LONG LAKE NEWS

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President's Message — Gary Wisbrocker

Greetings from Long Lake! As I sit here looking over the lake, the furnace is keeping out the cold, winter temperatures. The lake is open but looking very cold! This is the time of the year where LeAnn and I agree that the summer season is too short.

This year has been very difficult for most of our membership. The storm on June 14th (finally listed by the weather service as a tornado) caused major damage to the area, including the north side of Long Lake. Fortunately, no one around our lake was injured but most of the lake residences received damage to the buildings and/or property. Roads were impassible and power in the area was out for days. Thanks to the Saxeville/Springwater Fire Department and other volunteers, the roads were opened quickly so help could arrive to the area.

Another area of concern expressed by some members is the continued high lake levels over the last couple of years. Those of us who have grown up living on the lake know that the lake levels can cycle up to a couple of feet or more. Although the higher levels give the lake more volume, it also affects the shoreline in most areas of the lake. Many residents are finding less beach area to enjoy and to use when storing equipment for the winter. One good feature of the higher water is the ability of the residents in the east and west bays to have better access to the lake.

I appreciate the opportunity given to me by the membership and the other board members to once again serve on the LLA board as the Association President. This is a great organization and I am very proud to be involved with it. Between our board members, volunteers and membership, we have a very active Association. If you haven't volunteered or helped out in the past, please consider helping out next year with one of our many projects/activities. The Clean Boats/ Clean Waters program volunteers continue their great job of working hard to protect our lake from invasive species. The picnic volunteers did a great job this year with our annual picnic. Because of the storm damage and the Johnson property being sold this spring, we weren't sure whether we would be able to hold the picnic this summer. The new owners of the property, Ryan and Courtney Weiland agreed to allow us to use the property and worked very hard to have the area cleaned up in time for the picnic. A big thank you to them for their help, and welcome to the lake!

For those of you who visit our website, you may have noticed the old website has been closed down and our new website is up and running at www.lla.lakekit.net If you haven't already done so, please visit our new site and add it to your favorites list for future visits.

LeAnn and I hope you and your family have a safe and very Happy Holiday Season! And hopefully you will be able to enjoy the lake's winter activities.

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Friends of Long Lake Report — Lynn Roegner & Joan Laabs

Thank you to the 103 members who have joined or renewed their membership in FLL this year. We have several changes on our Board of Directors. LeAnn Wisbrocker completed six years as Treasurer; we thank her for very efficient service to the FLL. Joan Laabs was elected as our 2017-18 Treasurer after serving many terms as president over the past 23 years. Lynn is currently serving as our new 2017-18 President. In addition, Tom Catlin was elected as both a new member and as Vice President.

The FLL, with recommendation by the LLA, contributed $500 to support a grant proposal from Golden Sands Conservation and Development Council to the Wisconsin DNR. Grant funds to be used for Golden Sand's Aquatic Invasive Species Program. We also allocated approximately $1000 to cover the cost of Long lake's one-third share of the cost of Waushara County Sheriff Department Boat Patrol. FLL also allocated $4000 for Long Lake Association fish stocking program. This is a cooperative effort between our lake and We Really Kare (WRK) Fishing Club.

FLL has new coordinators for the sale of Long Lake apparel & gift items. The new coordinators are Rhea Teteak and Lori Schnese. Special thanks go to Cherrie Catlin and Polly Holly for many years of promoting this project. For this next summer, FLL would like to hold some type of social or recreational event. All suggestions are welcome. We wish you a winter of mild weather and good health.

Lake Management — Jim Schiek

On June 27th, Brad Roost from Cason & Associates and I surveyed Long Lake for aquatic invasive species, primarily Eurasian watermilfoil and curly-leaf pondweed. Both are submergent aquatic plants that can expand quickly in a lake and cause ecological damage and become a nuisance to lake users. Fortunately, no Eurasian watermilfoil or curly-leaf pondweed were found. During the survey, phragmites was identified in a few locations growing along the shoreline of Long Lake. Phragmites is an emergent invasive wetland plant that is more commonly found closer to Lake Michigan and Green Bay. Brad said that with only a few locations on Long Lake, it is currently at a manageable level. Brad also recommended the Lake Association board make arrangements to have these locations addressed.

