

Pentwater Sportfishing Association, Inc. News

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Please check out the PSA 2019 calendar of events on the back page.

Keep this calendar in safe keepings for your event planning next summer!!



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



Autumn, the season that teaches us, that change, can be Beautiful.



~~ Final PSA 2017 "Big Fish" Standings ~~

King Salmon	Lake Trout	Brown Trout	Steelhead Trout	Coho Salmon
Last Cast	Carpe Diem II	Highway Man	Highway Man	Little Windy
Steve Bandkau	Ken Wegner	Darryl Highway	Darryl Highway	Win Matteson
32.10 lbs.	16.50 lbs.	9.70 lbs.	14.75 lbs.	8.05 lbs.

Annual Big Fish Contest @ www.pentwaterpsa.org under the "Events" page.



Last Cast - 32.10# King Salmon 8/10/18



Carpe Diem II - 16.50# Lake Trout - 8/13/18



Highway Man - 9.70# Brown - 7/11/18



Highway Man - 14.75# Steelhead - 7/5/18

"It always
seems
impossible
until it's
done"



The annual "Big Fish" Contest for members of the Pentwater Sportfishing Association is complete.... **Congratulations to the listed winners!** The contest ran from May 26th thru August 19th for 2018 and is restricted to paid members of the association. Winners received a plaque and a \$100 Cash Prize that was presented at the PSA Annual meeting on August 25th.

If you would like to get into the contest for 2019..... just join PSA and get out on the lake to catch the big one!

Pentwater Sportfishing Association—Membership Application / Renewal Form

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

Date: _____

Mail To: PSA Treasurer, Lyn Snider

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

Name:

Spouse (If applicable):

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Phone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Boat Name:

Membership (Circle one) Self—\$10.00 Self/ Spouse—\$15.00

\$

* Donation for PW Fish Cleaning Station

Amount of Donation: _____

\$

* Donation for Channel Lights

Amount of Donation: _____

\$

* Donation—Other

Amount of Donation: _____

\$

Please check this box to receive your**Newsletter via e-mail:**☐

Total

\$

E-mail: _____

I would be willing to assist on the following PSA**Sponsored Event:** (check boxes that apply)

Memorial Weekend Fishing Derby May 25, 26 & 27

PSA Teach A Kid Event July 13

PSA Ladies Classic Derby August 3

Bannink's Lines-Down Derby August 31

Channel Lights: (Placement in May -
Removal in October)

Willing to assist please contact—info@pentwaterpsa.org

***** Membership Sign Ups *****Please use the form at the left to sign up for the
2019 fishing season.PSA By-laws charge has moved membership to
calendar year, with annual dues payable on
January 1 of each year.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.Bruce Koorndyk, 'Passion' boat is PSA Membership
Chr and will be pleased to send your membership by
return mail.If you need to verify that you have sent in your 2019
dues call Bruce at (517) 202-7213 or use PSA e-
mail: info@pentwaterpsa.org*Thank
you*

For Fishing Tournament &

'Big Fish' Information go to:

www.pentwaterpsa.org

PENTWATER SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING – AUGUST 25, 2018**PENTWATER FRIENDSHIP CENTER**

Directors Present: Dean Jessup, George Cornell, Rob Bannink, Steve Sauser, Dan Gettings, Brad Smith.

Members and Guests Present: Patsy Gettings, Jan Jessup, Pam Cornell, Dale and Sharon Converse, Cole Bannink, Win and Bette Matteson, Al and Kathy Belson, Duane and Brenda Wieber, Ron Bacon, Dave and Sharri German, Darryl Highway, Ken and Joni Wegner, Cindi Yeater, Chris Cummings, Tom Walter

Meeting was opened by Dean Jessup with a prayer and then we began the potluck dinner. **IT WAS A GREAT POTLUCK! TRY AND MAKE THE TIME TO ATTEND NEXT YEAR IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO ONE!!!! GREAT FOOD, COMPANIONSHIP AND ALL THE FISHING NEWS.**

After we had finished dinner, President Dean Jessup called the Annual Meeting to order at 3:55 p.m.

