

# LAKE WAVES

Newsletter for the Hand/Hay Lakes Association

[HandHayLakesAssoc.org](http://HandHayLakesAssoc.org)

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## Keep aquarium pets and plants out of Minnesota lakes and rivers

In a May 23 DNR news release, the DNR reminds us that it is illegal to release aquarium animals and plants into the wild. There are dozens of aquarium animals and plants that are prohibited or regulated invasive species that can cause serious harm if released into the wild. The recommended and most humane method of disposing of them is to put them in a plastic bag in the freezer for a day, then put the bag into the trash. Examples of prohibited and regulated species include goldfish and koi (which are types of carp), rusty crayfish, red swamp crayfish, Chinese and banded mystery snails, and many aquatic plants. DNR staff recently found these invasive aquarium species in Minnesota waters: piranha, koi, goldfish, yellow iris, Amazonian catfish, and even a Cayman, a type of alligator.

More information about prohibited and regulated species and what to do with them is available at [www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/laws.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/laws.html).

## Printed copy of association newsletter might be coming to an end.

At the association's general meeting it was suggested that the newsletter be emailed to all eligible association recipients instead of mailing the printed paper copy. A paper copy would still be provided to those who specifically request a paper copy. The cost of printing and mailing continues to rise and it is the largest part of the association's budget.

The by-laws have to be updated for this suggestion to take effect and the suggestion will be taken up at the next board meeting this fall. If you have concerns, comments, or suggestions, please contact your representative director or email your editor ([pcourneya@gmail.com](mailto:pcourneya@gmail.com)). This newsletter will be sent to all that have a valid email address registered with the association. The printed paper copy will still be sent out as always.

You can use the enclosed sign-up sheet to provide the association with your current email address.

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## License affirmation reinforces Minnesota's aquatic invasive species laws

DNR news release, June 13, 2016! Minnesota boaters and non-resident anglers renewing their licenses will now need to sign a card affirming they know the state's aquatic invasive species laws.

Watercraft owners and nonresident anglers must read and sign the affirmation during their regular license renewal, then keep it with them, along with their license. The affirmation demonstrates understanding that Minnesota law requires license holders to:

**Clean** aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species from watercraft.

**Drain** lake or river water from all equipment and keep drain plugs out during transport.

**Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash, not in the water.

"No one needs to renew their license earlier than usual, and there is no additional cost or training involved," said April Rust, DNR invasive species training coordinator. "This is a simple way of making sure more people using our lakes and rivers know how to follow the laws designed to protect them."

"The affirmation is another positive step in the state's proactive efforts to keep 95 percent of Minnesota lakes off the infested waters list," said Heidi Wolf, DNR invasive species unit supervisor. "This season, the state also implemented mandatory training for anyone convicted of violating invasive species laws. Minnesotans are serious about preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species and the recreational, environmental and economic harm they cause."

Details about the affirmation and other measures that support Minnesota's aquatic invasive species laws are at [www.mndnr.gov/affirmation](http://www.mndnr.gov/affirmation).

***From the Editor***

The annual association general meeting took place on Saturday May 30. Officers and directors were elected and numerous important issues were discussed. The discussions are presented in some detail in the meeting notes on the last pages of this newsletter.

Vice President, Jean Schatz, accepted the position of President to replace outgoing President Sandi Theisen. Thank you, Sandi, for your outstanding work the past two years. Zella Mirick (North Bay) stepped up to be Vice President while Barbara Courneya and Cheryl Lindberg agreed to remain as Secretary and Treasurer. Scott Parr and Paul Anderson remain as directors of Hay Lake. There are two unfilled directors' positions for Hay Lake. Debra Samuelson (Shadywood Shores) took the place of Hand Lake At-Large director Danae Schafer. All other directors remained. Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to our lake association. Officers and directors are listed on last page of this newsletter.

In the mail this cycle, I received another letter from Bill Borchardt describing his experiences with eagles on Hand Lake. It is a fun read. You will find it in the letters to the editor section. I included a brief history of eagles paraphrased from the DNR website.

Also in this issue, Danae Shafer (Norway Shores), our resident forester provides us with an informative article about tamarack (American Larch) trees. They are the soft needled trees that grow in the wetter areas. We used to have one in our yard before a fire took it away.

Debra Samuelson, (Shadywood Shores) sent a truly interesting article about the history and origin of the Hand Lake Boat Parade. If you ever wondered how the parade ever got started, this is a must read.

