

# Pentwater Sportfishing Association, Inc. News

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*Goodbye Summer... Hello Fall*  
**Hope all is well with you & your family as we end this summer fishing season.**



Please check out the PSA 2017 calendar of events on the back page. Keep this calendar in safe keepings for your event planning next summer!!

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*Good Fishin' to You All & See You Next Year!!*

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Let this fall be a time to gather the things that bring you comfort & joy!



## PSA Board Changes:

Bruce Koorndyk has announced he needs to pull away from the PSA President position, and we will be posting new elections in a few weeks. We all owe Bruce a "GIANT THANKS" for his past years as President.

Bruce was the driving force on setting up the Channel Lights project and did all the effort to receive permits from the Corps of Engineers, revamped the Memorial Weekend Derby to the current cash prize format, and built a renewed impact for PSA in our local community and with Pentwater Village Government. Bruce will help PSA on some events and support the new officers.

Thanks Bruce, your efforts are very much appreciated.

*Thank You*

PSA Board

**Your PSA 2017 Officers and Term Endings:**

|                                 |                               |      |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------|
| <b>Bruce Koorndyk—President</b> | Boat ~ Passion                | 2016 |
| Ph: (517) 202-7213              | bcspentwater@yahoo.com        |      |
| <b>George Cornell—Secretary</b> | Boat ~ Reel Dancer            | 2017 |
| Ph: (517) 490-4322              | cornell@msu.edu               |      |
| <b>Dean Jessup —Treasurer</b>   | Boat ~ Dean's Dream           | 2016 |
| Ph: (574) 596-1068              | djessup@agrarianmarketing.com |      |
| <b>Lyn Snider—Director</b>      | Boat ~ Producer               | 2017 |
| Ph: 616.291.2568                | mslyn2@juno.com               |      |
| <b>Dan Gettings —Director</b>   | Boat ~ Keepin' It Reel        | 2016 |
| Ph: (989) 948-3388              | DSGettings@dow.com            |      |
| <b>Rob Bannink—Director</b>     | Boat ~ Dreamin' Screammers    | 2018 |
| Ph: (231) 788-1650              | robdogban@aol.com             |      |
| <b>Steve Sauser—Director</b>    | Boat ~ Fish Eagle             | 2018 |
| Ph: (231) 301-0224              | sk091695@yahoo.com            |      |

**When you see our PSA officers,  
please tell them Thanks!**

**Bannink's Line's Down Tournament****Results:**

September 3rd, Labor day week-end 17- boats entered the tournament and 10- boats weighed in a total of 30 fish for a total weight of 245.5 lbs. The largest king weighed 18.7 lbs. won by the "Farmer" boat. Largest & only trout caught being a Laker weighed in at 5.5 lbs. going to "Keepin it Reel". Combo was won by 2- kings & 1- trout totaling 19.5 lbs. going to "Keepin it Reel". Mystery Weight was 4.9 lbs. and closest weight was 4.75 lbs. going to "Highway Man".

Two years in a row "Farmer" has caught the big king and retained the biggest salmon revolving trophy. The two other revolving trophies are now in the hands of "Keepin it Reel". So these are the guys who have the targets on there backs for next years tournament!

**~~ Final PSA "Big Fish" Standings ~~**

| <b>King Salmon</b> | <b>Lake Trout</b> | <b>Brown Trout</b> | <b>Steelhead Trout</b> | <b>Coho Salmon</b> |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sculpin</b>     | <b>Farmer</b>     | <b>Highway Man</b> | <b>Palm Beach</b>      | <b>No Slack</b>    |
| Al & Kathy Belson  | John Cunningham   | Darryl Highway     | Ron Bacon              | Chris Cummings     |
| Howard City, MI    | Concord, MI       | Pentwater, MI      | Williamston, MI        | Jackson, MI        |
| 26.80 lbs.         | 19.30 lbs.        | 10.00 lbs.         | 13.40 lbs.             | 10.25 lbs.         |
| Caught: 7/23/2016  | Caught: 8/11/2016 | Caught: 8/9/2016   | Caught: 8/1/2016       | Caught: 7/8/2016   |

See pictures of the above "Big Fish" @ [www.pentwaterpsa.org](http://www.pentwaterpsa.org) under the "Events" page.

