



PIKE LAKE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER JUNE 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: JUNE 2, 2025
PLACE: Hartford Town Hall
START: 5:30/help w/set up – 6:00 Meeting

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



The minutes of the Pike Lake Sportsman's Club meeting that was held on Monday, May 5th at Hartford Town Hall. There were 21 members and guests present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHECKING \$6,914.16
SAVINGS \$7,813.39

GUEST/S

THERE WERE 10 GUESTS FOR THE "CINCO DE MAYO CHILI COOK OFF" HOPE ALL ENJOYED!

CHILI COOK OFF:

Four members – Mike [redacted], Deanne [redacted], "Doc" [redacted] and Chris [redacted] brought a pot of their Chili. (Josh [redacted] had volunteered also but had to bow out as a conflict came up.) Other members were asked to bring a side – chips and dip or a dessert. (Diane [redacted] and Jules [redacted] also brought desserts!) All of the chili's were really good! Everyone was able to sample a bowl of each one of the chili's and afterward John asked for a show of hands for the "best" one. There was a tie between Mike's and Deanne's. (As for myself, I thought they were all very good and could not decide on one so I raised my hand for each one!) Great job on the chili's!!! Mike and Deanne were able to choose a bottle of booze that was left over for the meat raffle as a prize. (The booze had been donated by Chris [redacted] and according to Chris [redacted] was "high end" stuff.)

Everyone I talked to afterward enjoyed the chili's and of course all the desserts. (Maybe we could have a dessert "bake off" some time!)

MEETING:

John started the meeting by thanking those that brought the chili and everyone that brought a side and dessert. He said it was good to try some thing different. John said that he was trying to think of some thing different with Cinco De Mayo happening. Tacos was an option but chili seemed a better idea.

PROJECTS:

John said he was at the Park to help assemble some of the "walk" sections and said it was "heavy work". They are 8' x 8' sections so it takes some lifting to move them.. There are a lot of sections to do so it is going to be some time to get the whole project done. (There is another work day before our meeting so will probably be getting an update then.) Last time we had 4 or 5 guys working and it was a lot of fun. (There was a listing of work schedules that were sent around.) The installation hours are later in the day if that would work better for some one. John said it was a good time and they were able to go to Down Sloop afterward.

(I happened to see on the "Friends" "face book" page that the section to the "dog beach" was done before Memorial Day like Elias had hoped.)

There is still a lot to be worked on the rest of the summer.

Another project to be involved in is the "Discovery Day" at the Park on Saturday, June 7th. Volunteers will be needed to help teach knot tying and casting. Also, to help show the kids how to catch a fish on the fishing pier. (The Club has done this in the past 3 or 4 years.) (Ed and myself have helped kids on the pier and it was fun to watch the kids faces when they caught a fish!) (I'll be out of town that week end so won't be able to do it this year.)

John said that he would like to have a Club Board meeting before are next monthly meeting to discuss important issues about the Club's future.

BOARD MEETING:

A Board meeting was held on Wednesday evening, May 21st at the Shumway Dental Clinic’s meeting room. There were 8 members present. One of the items was an update on the memorial bench in the Park. John said he talked with Elias and they had bought 5 benches and ours was not one of them. We would have to wait until they had enough for another order or buy one our selves for \$960.00 and then give the Park \$1,540.00 to install and maintain it. John said he’d have to talk with Elias on the details and have Whitey write a check to get bench ordered. We also talked about changing the wording on the plaque. John said he didn’t get any word back from Elias what was allowed on the plaque. He thought maybe the statement “You should be fishing” was the problem or some thing else. John said he will talk with Elias to get a definite answer one way or the other. Hopefully, this will get done soon! Another topic was how to increase membership and the “Friends” “Hike” project to see if it is something we can and want to continue partaking in. We spent a lot of time discussing membership issues. Especially with help at the projects to get people to commit and not back out at the last minute. It would be nice if the Park would get started on the “Reception Center” building. It would give us more viability if we could hold our meetings there. Steven suggested that when we had a project that perhaps if a committee was formed that the project could be coordinated easier instead of one person doing everything.

NEXT MEETING:

The Fish Biologist – Drew Wallace – who was scheduled to be at the last meeting but was asked to delay a month – will be at the June meeting. Drew has the fishing report finalized for Pike Lake.

CHEFS:

Great job by the cooks who brought the chili for the “cook off” all were delicious!!! Great job also to everyone that brought a side and everyone that brought a dessert. (See the article at start of the Newsletter.)

UPCOMING CHEFS:

June: - Dan [redacted] and Brad [redacted]

July - Picnic with the Friends of the Park???

We will need to talk about at the next meeting!!!

August -

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:

June 2nd - Monthly Meeting at the Hartford Town Hall (5:30 setup and socializing/6:00 meeting start.)

June 7th – Discovery Day at the Park. Volunteers will be needed to help teach casting and knot tying and catch fish off the fishing pier.

July 11th – Meeting/Picnic with the “Friends of Pike Lake”. North Park Pavilion – Time?

Also, we have nominations for the Election for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sargent-At-Arms and 4 Board members!!!! Time to start thinking about volunteering for these positions!!! John, Chris, Jerry are ready to retire!!

August 4th – Monthly Meeting at the Hartford Town Hall???

Also, Club Elections for the positions listed above!!!

50/50 WINNER

“DOC” [redacted]

\$47 FOR THE CLUB AND \$46 FOR DOC

WAY TO GO DOC!!!

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