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PIKE LAKE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER JULY 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.

ROCK BASS TOURN./MTG: July 6, 2026
PLACE: Pike Lake State Park Boat Launch
4:30 Sign up/5:00 – 8:00 Fishing/8:15 Prizes

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



The minutes of the Pike Lake Sportsman's Club Meeting held on Monday, June 1st. The Meeting was held at the Pike Lake State Park North Pavilion. There were 9 members present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHECKING: \$6,184.51

SAVINGS: \$5,018.86

MEETING:

The meeting was fairly short as once again as there was no real agenda.

The discussion again centered around trying to get the Club's existence around so we can get more people interested in joining.

Tom  presented the idea of taking a fishing boat and decorating it and the car or truck pulling it and joining it one of the Hartford's parades. We could have signs on the sides so the spectators knew who we were. We could have candy for the kids and maybe "hand outs" with our information that we could pass out to the adults. (Good idea! Some thing to consider.)

Josh  made a suggestion of holding a members Rock Bass fishing tournament at the next month's meeting. The members were very interested in this suggestion so someone made a motion to have the tournament at the July's meeting. Josh volunteered to organize the tournament and maybe we could use it to interest new members. Some suggestions were to meet at the Park launch area about 4 or 4:30. Fish from 5:00 to 8:00. Have prizes and socialize and maybe little lunch after until dark.

OPERATION ROCK BASS:

Josh made up a brochure for the Rock Bass tournament that tells about the tournament rules and how to sign up and prizes, etc. (I sent around a copy of the brochure via e-mail on June 9th! I asked for the members thoughts and input about Josh's suggestion and only received 3 responses – all of which were positive to go as Josh had listed in the brochure.)

I talked with Josh and told him to go ahead with the "Operation Rock Bass".

Josh told me recently that he has every thing arranged – prizes, a snack lunch for the boat, etc. He did say that he will need help to register the entrants at the start of the tournament. (He'll probably need help afterward also.) So if you can help get to the launch by 4:00 or a little sooner. Josh said that as of Sunday, June 28th he had 3 boats signed up of nonmembers. He also mentioned that he asked for a permit of about 20 boats from the DNR and Drew Wallace liked the idea of going after Rock bass. Josh is hoping a lot of the current Club members take part in the tournament and help promote it!. (Should be Fun! Looks like the weather will cooperate too!)

RESIGNATION:

As the members may remember that John [REDACTED] presented his letter of resignation as Club President effective after the July 6th meeting. (I sent a copy of the letter around to members on June 3rd.)

I am very sorry – as we all are – to see John step down as President! He has been a big part of leading this Club for many years.

Hopefully, someone will step up and take over this important role in the Club!!!!

ELECTIONS:

I know I had this in the last couple Newsletters but we still have not held an election that originally was scheduled for the August 2025 meeting. (Maybe 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]

Dan [REDACTED]

Note: There are 4 Board Members up for election.

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

CHEFS:

Josh [REDACTED] served brats and hamburgers fresh off the grill! (Josh used the Park's grill that is right out side the shelter's door! Can't get fresher than that!) He also served potato and macaroni salads, baked beans, fresh hamburger and brat buns, condiments and chips.

John brought an appetizer of ham and cheese rolls that were very tasty.

Doc brought the dessert of cheese cake cups topped with blueberries and sweet cherries in a syrup topping. Delicious! (Thanks Mary!)

Great meal! I know everyone really enjoyed!

UPCOMING CHEFS:

July - Josh [REDACTED] said he was making up bags of snacks for each of the participants to take out in the boat. (We'll probably have a refreshment for the members to take along too.)

August - Monthly meeting at the State Park's north shelter.

September – (Labor Day is first Monday!)

Annual Fish Fry at the Town's Pavilion on Friday, Sept. 11th ?

(We can use some volunteer chefs!)

PLEASE NOTE!!!!

Please let us know if you plan to attend and take part in the tournament! (Please respond by Saturday or before!!!!)

Josh - [REDACTED]

Jerry - [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 6 – State Park Boat Launch – Rock Bass Fishing Tournament. Bring a friend!

August 3 – Monthly Meeting at the State Park's north shelter.

September 14 – (Labor Day is the first Monday!)

(We usually have a Club fish fry or picnic and do it on a Friday or ?????)

50/50 WINNER

JOHN [REDACTED]

\$19 FOR THE CLUB AND \$19 FOR JOHN!

(You can thank Mike for finding your tickets!)

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