# Pentwater Sportfishing Association — Membership Application / Renewal Form

Fee: \$10.00 Self/Boat      \$15.00 Self & Spouse

Mail To: PSA Treasurer, Dean Jessup

P.O. Box #173, Pentwater, MI 49449

Name:

Spouse (If applicable):

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Phone Numbers:

E-Mail Address:

Boat Name:

Membership ( circle one )

Self - \$10.00      Self / Spouse - \$15.00

\* Voluntary Donation for  
Channel Lights

Amount of Donation: \$

\* Voluntary Donation to Whitey  
Wegner — SEND A KID TO CAMP  
FUND

Amount of Donation: \$

Please check this box receive your newsletter —

VIA E-Mail

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## \*\* Membership Sign Ups \*\*

Please use the form at the left to sign up for the 2017 fishing season.

In accordance with PSA By Laws membership payment is due on Sept. 1st.

If you would like to receive your newsletter via e-mail please check the box on your form and list your current e-mail address.

Dean Jessup, "Dean's Dream" boat, is the PSA Treasurer & will be pleased to send your membership card by return mail. If you need to verify that you have sent in your 2017 dues or just wish to contribute to PSA call Dean at (574) 596-1068 or use PSA E-Mail: [info@pentwaterPSA.org](mailto:info@pentwaterPSA.org)

I would be willing to assist on the following PSA Sponsored Event

Memorial Weekend Fishing Derby May 27, 28 & 29th

Pentwater Ladies Classic Tournament July 8th

Youth Classic Fishing Derby: August 5th

Channel Lights: Placement in May/Removal in October



For Fishing Tournament Results & "Big Fish" Information goto:

**[www.pentwaterpsa.org](http://www.pentwaterpsa.org)**

## **PENTWATER SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING — August 27, 2016**

Pentwater Friendship Center — Board members present: Bruce Koorndyk, George Cornell, Dean Jessup, Rob Bannink, Dan Gettings, Steve Sauser, Lyn Snider.

Members and Guests present: Chris Cummings (No Slack), Pam Cornell (Reel Dancer), Patsy Gettings (Keeping It Reel), Jan Jessup (Dean's Dream), Todd and Amy Gagner (Passion), Cole Bannink (Dreamin Screammers), Chris, Isabella and Jeremiah Sharp (Just Lookin), Jerry and Betty Chesness (Beatitude), Allan and Kathy Belson (Sculpin), Darryl and Linda Highway (Highway Man), Win and Better Matteson, Levi and Tobin (Little Windy), Dale, Sharon and Christian Converse (Son Seeker), Kristy Sauser (Fish Eagle), Barb Kadwell (Producer), John Cunningham, Jill, Gary and Joyce (Farmer).

Meeting called to order at 3:15 by President Bruce Koorndyk.

Invocation offered before the potluck by Dean Jessup.

**POT LUCK DINNER!!!! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PREPARED AND BROUGHT OVER-THE – TOP DISHES TO GO WITH THE PULLED PORK. IF YOU HAVEN'T ATTENDED AN ANNUAL MEETING AND THE POTLUCK ..... THINK ABOUT IT. GREAT CONVERSATION AND FOOD AND WE ALWAYS APPRECIATE MEMBER INPUT AND IDEAS.**

Resumed Annual Meeting at 4 p.m.

- Motion to accept meeting agenda by George Cornell, supported by Dean Jessup. Motion passed.
- Minutes from July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting presented by G. Cornell as published in the Newsletter – Motion to accept by Lyn Snider, support Steve Sauser – motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Dean Jessup handed out written report. We have a balance of \$3686.50 in check book and that includes \$797.03 from the Whitey Wegner 4-H Fund. Membership total is 68 with 58 paid and 10 comped. We need to work on Membership recruiting and we did sign up 10 new members this year. In the future – Directors will not be comped for service on board and will pay membership dues like all other members. This will help raise revenues slightly. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by G. Cornell, supported by Lyn Snider – Motion passed.
- Clothing and PSA Merchandise Report by Dan Gettings. Our initial investment of \$1800 has worked very well as we have sold nearly \$1400 and have a substantial inventory to start the year out with next Spring. We also have our "Brand" the Pentwater Sportfishing Association all over town and on the docks. Bruce K. thanked Dan for his efforts to get the clothing and marketing taken care of. Thanks again Dan for a job well done.