Mailed along with this newsletter you will find a well-designed card with emergency phone numbers and other critical information to put on your bulletin board or hang on your refrigerator. The card was designed and provided, at his expense, by Ken Reinecke (Indian Point). Thank you Ken, very well done! If you did not get one of the cards or need more, contact me (Paul Courneya) and I will see that they are provided.

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**Bald Eagle History**

It might come as a surprise that the bald eagle, our national bird, was once considered a useless, troublesome bird. A bird of prey, it competed with humans for fish and game and sometimes killed livestock. They were hunted and killed on sight. After WWII, the widespread use of the pesticide DDT further reduced their numbers to near extinction. Use of DDT was banned in 1972.

Attempts to bring back the eagle from extinction began in the 1960s. Today several organizations including, the DNR Non-game Wildlife Program, The Raptor Center, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the University of Minnesota continue that work. In 2007 eagle population had grown to 2700 pairs in Minnesota and led to the removal from the Federal Endangered Species List.

You can read much more about the history of the eagle on the DNR website here:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/birds/eagles/history.html>

And don't forget to take a look at the DNR eagle webcam here:

<http://www.webcams.dnr.state.mn.us/eagle/>

The DNR spends about \$50,000 per year bald eagle conservation efforts. Most of the money comes from the Non Game Wildlife Checkoff on your MN income tax form.

**Letters to the Editor**

We all enjoyed the Eagles up in the Hand Lake area. I had one exceptional experience with one up there. I was out enjoying the day, calmly fishing for sunfish over near Theisen's bay or point. I caught a sunfish that swallowed the hook. He was too small to keep so had to throw him over the side. He lay there alongside the boat thrashing about when an Eagle that had been perched up atop one of the large trees in that area noted the activity. He flew by to inspect, eyeing the sunfish, but too cautious to come down and pick it up. He flew back up atop the tree to wait for me to move on. After a bit, I was still there but a seagull was more daring and had no fear of me or the boat. The gull swooped down, picked up the sunfish and started to fly away. The Eagle took offense at this and left his perch, flying toward the gull. The gull did not get more than 50 feet from my boat when the Eagle approached. The gull knew enough to forget the sunfish and depart the area. He dropped the sunfish but before it reached the water, the Eagle swooped down and picked it out of the air, then flew back up to his perch atop the tree. Naturally, I had no camera or other means of recording the event but just one of those quiet times that make fishing worthwhile, more about observing nature than catching fish.

Bill

(Bill Borchardt is one of the founding fathers of the lake association )

## Tamarack: ID and Fun Facts

by Danae Schafer



Tamarack, scientific name *Larix laricina*, is also known as American larch. A unique tree as it is the only one in the state that loses its needles every year, similar to leaved species (known as a deciduous conifer). It is most common in the northern 1/3 of Minnesota but can be found throughout much of the state. The majority of tamarack can be found growing in peatlands or wetlands either as the dominant species or mixed in with black spruce, white cedar, or balsam fir. This tree is not tolerant of living in the shade so is most often part of the overstory or found growing in open areas. Identification is simple for this unique tree. In the spring and summer it has lush green needles that come off the branch in clumps of 15-35 individual needles. Fall brings the best time to seek out tamarack as it turns a brilliant yellow before losing its needles. If it is winter it will appear like a spruce that has lost all of its needles. The bark is orange-brown in color and rough in appearance. Cones will be on newer growth branches and are small (1-2cm) beginning a reddish color and turning tan with age.

There are many uses for this tree. It is used in the manufacture of paper, posts, poles, rough lumber, and burns hot as firewood. The tough, durable, yet flexible if cut into thin strips wood has also been used to make snowshoes. Tamarack has a

natural resistance to rot and so has been commonly used to corduroy roads, as railroad ties, or for dock cribs. There is evidence that parts of the tree were also used in natural remedies for various ailments. A company called Lonza uses fiber from tamarack trees as an ingredient in things such as chocolate as it supports the immune system and has antioxidant qualities. Humans, porcupine, snowshoe hare, red squirrels, mice, voles, shrews, spruce grouse, sharp-tail grouse, pine siskin and cross-bills (birds) among many other species all benefit from tamarack. Tamarack is reported to have survived temperatures as low as -79 Fahrenheit, and live as long as 335 years. Unfortunately there is bad news on the horizon for this wonderful tree. Larch sawfly, larch casebearer, and larch beetle are some insects that specifically target tamarack. These insect populations have been building, this is part of a natural cycle.

I hope you have learned something new about this tree. For a great fall show of tamarack yellow take a drive in a swampy area when the leaves start changing.