This was not the first siting of Phragmites. In the summer of 2014, Paul Skawinski of Golden Sands performed an aquatic plant survey and visual AIS survey. They did find two patches of Phragmites and a patch of Japanese knotweed. The Japanese knotweed is a large shrub about 10ft high and about 50ft long, and was located at the southern end of the NW bay. The Phragmites was located on the west shoreline near the entrance to the NW bay and the other location was along the north shoreline, just a few houses west of the east bay (see photos located in Appendix F. of the Lake Management Plan).

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As a part of the 2016 Lake Management Plan LLA has established a list of the eight high priority goals/objectives. Of the eight goals three were identified as the highest ranking priority goals. "Prevent the establishment of any aquatic invasive species in Long Lake" is number two on the list. Therefore, in 2018 LLA will be working with Cason and Associates and the DNR to establish a plan that will address the non-native invasive shoreline plants.

Saxeville Town Board Update — Dennis Riemer

The township is experiencing a shortfall of cash to keep up the roads and bridges. Currently, there are 4 bridges that need immediate work to prevent these bridges from either being severely restricted, or worse, closed completely. Cost to repair these bridges will be $425,000. The township will take a 10 year loan to initiate the work. This requires a significant increase in our township taxes of 25.9% or $43 for every $100,000 of assessment. After 10 years, there are 4 to 5 other bridges that are projected to need work so this is a long term need.

There were 22 electors who attended the public hearing on November 20th and the vote to approve the levy increase for the township 2018 budget was unanimous. All present agreed to approve the increase.

This is positive because the township was faced with either fixing the bridges or not maintaining the surface of the roads if this levy had failed to be approved. Failing to do proper road maintenance surfacing would have led to significant costs sometime in the future. The township has 38.7 miles of roads that it is responsible for. Resurfacing the roads periodically costs $18,000 per mile. However, if the roads were left to deteriorate, cost would be $1 million per mile to redo the roads. Being able to continue with normal preventative road maintenance while fixing up the bad bridges is a very good long term investment.

Additionally, the township authorized Keith's Tree Service to clean up all the downed trees along our roads at a cost of $54,700. The downed trees are a result of the June storm that we suffered. This work is set to be completed yet this fall before the snow begins to significantly pile up. This will allow snowplows to properly remove snow from our roads. There is a statewide disaster fund that could reimburse the township for approximately 70% of this cost.

One other note, the fire department shared that our overall insurance rating for the township has improved from 8 to 6. What this means is our home insurance premiums should fall some because of the improved rating. Our homeowner insurance companies should pick up this automatically.

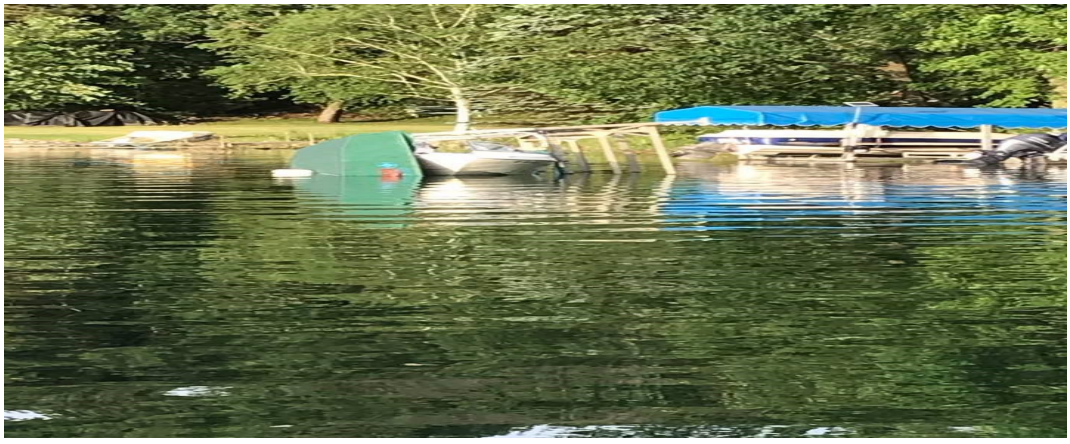
Long Lake Boat Parade — Mike Cervinka

The summer of 2018 will be the 14th year of the boat parade. In an effort to simplify and encourage more participation, **lights are now optional**. So grab your cooler, snacks, and the Fam; tie some streamers or flags to the boat and join us on the water! The top three places will receive a framed 8” x 10” color photo of their boat. All other participants will receive a framed 5” x 7” color photo

Date: July 7, 2018
Start time: 7:30 p.m.
Start location: Cervinka’s cottage (W4990 South Long Lake Rd.)