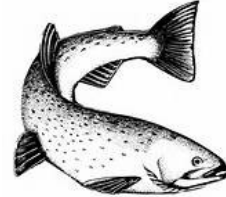
- Secretary Report: George C. reported on minutes from the July meeting There were no changes and Steve Sauser moved, supported by Brad Smith to accept the minutes as printed and distributed. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report: Dean J. gave the report and handed out printed report. PSA is in very good shape as we close out the year. We have a balance of \$5684.79 and \$758.40 of that is earmarked for the Teach-A-Kid events. That is a total of \$6443.19 in the PSA account. It was a very good year for PSA with contributions and we have 79 paid members and a 5 comped members to bring our total to 84 total members. Steve Sauser moved, supported by Brad Smith to accept the report as handed out and presented. Motion carried.
- Clothing Sales: Dan Gettings reported on our clothing sales and inventory. We have a good supply of merchandise but may need to order a few more hats going into next year. No pressing needs as of the current date.
- Boater Safety Update: Dean reported that 33 young people completed the two courses offered by Officer Tim Simon and co-sponsored by PSA. **A BIG SHOUT OUT THANK YOU TO OFFICER TIM FOR HIS EXCELLENT WORK AND PICKING THE CLASSES UP AFTER DON VAN Z. PASSED AWAY. IT IS A GREAT SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND LAKE RESIDENTS.**
- Ladies Classic Report: Pam Cornell gave the tournament report and it is written up in the July newsletter all the specifics are there to read A thank you again to the committee of Lyn Snider, Pam Cornell, Patsy Gettings, and Sharri German for an excellent event.
- PSA Youth Classic Teach-A-Kid Event Dean J. briefly commented on the event. It was a very good day for the kids and everything went exceptionally well. The complete write up with pictures is included in the July Newsletter.

- Home-Coming Parade Report: Steve Sauser reported on the PSA participation in the parade. It was a great publicity for PSA to let everyone in the community know that we are alive and well as an organization. **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO STEVE AND KRISTY AND JENNA AND TRISHA FOR TAKING THE EVENT ON THIS YEAR!!! GREAT JOB**George and Pam went along for morale support.
- Channel Lights Update: Dean J. reported that we need to get some brackets welded up on the channel wall to replace brackets that we lost due to ice this past winter. PSA is trying to get Adams to do some welding and Dan G., Dean and Bruce K. will follow up on what we need to get done. We will be back up and running for next Spring look for further reports on this project.
- Village Fish Cleaning Station: Dean gave the report on New fish grinder has been working very well. PSA will continue to make a contribution to the Village for operation of the station and we will also try to raise additional funds for increased support of the fish cleaning station.
- **NEW BUSINESS:** Nominations Committee Report: The nominations committee for this year was George C. and Dan Gettings. They reported that the first thing they did was to check to see if Steve Sauser and Rob Bannink would be willing to stand for re-election since their terms as Directors were expiring this year. Both stated that they would stand for re-election. George C. and Dan G. moved to nominate Steve S. and Rob B. for election to another 3 year term to the PSA Board of Directors. There were no nominations from the floor when solicited. Dean J. called the vote and Steve Sauser and Rob Bannink were unanimously re-elected to the Board.
- The PSA Board, as authorized by the by-laws needed to fill the vacancy on the Board which resulted from the resignation of Lyn Snider. The Board is authorized to appoint a member to fill the Board vacancy. George C. nominated Patsy Gettings to fill the remaining 2 years of Lyn Snider's term as director. That motion was supported by Rob Bannink and the motion carried unanimously. **WELCOME PATSY GETTINGS TO THE PSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WE ARE THRILLED YOU ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!!!! A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LYN SNIDER FOR HER SERVICE TO THE PSA BOARD AS PAST PRESIDENT, TREASURER, NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR, AND MUCH MORE!!! AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH PSA EVENTS** With Patsy G. nominated and elected the PSA Board had a full complement of 7 members.
- Big Fish Awards: George C. with the assistance of Steve S. and Rob B. presented the Big Fish awards. King Salmon: Steve Bandkau "Last Cast" – 32.10 lbs., Lake Trout: Ken Wegner ... "Carpe Diem" – 16.50 lbs., Brown Trout: Darryl Highway "Highwayman" – 9.70 lbs., Steelhead: Darryl Highway "Highwayman" – 14.75 lbs., and Coho Salmon: Win Matteson "Little Windy" – 8.05 lbs. Kenny Wegner, Darryl Highway and Win Matteson were in attendance to receive their awards and crisp \$100 bills. You guys are a credit to PSA and our fishing fraternity. **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SOME REALLY SPECIAL PEOPLE WIN AND BETTE MATTESON FOR SPONSORING THE BIG FISH CONTEST ONCE AGAIN. WE ARE SO FORTUNATE THAT YOU CALL PENTWATER YOUR SECOND HOME!!!!** It was good to see Win collect his plaque this year and get a few dollars back instead of watching him open his tangle of lost wire and board but he did get his J-Plug back last year with the mess!!!!