## Sightings



There has been a number of interesting wildlife sightings in our lakes region this spring. In April, Sandi and Lee Thiesen (Norway Shores) reported a black bear visiting them during the night. A trail camera snapped this awesome photo.

In late May Paul & Barb Courneya (Shadywood Shores) reported a black bear wandering across the back of their property. It lay down and began eating something. Possibly it found some duck or turkey eggs to snack on before wandering off. Earlier it had snatched one of their bird feeders.



In early May Duane Larson (Shadywood Shores) called to describe a lone male pheasant in his backyard. A few days earlier Barbara Courneya (Shadywood Shores) reported the same lone pheasant. He spent days in the area loudly calling out for a mate but no takers. After several days he moved on.

Submissions to be considered for publication in the Fall newsletter must reach the editor before September 15th. The fall newsletter is mailed near the end of September. Email photos, articles, and suggestions to:

[pcourneya@gmail.com](mailto:pcourneya@gmail.com)





Contestant from 2011

## Annual Fourth of July Hand Lake Boat Parade

Get ready for this year's annual Summer Boat Parade. This year's boat parade will be held on Sunday July 3. Judging will begin at 1 PM in Samuelson's Bay and the parade will commence immediately after judging has been completed. In case of weather issues the event will be delayed to 10 am on July 4th.

Be sure the judges have the following information: The theme of your decorated boat, your name, and where on Hand Lake you are from.

There will be three trophies for pontoons and two for boats. This year's judges are Debra Samuelson, Zella Mirick, and Jean Schatz. Debra has volunteered to provide her boat as the judges boat and Paul Courneya will be on hand to take photos.

Results of this year's boat parade will be posted on the association website soon after the parade and in the fall edition of the association newsletter.

## A history of the Annual Fourth of July Hand Lake Boat Parade

By Debra Samuelson

Marci and Robert Samuelson (known to all as "Sam"), purchased their lake home in 1978, naming it "Samar's" (Sam/Marci=Samar's!). Eleven years prior to the Hand/Hay Lakes Property Owners Association being formed, Sam and Marci started an annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Lake Party. They wanted to connect and interact with the lake owners and extended an open invitation to all lake owners. Their party first started with a stiff competition of decorating the lake owner's boats, pontoons, canoes...really, as long as it floated, it was qualified to compete! All boats would then gather in "Samuelson's Bay", where they would be judged. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners received a trophy, but the biggest honor, was that the trophy winners were the first to lead the boat parade around the entire lake. Those who did not participate were invited to join in by cheering on the decorated boats from their respective docks. Once the boat parade was completed, all were invited to the Samuelson's cabin for a potluck and party. The celebration included enjoying fabulous food, conversation and laughter, while festivities and competitive games were played throughout the day. Games included playing horseshoes, volleyball, egg toss, balloon toss and badminton; all winners received small prizes and big bragging rights!

The Samuelson 4<sup>th</sup> of July Potluck Party continued annually for 20 years. Sam passed away in 1999, however, the Hand Lake Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade, still continues today, with elaborate and creative decorated boats and costumed boat owners, gathering first in "Samuelson's Bay".

Scott and Debra Samuelson purchased the Samar's cabin in 2000. We will someday give Samar's property to our only son Alex, with the expectation, it remain in the Samuelson family for generations. To remember and honor Sam, the wood sign, displaying all the Shadywood Shores Dr NW lake owners, will permanently be engraved Robert "Sam" Samuelson.

## Just for fun facts

Have you ever wondered where this odd symbol "&" came from?

The ampersand today is used primarily in business names, but that small character was once the 27<sup>th</sup> part of the alphabet. The origin of its name is almost as bizarre as the name itself.

The shape of the character (&) predates the word ampersand by more than 1,500 years. In the first century, Roman scribes wrote in cursive, so when they wrote the Latin word *et* which means "and" they linked the e and t. Over time the combined letters came to signify the word "and" in English as well.

The word "ampersand" came many years later when "&" was actually part of the English alphabet. In the early 1800s, school children reciting their ABCs concluded the alphabet with the &. It would have been confusing to say "X, Y, Z, and." Rather, the students said, "and per se and." "Per se" means "by itself," so the students were essentially saying, "X, Y, Z, and by itself and." Over time, "and per se and" was slurred together into the word we use today: ampersand.

(The ampersand is also used in an unusual configuration where it appears as "&c" and means etc. The ampersand does double work as the e and t.)