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- Don Van Zile Boaters Safety classes and donations. PSA supports the classes by purchasing water and soft drinks for participants. Classes are conducted by Officer Tim from the Sheriff's Dept. The classes were well attended this year and PSA will continue to collaborate with the boater safety classes.
- Whitey Wegner Memorial Fund Report: Dean Jessup discussed this effort that will be funded by the money left over from the Take-A-Kid Fishing Program. We are still trying to coordinate with the County 4-H office on how to best support kids in 4-H camps or training programs. Dean will follow-up with the PSA Committee (Steve and Kristy Sauser) and get more input from the County 4-H office. We have \$797.03 in our budget to support these efforts.
- Harbor Lights Report: Dean J. reported that all of our lights are installed and working very well. Feedback has been very positive this year – PSA has raised \$3,800 to purchase these lights and we install them and maintain them. There is some discussion of adding another lighted buoy which PSA will try and raise funds for (\$280) but this is not definite yet. There was also some discussion of the placement of the buoys in the harbor and that they are poorly placed.
- 2016 Stocking Survey Results: Dean J. reported on PSA efforts with Dan O'Keefe from Michigan Sea-Grant Program. Our membership was invited to participate in survey, which we did, and the results are available should you request them. Dean has been sending out the results to membership that receives information via email. We need to continue to support Dan and his efforts to disseminate solid information and research about what is going on with the Lake Michigan fishery. Dan would be willing to meet with membership to discuss issues related to the fishery. PSA Board members have met with Dan and we will be sending a letter to the Michigan Sea-Grant office in support of Dan's work with constituent groups who are interested in the Lake Michigan fishery.
- **NEW BUSINESS:** Mini – Tournament discussion. George Cornell discussed the need to re-think structure and format for Minis and PSA summer events. G. Cornell has been coordinating Minis for the last 3 years and interest has wavered. The last event of this year was cancelled due to lack of boats. PSA Board Members have been discussing cutting down on number of minis and going to a 4 major event summer program that would begin with the Memorial Day Derby, then the Women's Tournament. It was proposed that we create a new Youth event for early August to take the place of one of the Minis and then we finish out our annual calendar of events with the Bannink Lines Down Tourney over Labor Day weekend. The Youth event would incorporate elements of the Take-A-Kid Fishing event but would be controlled and coordinated by PSA Board.

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It would be a competitive event that would focus on the Pentwater Community and members Children and Grandchildren with the possibility of opening up a few spots on boats for kids who sign up to fish the event. We may have one Mini in June between the MD Derby and the Ladies Classic. No action was taken but it is pretty certain that the PSA Board of Directors will be voting on restructuring our major events in the very near future. As a part of the discussion on the schedule reorganization .... It was moved by Lyn Snider and supported by Darryl Highway that as a part of the revised event schedule .... There will be no Shotgun Starts or beginning time for the remaining minis or the events that we organize and sponsor beginning in 2017. The motion carried with no opposition. Please make your thoughts known to a PSA Director on reducing or eliminating Minis and adding the Youth Event to our annual schedule.

- Big Fish Contest Changes: Bruce Koorndyk reported that he would like see the Big Fish Contest awards be revised to include a cash award along with a plaque to recognize the achievement of PSA anglers over the course of the season. This was an informational item and folks thought it was a good idea. **BEFORE THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED; WIN MATTESON (MATTESON MARINE) HAD PLEDGED \$500 FOR NEXT YEARS BIG FISH CONTEST AWARDS!!!! OUTSTANDING WIN ..... YOU CAN'T SAY MUCH MORE THAN THAT ..... OUTSTANDING! WE AT PSA ARE HONORED TO HAVE FOLKS SUPPORT OUR MISSION AND HELP US RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR MEMBERS. THANKS TO BRUCE FOR LOOKING TO THE FUTURE AND ..... THANK YOU WIN FOR SUPPORTING THAT FUTURE AND A NEW ERA IN PSA BIG FISH RECOGNITION. OUTSTANDING!!!!**
- Nominations Committee Report: George Cornell reported for the Nominations Committee that was composed of Rob Bannink , Steve Sauser and George C. The Committee reported that they had contacted Directors Koorndyk, Jessup and Gettings (their terms were expiring) to see if they would stand for re-election. They all said that they would continue to serve if nominated. No other names were brought to the Nominations Committee and hearing no nominations from the floor the Committee moved to nominate B. Koorndyk, D. Jessup, and D. Gettings for another term as Directors of PSA. The motion was supported by Lyn Snider and the vote was unanimous.
- Big Fish awards were presented to Al and Kathy Belson for the big King, Chris Cummings for Big Coho, Darryl Highway for the Big Brown and John Cunningham for the Big Laker. Congratulations PSA's Big Fish winners for 2016. Ron Bacon who won the Big Fish award for Steelhead was unable to attend and we will get Ron's plaque to him. Check out website for final standings and pictures of presentations and fish during the season.