High Dive on the Move!

After the Storm



The Calvary Arrives!

FISH Report — Dave Schultz

The staff gauge used to monitor the water level was installed this year by the (USGS), United States Geological Survey, at the end of April this year. At that time the water level measured 5.30 ft. on the gauge. During the course of the summer levels fluctuated a maximum of just under 3-3/8 inches as compared to last year at over 5 inches. As of the end of October levels were relatively stable at 5.24 ft. on. The low point was on Sep. 17^{stth} at 5.26 ft. compared to last year at 4.9ft. The high was on September 24th at 5.18 ft. Levels have been very stable the last couple of years. We will continue to monitor lake levels and rainfall on a weekly basis again next summer and forward the information to the USGS. They post these levels on their website if you would like to find more information or to compare our lake with the other lake in our area that is monitored.

We have worked again this year with the DNR and the We Really Kare fish club for fish stocking in our lake. It is based on our philosophy to create a “Family friendly fishery”. The plan encompasses multiple parts. One is to stock the lake with pan fish native to the lake that are desirable for eating and to plant forage and white suckers that provide an alternative source of food for the larger game fish and to produce a renewable source of minnows for the pan fish. The association and WRK planted 150 lbs. of forage minnows, over 4,000 crappie and over 3,000 perch this year.

Larger bluegill were relatively scares again this summer. More than decade ago DNR surveys showed very few large bluegill yet large numbers of small fish. It takes 10-12 years to produce decent size bluegill in our lake. As that crop of fish matured we had some nice fish for the last few years. It is my belief based on observations of both ice fisherman’s large takes and those I observed being taken out at the landing that they were over fished. Subsequently, I was questioned numerous times this summer about what happened to the bluegills. As part of our new lake plan pursuing a reducing daily bag limit and hopefully reduce the overfishing problem as future hatches mature. We passed the public vote at the spring Conservation Congress meeting in Wautoma. Them we made the second cut at the Summer Conservation Congress meeting in Rothchild with a unanimous vote of the board. Now we are advancing to the boards winter meeting in January, again in Rothchild. If we make that cut our proposal will be up for a statewide vote in the Spring Conservation Congress meetings in April. It’s a very long process so please come to the spring meeting at the Waushara County Courthouse and vote YES.

Funding for these fish is provided by the Friends of Long Lake and the WRK fish club. Please remember the Friends for your generous financial donations again this year for our fish fund. These donations are tax deductible as Friends is a 501c3 organization.

Late winter is a great time to create fish habitat with tree drops, etc. Anyone interested can contact me and I’d be glad to give you the details and help. As a side note, during our aquatic plant survey this summer plant species were found that provide good fish habitat and no exotic or invasive species were found. Thank you landing volunteers!

Please remember the friends this year so it will always be “A Great Day to Fish!”

CBCW 2017 — Tom Catlin

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR! Our Merry Band of Volunteers just keeps putting up really great numbers at the landing all the while keeping the invasive species Eurasian milfoil, zebra & quagga mussels, and curly leaf pond weed out of Long Lake. All inventorying of Long Lake both professionally and by volunteers this past season and fall tells us that our efforts are paying dividends. Last year used the line "if we continue to be proactive with this program, God willing, and the creek (lake) don't rise, we Shall prevail". Looks like I have to modify this as the Lake did rise ....but we still prevailed. Here are the stats:

2016-Number of volunteers: 32

Hours worked: 530

2017-Number of volunteers: 33

Hours worked: 549

Overall we lost 1 volunteer, gained l, and had 2 that signed up for this year, but never worked.