(Paraphrased from the Dictionary.com blog)

## Interesting Website: Lightning Map

<http://www.lightningmaps.org/realtime>

### Pipeline update



The controversy of Enbridge's desire to install high pressure oil pipelines across our lakes area continues. The 36 inch pipelines would follow the power line easement across HWY 84 just south of Lake Ada. Most likely the pipes would run under the road. The Association of Cass County Lakes, on its website, reports:

*If these pipelines were constructed, the Sandpiper Pipeline would carry 375,000 barrels of oil per day from the Bakken region of North Dakota across northern Minnesota. The pipeline would cross 300 miles of Minnesota, much of it pristine lakes, rivers, streams and wild rice wetlands that would prove difficult if not impossible to clean up in the event of a catastrophic spill. Line 3, proposed for the same corridor would carry 760,000 barrels per day of oil from the tar sands of Alberta, Canada. The National Academy of Sciences recently reported that this type of oil, called diluted bitumen, carries specific, heightened risk because it is extremely difficult to recover and clean up in the event of a spill. These pipelines would carry 300,000 more barrels of oil per day through Minnesota than the Keystone XL would have transported had it not been vetoed on environmental grounds.*

The Department of Commerce (DOC) and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) are currently engaged in producing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the pipelines. However the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offered additional comments for consideration when preparing the EIS. In a news release dated May 28, 2016 offered by Winona LaDuke of Honor the Earth, she provides:

*[The considerations include:] feasible alternative sites and routes located outside the Mississippi river headwaters area, provide a level of information and analysis adequate to sup-*

*port compliance with the Clean Water Act, Air quality, environmental justice, coordination with federal, state and tribal agencies, Native American tribal coordination/consultation, wild rice and other tribal and cultural resources, and other tribal resources in ceded territories that should be considered for impact analysis include, but are not limited to, traditional hunting areas for turkey and waterfowl and fish harvesting areas, rare and unique natural resources, large volume spill modeling, cumulative effects, greenhouse gases and climate change.*

*Honor the Earth* is a Chippewa organization whose mission is to create awareness and support for Native environmental issues. It is working with a variety of citizen groups who have come to understand their property rights are vulnerable to big oil and state law and that Chippewa Treaty rights may be the one protection for our environment, for all Minnesotans today and tomorrow.

You can find more information and keep up new developments at these websites:

[www.honorearth.org](http://www.honorearth.org)

<http://www.friendsoftheheadwaters.org/index.html>

<http://www.enbridge.com/SandpiperProject.aspx>

If you are concerned about the pipeline and want to take action you might want to click on the "Take Action" tab on the Friends of the Headwaters website. You will find it here:

<http://www.friendsoftheheadwaters.org/take-action.html>

### The Hand/Hay Lake Association Website

The lake association website can be found here:

<http://handhaylakesassoc.org>

If you have photos, stories or anything else to be published on the site, send your information directly to webmaster Barbara Hanson: [handhaywebmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:handhaywebmaster@yahoo.com)

**Hand & Hay Lake Association Annual Meeting Notes – May 30, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by president, Sandi Theisen

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda and the minutes from the last meeting.

All attendees introduced themselves.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

A discussion ensued about how the funds might be spent. A suggestion was made to put money towards improving the road to the public access. It was generally agreed that the road was the responsibility of the DNR. A motion was made and seconded to contact DNR about improving the road. President Sandi Theisen volunteered to look into this and send an email to the newsletter editor to report the results of her call. Sandi pointed out that the Theisen home on Hand Lake is for sale so she didn't know whether she would be at future meetings to make a report.

There was a discussion about fish stocking funds and whether that is something that could be done. A statement was made that the DNR would allow stocking of the lake but would not do the stocking themselves as Hand and Hay were not considered lakes that could support walleyes. Ken Reinecke will look into this as well as possible fund raising to cover the cost of stocking. The Hand/Hay Lake board will decide how much to allocate for fish stocking at the next board meeting.

Discussion of the cost of the newsletter brought up a suggestion that it no longer be printed and mailed but rather be only emailed. Dustin Mirick said this change would require a change in the bylaws. General discussion was that members could still request a hard copy be mailed since not everyone has email.

The newsletter cost reflected that 150 newsletters were sent, 50 by email. The cost reflected printing as well as postage. It was observed that it was significant work for the editor to prepare the hard copies for mail. Going to 100% Email would eliminate the cost and effort involved.

The board was asked to solicit response from the membership through the newsletter as well as again requesting that members provide their email addresses to the newsletter editor for this purpose. Dusty will compose a change to the bylaws to allow for 100% email to be considered by the membership at the 2017 annual meeting.