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- Rob Bannink went over the Lines-Down Tournament that will be held over the Labor Day Weekend and that Tourney will end a very successful year of activities for PSA. Thanks Rob for undertaking the coordination of the Lines-Down Tourney. See you all there – good luck and tight lines!
- The newly re-elected Directors and continuing Directors huddled for a few minutes to elect Officers for the remainder of 2016 and 2017 season. Bruce Koorndyk will continue as President, Dean Jessup will continue as Treasurer and George Cornell will continue as Secretary. Thanks to all the Directors for their time and efforts this year in making the 2016 season one of our most enjoyable and successful seasons. Speaking for the membership ..... we appreciate your service to PSA and the community.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:20.

Minutes respectfully submitted by George Cornell, PSA Secretary.

## PSA Board Meeting Minutes — Saturday, Sept 17, 2016

Called to order at 3:10pm by President Bruce Koorndyk.

Present: Bruce Koorndyk, Dean Jessup, Dan Gettings, Jerry Chesness, Rob Bannink, Kristy Sauser, Dave German, Lyn Snider, Amy Sharp

Excused absent: George Cornell, Steve Sauser

Secretary's report: Minutes from last month's annual meeting were distributed via email prior to this meeting and paper copies available to all present. The minutes were reviewed by all, questions discussed and answered. Motion to accept last month's minutes as presented was posed by Jerry C, second by Amy S. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: A current report of the PSA treasury was presented by Dean J. The PSA is in good standing compared to previous years and looks forward to another good season in 2017. Dave G motioned to accept the report as presented, second by Rob B. Approved unanimously.

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Membership report: Dean J also presented a current membership report. 2016 saw a slight decline in total membership. The new 2017 membership list already has 16 paid members, with 5 of them being new! Please, get your membership in to Dean J this fall for next year, and invite all your fishing buddies to join in our events!

**Old Business:**

- **Clothing sales:** Dan G reports no significant changes since last month's meeting. The PSA has recouped nearly all of the original \$1800 purchase cost and still has a good supply for next season. There will be a few sizes to restock for next year. If you need a special size or have specific requests, please contact Dan G to get them ordered. You can also order from the website.
- **Boater's Safety Class:** The PSA partnered once again with the Pentwater Yacht Club and Oceana Sheriff's Dept. to offer Boater's Safety Courses. This class is open to anyone age 12 and over and is an excellent program for boaters of all ages. Once again, the program was successful this year. Russ Murphy from the Yacht Club will discuss final costs with the PSA for reimbursement.
- **No wake zone:** There have been comments and concerns noted about locations of no wake buoys in Lake Pentwater. The Village Board and the Sheriff's Dept. determine where buoys are placed. The PSA is unable to make any changes about this at this time.
- **Channel Lights:** After another great season of having a lit channel for early morning and late night boating, the lights will be removed mid October to protect them from ice damage. Dean J has volunteered to get this important project done. Thanks Dean! If anyone will be around and willing to help, please contact Dean J for specific dates.
- **Pentwater Lake Association:** Dean J reports there is no significant update at this time.



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- Bannink's Lines Down Tournament: Rob and crew ran the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual tournament this past Labor Day Weekend. 17 boats registered with 10 boats weighing in fish. 30 fish were weighed totaling 245.5#. See the report in the newsletter for details. Congrats to Farmer Boat, Keepin' it Reel, and Highway Man on their wins, and congrats to all for a fun day on the water! Best of all, \$85 was returned to the PSA general fund to support projects for next year. If you see Rob B or any of his crew, give them a huge thanks for a successful tournament!
- January Planning Meeting: will once again be held at Cabela's meeting room in Grandville, MI at 1pm on Jan 21. Any and all members are welcome to join to plan events for the 2017 season.
- 2017 Raffle: Capt Ron Hill of Bite Me Charters has once again generously offered a charter fishing trip to be 1<sup>st</sup> prize. Thank you Capt Ron!!! The PSA has also received a generous donation of a large cooler from West Marine. After discussion amongst the board, this cooler will be given as 4<sup>th</sup> place raffle prize. A motion was presented by Jerry C to change tickets sales to packs of 3 for \$5, no single tickets offered. Second by Dave G. After much discussion it was decided this would make mailings and packets easier as groups of 3 and potentially increase sales and profits for the PSA. This motion was approved unanimously. A second motion, moved by Dave G & second by Jerry C, stated to only have 1500 tickets printed to be packaged in groups of 3's. This motion also passed unanimously.
- Whitey Wegner Memorial Fund: Kristy Sauser is working with Becky Freeman from the Oceana 4H. Kristy reports they are looking at camp options available for the 2017 summer. Kristy and Becky will work together over the winter to plan scholarship options by the May PSA meeting to send 1-2 kids to a summer camp during summer 2017.