PSA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED — August 25, 2018

- Election of Officers for the coming year – 2018-2019. After a brief recess of the Board of Directors for nominations the following slate of officers was nominated by Brad Smith and supported by Rob Bannink: President: Dean Jessup, Secretary: George Cornell, Treasurer: Patsy Gettings. A vote was held by assembled members at the 2018 Annual Meeting and the slate was unanimously elected.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



PENTWATER SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MEETING - SEPT. 15, 2018

PENTWATER FRIENDSHIP CENTER

Directors Present: Dean Jessup, Dan Gettings, Patsy Gettings, George Cornell, Bruce Koorndyk (Immediate Past President), Steve Sauser, Rob Bannink. Absent: Brad Smith.

Meeting called to order by President Dean Jessup at 3:05 p.m.

- Secretary's Report: George C. went over the minutes of the Annual Meeting from Aug. 25, 2018 ... there was no discussion. Motion to approve the minutes by Steve S., supported by Patsy Gettings – Motion passed and the minutes were accepted as printed.
- Treasurer's Report: Patsy Gettings, our new Treasurer, gave the report. PSA is in very good shape financially but we did move our bank account from Westshore Bank in Hart to Shelby State Bank in Pentwater. The reason for the move was accessibility and convenience for those who needed to conduct bank activity. Bruce K. moved, supported by Steve S. to accept the Report. Motion passed.
- Clothing Sales Update: Dan Gettings reported that we are in good shape with our current clothing inventory but we do need a few more hats to begin the season next year. Dan will investigate and order needed hats before MD Derby next year.
- Newsletter Update: Dean reported that the last Newsletter will include minutes from Annual Meeting in Aug. and today's meeting.
- Bannink's Lines Down tourney: Rob B. Briefly discussed the event was rained out this year. Severe weather conditions on the lake simply did not allow safe participation.
- Big Fish Contest Summary: Dean J. informed the Board that Win and Bette Matteson will once again sponsor the Big Fish Contest in 2019. **THANKS AGAIN WIN AND BETTE – WE ARE SOOOOO LUCKY TO HAVE MEMBERS LIKE YOU THAT BELIEVE IN THE MISSION OF PSA!**

