Linda Skallman, Bob Conzemius, Johnnie Fulton, Rich Libbey, Ron Kelner, Patty Gould Dziuk, Sam Johnson Jr. Also, Pat Davis, Bill Davis, John Miner, Rich Rezanka

President's Report

1. Houseboats: City of Cohasset passed an ordinance regarding live-aboards at their regularly scheduled Nov. meeting. Cohasset Planning Commission will conduct another public hearing at their Feb. 6 meeting (6 pm) to address further concerns from the city about potential houseboat groupings. The ordinance includes language addressing septic, registrations, mooring setbacks, etc. The ordinance can be found in the Legals of the GR Herald-Review, Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019.

Patty Dziuk also plans to address the issue during the Itasca County comprehensive plan process which will begin in March.

2. Feb. Icola meeting: February 20, 7 p.m., Courthouse.....Bob Conzemius will attend.

Old Business: Stationary and the new logo: instead of purchasing physical stationary, electronic access will be provided to the official logo so it can be electronically placed in the header of any official letters, for use by board members.

Fishing Tournaments: Major concern with AIS transported by these boats as they move from lake to lake as well as in the greater Pokegama area during tournaments. John Miner spoke of his concern about the movement of zebra mussels from the river which could be enhanced by tournament boats. He also suggested a simple device to put around the lake to monitor zebra mussel movement.

Work Plan Progress: AIS....Pokegama could use more members willing to train as AIS detectors. The Itasca Dive Team, Rich Rezanka was the representative, does AIS related dives. They might be willing to hand pick the few curlyleaf pondweed plants by the Pickled Loon in exchange for assistance with maintaining their equipment. The pondweed at the hot pond at Little Jay Gould may be less of a problem now that Units 1 & 2 are shut down, the hot pond will freeze over.

Chemical Water Testing: R & B Labs at ICC does the testing and GPLA can collect samples or the lab will collect them. Usually done annually but overlooked last summer.

Meeting adjourned.

Community Bulletin

SHERIFF'S DEPT. K9 FUNDRAISER, MARCH 3, 2019, 11 AM TO 5 PM, EAGLES CLUB

The K9 dogs have a need for 1 additional bullet proof vest and 3 updated vests, as well as dog-friendly equipment for squad cars. Last year's fundraiser allowed the addition of the 3rd and 4th dogs, which was most appreciated.

For questions or information: contact Dan Nielsen, 218-996-9032.

Calendar

APRIL 22, 2019

**GPLA Board Meeting
& Earth Day**

May 21, 2019

**Itasca Waters Youth
Summit - volunteers
always needed!**

June 2019

**GPLA Membership
Meeting**



Ripples ...



GREAT BACKYARD BIRD....Feb 15-18 You can participate by counting birds you see out your window for 15 minutes on 1 or more days. Enter your checklist at birdcount.org.

Sure hope the Sherry's Arm neighborhood cardinal shows up that weekend!

Birds vs. Cold Winter Nights

Songbirds find a protected perch, sheltered from rain, safe from predators. Small forest birds like the Red-Breasted Nuthatch, huddle together in tree cavities. Woodpeckers cling to vertical tree trunks. Crows roost communally.

Birds fluff up their feathers, hunker over bare legs/feet for warmth. They turn their heads and poke their beaks under.

MN WATERS/MN CONSERVATION 2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. Funding AIS Prevention – Support for UMN AIS Research Center and community programs.
2. Clean Water 2050 – for safe drinking by 2025, safe swimming/fishing 2050.
3. Water Infrastructure Investments – help communities repair/replace with general obligation bonds.
4. Reduce Chloride Pollution – reduce excessive salt use/liability from slips/falls.

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