Regarding our program of rewarding our top 4 volunteers with their choice of a Long Lake branded item our top 4 volunteers were Phil Holly (62); Tom Catlin (60); Neil Pollock (34); and Dave Schultz (30). Being that 3 of the top 4 are repeats from last year each has volunteered to pass this year in favor of the 5 th-7th places. That being said this year's winners are: Mary Bruyette (28); Dee Haven (27); and a 3 way tie for 3rd place.....Tom Dohr (26); Tom&Laurie Flood (26); and Dick Tetak (26). This year's winners can select an item from the sales table at the 2018 LLA annual family picnic

Once again this paragraph repeats the message contained in last springs CBCW article "our program is open to all regardless of age or address who wish to be part of a very important program to prevent the spread of invasive species in Wi. lakes and streams (and in our case Long Lake). Again emphasize that this program is NOT limited to Long Lake residents, but who care enough to volunteer their time in this fight. For our CBCW program to be successful it is vital that we not only retain our current membership in our Marry Band of Volunteers, but we also need to attract new members. In addition you get to meet a lot of nice folks and their kids who come to enjoy beautiful Long Lake (many on a regular basis) to boat, swim, and fish. Our best recruiters for our program are our volunteers.

The following is an e-mail from a volunteer that I received this fall: "Dear Tom; Every time I have been at the landing, I have been impressed with the people who are appreciative of us being there to preserve our precious lake. I always get the feeling we make a difference somehow. I met a family from Waupaca that I may see again. We are all making friends who care more about the lake because we do. Here's to next year."

Fire Protection — Bob Schnese

PLEASE dial 9-1-1 immediately for any fire.

Fire Pumpers are still available at various “marked” locations throughout the Long Lake community. Per Saxeville/ Springwater Fire Chief Ned Schaber, residents need to dial 9-1-1 first, and, only then should residents attempt to use a Fire Pumper to extinguish small fires only on their property. Like many of us, our Fire Pumpers are aging, and, will NOT be replaced if they are no longer functional. There is a limited supply of “replacement parts” for the Fire Pumpers. Anyone looking for parts should contact Bill Rosenthal (715) 258-7406.

Burning Regulations And Permits

Hundreds of wildfires are started each year in Wisconsin as a result of careless or unsupervised outdoor burning. It is everyone’s responsibility to know where you are burning and what restrictions apply. In Waushara County, burning permits are REQUIRED from January 1st to May 31st, UNLESS the ground is completely snow covered. Burning is allowed ONLY from 6pm to Midnight.

Here are some steps to follow for responsible burning:

- Call 1-888-947-2876 or go online to dnr.wi.gov/wisburn to have a burning permit mailed or emailed.
- On the day of burning, check after 11am by phone or online for fire restrictions in Waushara County (Code 70) for that particular day.
- Follow the rules for the day, have tools and water available and make sure your fire is completely extinguished before leaving it.

Long Lake Yacht Club — Rob Jossart

In 2017 LLYC continued our 50+ year continuous history of finding a healthy mix of sailing, interesting social events, and celebrating the history of sailing on Long Lake. We've structured our events so that boats of all styles, sizes, and shapes can participate on a regular basis. In the past few years we've had Butterfly's, Lasers, Force 5s, sunfish, MCs, M16s, Cs and I-20s. Basically, any boat with a sail can participate in some of our events.

We are trying our best to make it easy for new members to get involved and they don't have to be people that have property on the lake or be experienced sailors. This past year we had 2 new sailors (Mark and Mark) that have property nearby, but not on Long Lake. We especially are focusing on being easy for new sailors to get involved without being intimidated. Our focus is more on fun sailing.

Our Social Calendar includes:

- Spring Dinner on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend to reacquaint with old friends and welcome new members. Peter and Joy Dohr hosted this in 2017 and tend to be frequent hosts of this event. Variety of excellent buffet style food, wine, beer, and delicious desserts.
- Long Lake Open After Party. 2nd Saturday in July. After sailing Rob and Nicole Jossart hosted an outdoor party of appetizers, hot beef sandwiches, beer, wine and story telling of sailing and history of Long Lake.
- Commodore's Dinner in Early August. Bill and Mary Jo Braatz hosted a sit down semi- formal dinner. Great venue and food and an evening of enjoyable conversations. Very nice night out socializing.
- Award's Dinner. Hosted by Monny and Jo Hjerstedt every year the Saturday Night of Labor Day weekend on their beautiful waterside screened in party porch. Always a great evening with some kind of game or entertainment. This year was wheel of fortune.

If interested in trying out LLYC, we have social membership for $30 and sailing memberships for $60. New sailors to LLYC are welcome to sail for free the first year. Visit our website at www.llyc-wi.com for more info or contact our commodore Monny Hjerstedt at mhjerstedt17@gmail.com or 920-558-0013.

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Clothing will be available to buy and order at both the LLA Annual Membership Meeting and the LLA Family Picnic.

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