- Web Page Report: Dean will update the website with the 2019 schedule of events.
- Calendar of Events for 2019: After fairly lengthy discussion by the Board, it was decided that the Big Fish Contest will be extended 6 days this year until Aug. 23, at 9 p.m. Numerous members had asked that the contest be extended during the window of good fishing and the Board decided to accommodate the request. The trophies will still be available at the Annual Meeting but the brass Plaque with info to be attached will be mailed to the winner of each class. By doing this we can lengthen the Big Fish Contest by 6 days until right before the Annual Meeting. Annual Meeting for PSA will be on August 24th at 3:00 p.m. The first Mini Tournament will be held on June 29th and the Women's Classic will be held on August 3rd. **FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS CHECK THE WEBSITE AND THE NEWSLETTER. ALL THE DATES AND EVENTS WILL BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED. MAKE SURE AND CHECK THE DATES THOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW MINOR CHANGES.** Bruce K. moved, supported by Rob Bannink to approve the 2019 schedule of meetings and events for PSA.
- Policy for Refunds at events should they be cancelled by weather. The Board discussed, at length, what the PSA policy should be in the case an event cannot take place. After deliberation, it was moved by Steve S. and supported by Rob B., that if PSA cancels an event, fees will be refunded. The only exception will be the \$5 dollars that is donated to PSA in the Bannink Lines Down Tourney. The MD Derby will refund \$40 plus 50/50 bet, and the Women's Classic will refund the \$15 but not membership money should it have been paid. The motion passed unanimously.
- Fish Cleaning Station Report: PSA received \$120 in anonymous donations to support the fishing cleaning station at the Annual Meeting. It was moved by Patsy Gettings and supported by Steve S. that PSA contribute another \$100. The motion carried. PSA will forward \$220 to the Village of Pentwater to support the fish Cleaning Station. **A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR ANONYMOUS DONORS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING. YOUR GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED – GOOD FISHING!**
- 2019 Committee appointments remained the same. **IF ANY PSA MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT WITH AN EVENT CONTACT A DIRECTOR. WE COULD ALWAYS USE HELP WITH THE MD DERBY OR THE TEACH-A-KID EVENT AS WE NEED TO REGISTER BOATS AND COOK AND SERVE A PICNIC LUNCH FOR THE KIDS. GET INVOLVED DONATE A BIT OF TIME TO HELP OUT!!**
- Village Launch Ramp Discussion: It has been brought to the Board's attention that the Village public ramp is in need of some TLC and repairs. Many of our members use this ramp and it currently has no lighting to aid in boat launching. The issues were brought to the Board's attention by Steve S. and Rob B., both of whom use this ramp extensively. This is clearly unsafe and needs to be addressed. Additionally, the area of the boat launch dock that could be used for staging boats has uncovered metal that will damage boats. This should be repaired. The launch needs lights and adequate coverings to protect boats. It was also mentioned that users pay a fee for the facility use and it should be maintained to a high standard. It was unanimously decided that PSA should write a letter to the Village of Pentwater and request that improvements be made to support safe use of the ramp. George C. was asked to write a letter that will be reviewed by President Dean J. and the Board before it is submitted to Village Officials for follow-up.

PSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED — SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

- By-Laws Amendment: A proposed By-Laws Amendment was prepared by Secretary George Cornell to Amend Article V. Section 4 of the PSA By-Laws. The proposed change would allow the Board to appoint a Membership Chairperson to work with the Treasurer to handle membership duties including mailings and receiving funds and maintaining membership list.

Article V, Section 4 currently reads: “The Treasurer shall account for all receipts and expenditures of the Association. The Treasurer shall do all billing and posting of membership dues and shall maintain a current membership roster. The Treasurer shall be prepared to give a financial report at each general meeting.”

Proposed Amendment for Article V, Section 4 as moved by Steve Sauser and supported by Rob Bannink:

“The Treasurer shall account for all receipts and expenditures of the Association. The Treasurer shall do all billing and posting of membership dues and shall maintain a current membership roster. The Board of Directors, at their discretion, may appoint a Membership Chairperson to assist the Treasurer in the duties of mailing, collecting membership dues, and maintaining a current roster of members. Should a Membership Chairperson be appointed to assist the Treasurer in these activities, the Membership Chairperson will transfer all dues and receipts to the Treasurer as well as provide a current membership roster to the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be prepared to give a financial report at each general meeting. “

The motion was approved. The proposed amendment will be printed in the Sept. Minutes and will be voted on at the May 2019 general meeting. Should you have any comments on this amendment please contact a Director to bring them to the May 2019 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. –



Respectfully submitted by George Cornell, PSA Secretary

The **4th Annual “Bannink’s End of Summer Lines Down”** fishing tournament scheduled for Labor Day weekend was cancelled on both days due to unfishable weather.

Visit www.pentwaterpsa.org to learn more about the organization and future events.

"The Catch That Saved My Butt" or "Hell to Pay"

My father, Captain Dann Smit, loved fishing and his boat more than almost anything. His family always knew there was no greater evil than to cause problems with "The Boat" and there would be "hell to pay" if caught. One summer mom and dad took a trip out of state for a week. My 14-year-old brother, Chris, and I were home alone getting bored and knew the boat was just sitting there not being used. We both had been fishing with dad most of our lives and knew the boat well. So, at the tender age of 20 I gingerly begged dad for permission to go fishing. Dad reluctantly agreed, with stiff warnings if anything bad happened.