**New Business:**

- 2017 Mini Tournaments: There was much discussion about mini tourney participation, fishing, and past successes of mini's. Looking forward to the 2017 season, discussion focused around having 4 larger fishing events – Memorial Derby, Ladies' Classic,

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Youth Classic, and Bannink's Lines Down. Including mini tournaments the 2017 schedule felt "crowded". Motion presented by Dan G, second by Lyn S: Drop June 10 and July 22 mini tournaments creating 1 fishing "event" per month May through September supported by the PSA. After continued discussion, this motion passed.

- Calendar of Events: Youth Classic – The PSA is looking into options of independently running a youth classic event. PSA boaters would find their own kids (friends, neighbors, grandchildren, etc), taking them fishing and allowing them to be involved as much as possible. A committee needs to be formed to determine if this event would be a tournament, what the rules would entail, PSA liability / insurance options, and other details. The event is currently on the 2017 schedule for planning purposes, to be amended as needed during the 2017 season.
- Year End Big Fish Contest: Win Matteson of Matteson Marine has generously donated \$500 to the 2017 Big Fish Contest. Therefore: the 2017 PSA Big Fish Contest sponsored by Matteson Marine will include prizes of a winner's plaques plus \$100 cash per category! Thank you Win !
- Membership dates: Per the PSA by-laws membership year-end is currently August 31. This creates confusion about annual dues and memberships paid for September tournaments. Motion presented by Lyn S, second by Rob B for by-law change to move PSA membership renewal date to January 1 annually. This initial motion passed unanimously but requires 2 general meetings for open discussions with the public and any general members. Final approval vote to be scheduled June of 2017.
- Derby / Mini Award Policy: Discussion centered on funding amounts from the general fund for various PSA events throughout the season. A motion was proposed by Amy S, second by Lyn S to clarify that: For each PSA fishing event in 2017, financial assistance seeded by the PSA will be discussed per the request of individual committees at general meetings on a case by case basis. Discussion centered on there not being pre-set amounts for specific events but rather case by case based on need. The motion passed unanimously.

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- Committee Member Appointments: The PSA will need committees for events such as the Youth Classic event, Homecoming Parade, Ladies' Classic (members already set), and Memorial Derby (to be finalized at January meeting). These committees will all be set at January meeting or in the spring as needed.

#### Open Discussion:

- PA system: The PSA is in need of a replacement / better functioning system. Dan G volunteered to research options and costs to have a functioning system by May 2017 (in time for the Memorial Derby).
- Banners: 2 new PSA banners have been made and are now in use. See the PSA website for pictures from the 2016 Homecoming Parade – on the front of the boat.
- Memorial Derby awards presentation: A point was made noting the need for improved planning / organization for specific jobs during the awards ceremony. This was duly noted and will be taken into consideration during the January planning meeting.
- Captain Ron Eastman memorial bench: Per request of the village and city marina, the bench needs to be removed this winter. Dean J and Dave G volunteered to get it removed, notify appropriate people of it's removal (city marina / village office / sheriff's office), and store for the winter with return next spring. Thanks Dean and Dave!
- The PSA board will be looking at officers' duties and assignments over the course of the winter to see if any adjustments need to be made. Further discussion will continue in January and May meetings.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:07pm.

Respectfully recorded and submitted, Amy Sharp



## **2017 PSA Calendar of Events**

**PSA Meetings are held at the Pentwater Friendship Center at 3:00 p.m. ~ Everyone is welcome!**

**Mini Tournament Weigh-Ins will be held at the Village Marina at 1:00 p.m., any member can participate.**

**Boater Safety Classes are free & held at the Pentwater Yacht Club.**

Jan 14: Sea Grant Meeting (Ludington, MI)

Jan 21: Winter Director's Meeting (Grand Rapids, MI)

May 8: Install Channel Lights

May 20: PSA Board Meeting

May 27: Start of "Big Fish" Contest

May 27—29: Memorial Weekend Fishing Derby

June 17: PSA Board Meeting

June 24: PSA Mini Tournament

July 8: Ladies' Classic Tournament

July 13 & 14: Boating Safety Class

July 15: PSA Board Meeting

Aug 3 & 4: Boating Safety Class

Aug 5: Youth Classic Fishing Derby

Aug 11 - 13: Pentwater Homecoming

Aug 20: End of "Big Fish" Contest

Aug 26: Potluck Dinner / Annual Meeting

Sept 2: Bannink's Lines Down Tournament

Sept 3: Rain Date for Tournament

Sept 16: PSA Board Meeting

Oct 7: Remove Channel Lights

Dec 31: 2018 PSA Membership Dues Payment Reminder

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