It was suggested that the annual dues form include lines for fish stocking donations that allows the member to specify Hand or Hay Lake. A motion was made to this effect and seconded. Dues should be mailed to the Treasurer, Cheryl Lindberg. The address is included with the form in the newsletter.

Recognition was given to the newsletter editor for the excellent quality of the publication; and a round of applause was offered the editor, Paul Courneya.

A discussion ensued regarding the poor attendance at the annual meeting by Hay Lake members. There was an inquiry about how many of the Hay Lake paid members there were. It was determined that currently dues are not separated by lake. A suggestion was made that the Hay Lake directors should approach the Hay Lake cabins about joining the association. It was pointed out that Hay Lake has far fewer year round residents. It was estimated that even over the Memorial Day week-end, there were only about 8 cabins occupied.

Zella Mirick volunteered to compare the membership roster to paid dues payers to see how many are Hay and Hand to be printed in the next newsletter. In the future, it was suggested that the Treasurer keep track of dues by lake.

A motion and seconded to accept Treasurer's report.

A shoreline assessment handout available at the meeting was discussed. It can be obtained through the Association of Cass County Lakes web site at [www.acclakes.org](http://www.acclakes.org). This organization holds public meetings monthly at the Hackensack Senior Center from 9:30AM to 11:00AM. The meeting dates are on the web site calendar.

A discussion of lakes levels ensued. Lee Theisen said that Dale Johnson is no longer keeping lake levels for Hay Lake. Dale had the gauge and no one knows where it is now. The DNR will not pay to replace it. The cost of the gauge was unknown. There are limited lake level readings for Hay Lake from the DNR. A motion was made and seconded to determine the cost of the gauge for possible future purchase. Sandy Fetch is a resource for this information. Lee Theisen will email further information to Paul Courneya to be considered at the next board meeting.

Lee Theisen has been taking the readings for Hand Lake. Since his place is for sale, a replacement is needed for this role. Lee did this every Saturday. Lee reported that Hand Lake has maintained high levels for the past year. A lake map has been prepared by a Theisen relative that is more detailed than the DNR map. If you are interested in this map, please email Sandi Theisen who will provide the cost for a laminated copy.

No one is currently doing water transparency readings using a Secchi disk which was done in the past. The Association is looking for someone to do this, as well. The readings are provided to the DNR which will loan the disk for this purpose and train the volunteer on its use.

Motion made to purchase gauge for Hay Lake if someone will take readings

DNR Lakefind provides information on lake levels at their web site at [www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind).

The discussion came back to lake levels with questions about the status of Beaver dams between the lakes. No one has been monitoring the beaver dams or the state of culverts anymore. The county will not intercede unless the road is threatened or the Beaver dams are actually in the culvert. It appears that someone occasionally works on the dams as vegetation can be seen thrown up on the banks from time to time. This is very difficult to

do as those working on the dam are considered to be trespassing if they leave the water or throw vegetation on the banks.

It was requested that the newsletter include an article cautioning boaters to exercise care when lake level is high so they don't cause undue erosion from their wakes. They should not water or jet ski too close to the shore and should slow down around the island and around points where their vision is blocked by land. Buoys near the island have made a big difference in keeping people from running their boats through there too fast. They could be considered for other parts of the lake as well but require DNR permission and the consensus of the membership.

Paul Courneya, newsletter editor, briefly addressed the meeting. He pointed out that Barb Hanson has been running the Hand/Hay Lake Association web site at [www.handhaylakesassoc.org/](http://www.handhaylakesassoc.org/). He complimented Barb on the website but observed that the association should find a way to make this website more valuable to the memberships. Suggestions from member should be sent to Paul.

Duane Larson addressed the group regarding ongoing Ponto Lake township developments

Verizon is putting up new cellular tower with phone wires being buried. The probable working date is August 2016.

The Long Pine store has new owners who plan to add a commercial kitchen the near future. Public Wi-Fi is available at the Long Pine.

The township is putting in an emergency helicopter landing pad behind the Long Pine store on land that has been donated to the township. A black top road off Highway 84 to the landing pad will be added. Plans also exist to add a fire house which will need volunteer fireman when complete. No date is available for the completion. Having this fire house will reduce home owner insurance rates in the area.

A new musical theatre with Blue Grass music opening is opening the area with its first performance on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. It's called Big Foot Musical Theatre.

The election of officers and delegates was next on the agenda.