Chris and I headed out around 6am. It was a beautiful morning, nearly flat calm and clear skies. Fishing certainly wasn't "fast and furious" by any means, but we were having fun just being on the boat alone. Around 10:30am we had a bite! Nothing big – a nice small Coho, but we were proud. Chris reeled in the fish and I netted. With the fish in the box it was time to clean up. Dad had an old habit of setting the net on the top of the canopy of the boat to keep it out of the way after catching a fish, so I did the same. Chris and I cleaned up and reset the lines, then I went back to the helm – completely forgetting about the net above my head.

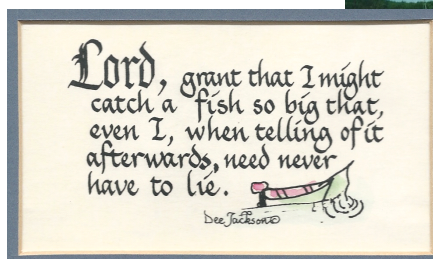
The waves were just starting to build and the boat began to rock. Sure enough, we heard this strange scraping noise on the top of the boat. For a moment we were very confused, until we saw the net fall off the side of the boat floating in the water. I jumped, stripped off my shirt (had my swimsuit on underneath) and was ready to jump in after it when the net suddenly stood upright on end and nose-dived straight to the bottom. All I could hear in my mind was dad's warning about "if anything bad happens... hell to pay!" I was a poor college student with no money to replace dad's fishing net. What was I going to do? Chris and I looked at each other with total fear and devastation in our eyes. With no net, we knew we were done fishing. How would we get the fish in the boat? We both started pulling lines to head in. We would simply have to face the music with dad, knowing we would never be allowed to take the boat out alone again.

Suddenly, the rigger line went off! And it was big! Gotta love that scream of the reel when it pulls, but to us at that moment it was the scream of "gotch-ya" from Dad. How in the world would we get this fish? Chris had the rod and started gently pulling. I knew we were done, so finished clearing the rest of the lines. Chris' fish was stubborn and refused to come off bottom. "Great," I said, "a stupid Laker sitting on bottom". Chris looked back at me and begged me to turn the boat so he could gain some ground. Since we had no other lines in the water I did. He started fighting this fish off the side. Every time it went behind the boat he'd lose ground again and I'd have to turn. After a few moments we realized we were circling the fish.

I was near panic mode trying to figure out how to get this monster fish in the boat without a net – it had to be huge! I literally had the marine band radio in hand ready to openly ask for advice from anyone listening when Chris suddenly burst out laughing. Floating on the surface behind the boat tangled nicely in the line was... the net!!! Chris gently pulled it in the rest of the way and we headed home – we used up all our luck for one day!

Lesson learned: 15 years later I intentionally used the same technique on our boat when we lost an entire rod and reel over the side in a big wave – and got the whole deal back tangled in a rigger line!

-Amy Sharp, *Just Lookin'*



2019 PSA Calendar of Events

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

Mini Tournament Weigh-In 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.

May 4: Install Channel Lights

May 18: PSA Board Meeting

May 25: Start of "Big Fish" Contest

May 25—27: Memorial Weekend Fishing Derby

June 15: PSA Board Meeting

June 29: PSA Mini Tournament

July 11 & 12: Boating Safety Class

July 13: PSA Youth "Teach A Kid" Event

July 20: PSA Board Meeting

Aug 1 & 2: Boating Safety Class

Aug 3: Ladies' Classic Derby

Aug 9 - 11: Pentwater Homecoming

Aug 17: PSA Mini Tournament

Aug 23: End of "Big Fish" Contest—9pm

Aug 24: Potluck Dinner / Annual Meeting

Aug 31: Bannink's Lines Down Derby

Sept 21: PSA Board Meeting

Oct 5: Remove Channel Lights

Dec 31: 2020 PSA Membership Dues Payment Reminder