Dusty nominated Jean Schatz, the current vice president, for President. Jean suggested that someone from Hay Lake run to replace her as Vice President; but, there were no volunteers. Zella Mirick volunteered to be Vice President. Barb Courneya and Cheryl Lindberg will remain in their current respective roles of Secretary and Treasurer.

Debra volunteered to be at large director for Hand Lake to replace Danae Schafer.

Scott Parr and Paul Anderson from Hay Lake will remain as directors. Rick Pope and Joanna Gellermann no longer wish to be directors from Hay Lake. No one at the meeting was interested in replacing them so their positions will remain vacant until the board finds suitable replacements.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the new slate of officers and directors.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade will take place at 1PM on Sunday, July 3, or 10AM Monday, July 4, in case of rain. There was a discussion of how many trophies there should be for each category as there were more boats than usual last year. A motion was made and seconded to have 3 pontoon and 2 boat trophies this year. The judges will be Debra Samuelson, Zella Mirick and Jean Schatz. Debra volunteered her boat for judging.

Fall road cleanup will be Saturday, September 17, at 9AM. Spring cleanup is Saturday, May 6, 2017.

Under new business, it was suggested that the board look into what additional action could be taken to protect our lakes from invasive species which have become rampant in the area. Our lakes are not currently being monitored at the public access. Volunteers are being sought to be trained to inspect boats by the Association of Cass County Lakes. It was suggested that additional signage and/or handouts be provided at the public access, including a list of infected lakes. A list of those lakes was provided at the meeting and is available from the DNR at [www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/infested](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/infested).

A discussion of the proposed Sandpiper Oil Pipeline ensued. The Association of Cass County Lakes has taken a stand in opposition of the route which is very close to our lakes. A suggestion was made that our lake association do the same and perhaps even donate to the opposition. This was sent to the board of directors for consideration. It was suggested that the board invite someone to speak on this topic at next year's meeting. Jean Schatz volunteered to find someone who can do that. Deep Portage Conservation was suggested as a good venue to learn more.

A door prize drawing for multiple gift certificates was completed followed by a motion and second to adjourn the meeting which was accepted.

**Empty your bait  
bucket on the  
ground, not in the  
lake.**

**Go Slow, Don't  
make waves**

**Practice catch and  
release**



The Hand/Hay Lakes Property Owners Association was formed in the spring of 1987. Its primary function is to preserve the health, safety, welfare, and prosperity of Hand and Hay Lakes and the adjoining properties. The association has one general meeting on Saturday at 9:00 am during the Memorial Day weekend at the Ponto Lake Town Hall. All are welcome. Yearly membership dues are \$15.00 per household and payable at the general meeting. Or, send your check to the office of the treasurer with your name, address, phone number, and email. The Treasurer's address is: Cheryl Lindberg, Treasurer, 1437 Shadywood Shores Drive NW, Pine River, MN 56474. Make check payable to Hand Hay Lake Association

All Hand/Hay Lakes property owners are entitled to receive the Lake Waves, the official organ of the association. The Lake Waves is also available on the association's website, <http://HandHayLakesAssoc.org>. The Lake Waves is published four times per year in March, June, September, and December. Material for the newsletter should be sent directly to the editor. Material must be received before the 15th of the month for consideration to be published in that month's newsletter. Editor's address is: Paul Courneya, 1388 Shadywood Shores Drive NW, Pine River, MN 56474

#### Past Presidents

Duane Larson, *Dennis Haley*, *John Waters*, Dale Johnson, Dustin Mirick, Dick Stensrud, *Pete Kampa*, Wayne Lee, Andy Droen, Scott Parr, Arlan Hagen, Sandi Thiesen

### Officers

President	Jean Schatz	2018
Vice President	Zella Mirick	2018
Treasurer	Cheryl Lindberg	2017
Secretary	Barbara Courneya	2017

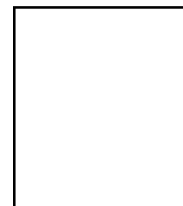
### Hand Lake Directors

Shadywood Shores	Clint Lindberg	2017
Haley's Haven	Mary Martin	2017
Indian Point	Ken Reinecke	2018
North Bay	Dustin Mirick	2018
Norway Shores	Lee Theisen	2017
At Large 1	Debra Samuelson	2018
At Large 2	Wayne Lee	2017

### Hay Lake Directors

Director 1	Scott Parr	2017
Director 2	Vacant	2018
Director 3	Vacant	2018
Director 4	Paul Anderson	2017

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