LONG LAKE NEWS

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President's Message – Gary Wisbrocker

I think Spring has finally arrived. As I write this article and look out the window, the ground is still covered with snow, ice is still on the lake, but the temperatures are in the 60's. Wisconsin weather! I hope everyone made it through our last big snow storm without any major problems. Unfortunately, our spring LLA board of director's meeting had to be canceled due to the storm.

Please mark the following LLA dates on your calendars. The 2018 Long Lake Association Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th at 8:30am, at the Town of Saxeville building. The doors will open at 8:00am allowing for members to pay their LLA and FLL membership dues, enjoy coffee and donuts, and purchase some great Long Lake apparel/items. The annual Long Lake Picnic will be held at the Weiland cottage (W4859 Park Place) again this year. The date of the picnic is Saturday, July 21st, beginning at 4:00pm, with dinner served at 5:00pm, rain or shine!

Friends of Long Lake Report - Lynn Roegner and Joan Laabs

We are writing this a few days later than Gary's Report. The ice finally went out on April 27 much to the delight of many lake folks. Our Spring Board of Directors meeting that had been scheduled for April 14 was cancelled because of the snowstorm that weekend. We will be meeting in the next few weeks as we have numerous requests for funding.

Since September we have appropriated over $5000 based on recommendations from the Long Lake Association. Our FLL Annual Meeting is not held until the fall of each year. We will post that meeting on the Long Lake website.

Please see the Membership Forms in this newsletter and note that FLL is a 501 c 3 organization allowing for tax-deductible donations.

Have an enjoyable and safe summer!

LLA Board of Director Candidates -Bob Schnese

The LLA Board of Directors consists of 9 positions. Once elected, each Board Member serves a 3-year term. Upon completion of the 1st Term, a Board Member may run for a 2nd consecutive term before they are REQUIRED to take a mandatory one year break. There will be three (3) Board of Director positions "open" for election at the Annual Meeting (July 7th).

Ken Swanson the only Board Member completing their 1st 3-Year term this year. Ken is running for re-election to a second consecutive 3-year term. Ken Swanson is responsible for the Public Landing & Annual Picnic Planning.

The two Board Members who are completing their 2nd consecutive 3-year term and in accordance with the LLA Bylaws must leave the Board (for at least 1 year) are Mary Ann Cervinka (Secretary) and Jim Schiek (Lake Management & Saxeville Liaison). If anyone is interested in running for any of these (3) open Board Positions, please feel free to contact any Board Member, or, myself to be placed on this year's Ballot.

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Fish-Dave Schultz

For those of you who missed our (hopefully) last snow storm, or should I say blizzard, it was a dandy! It started with rain changing to sleet and then wet heavy snow and wind that lasted several days. When it finally cleared we had somewhere around 2 feet!

This winter it took a while before we had good ice for fishing yet the last of our ice is still hanging in with the last of it dwindling as I write this article. Tom and Cherrie Catlin tried to force the issue yesterday by launching their little Alumacraft on an ice breaking mission.

As part of our Long Lake Management Plan we have been pursuing a reduced bag limit on panfish. (See page3) This was originally presented at the annual Conservation Congress (CC) meeting held in Wautoma in April of 2017. The vote was positive and we advanced to the CC meeting in Rothchild in August. There I had an opportunity to present our proposal and the vote was unanimous in favor. We then advanced to the January CC meeting again held in Rothchild. Though the meeting went long and never got to our item I was able to have discussions with the chairman, and with the support of our local fish biologist, he did put us on the statewide spring ballot that was held April 9th of this year. Our proposal passed in all but two counties. As I understand it, our proposal will now be referred to the state fish committee for a final recommendation. This is based on discussions with the DNR fish biologists who supports our efforts. There have been numerous other lakes in the state that have had reduced bag limits on panfish established. Based on studies of these lakes the numbers and size of adult fish in these lakes increased and improved the fishing. Now several other lakes in our area are starting this same process.

Last year our association and Friends of Long Lake, in conjunction with the WRK fish club planted forage minnows, perch and crappie. Over the winter the WRK fishing club constructed and placed six new fish cribs on the lake as well as additional tree drops as requested by lake residents. Woody structure is advantageous for a healthy crappie population as well as other fish in the lake.

At our spring meeting with the WRK fish club and the DNR, approval was given to plant walleye, suckers and forage this year. Availability and size to be determined.

Habitat is one of the most important factors in sustaining our fish population especially for the spawning of our panfish like perch and crappie. Tree drops are a great way to provide fish habitat. Several of the other lakes in our area have been doing tree drops with good success. The undeveloped properties on Long Lake would be a great place to drop trees in the water without affecting other recreational use of the lake. If you are interested the WRK fish club is glad to assist. You can contact me any time to coordinate with the DNR biologists and the club.

We are, along with the DNR, proposing property owners to place brush bundles and old Christmas trees under docks for the fish. These are easily placed under the docks and secured in place with rope at each end. Tom Catlin brought to my attention a great device that is an alternative to using brush. They are called Porcupine fish attractors. Check it out at www.porcupinefishattractor.com you can also see video clips of several installations at www.prcupinefishattractors.com they can then be removed at the end of the year when you remove your dock.

These units are also an excellent tool to check our waters for zebra mussels as well. If you are interested in enhancing the lakes fish habitat on your shore you can check out the Wisconsin DNR web site. Or you can contact me or Scott Bunde at the Wautoma office. The DNR fish and shoreline people would be glad to come out and help.

Reduce the combined daily bag limit for panfish on Long Lake in Saxeville and Springwater townships to 10 of any one species or 25 total.

In recent years, the panfish population has been severely reduced due to fishing pressure and an increase in the number of predator game fish that feed on panfish.

The Long Lake Association and the Friends of Long Lake's mission for many years has been to provide a "Family Friendly Fishery" and therefore have funded the planting of fish in conjunction with the We Really Kare fish club and the Wisconsin DNR, species that strive for this goal. These have primarily been panfish, trout and forage fish. Unfortunately, this effort has not been able to keep up with the increased fishing pressure in recent years.

As part of the Recent 2016 Long Lake Management Plan created in conjunction with Waushara County, the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point and representatives from the DNR has adopted a "Guiding Vision for the Fish Community". Goal 1 is to improve fish habitat. Goal 1.2 is to optimize the fishery and the fishing experience of young people through the reduction of daily bag limits on panfish.

The future of continuing efforts towards fish conservation and habitat restoration lies with our young people having a quality fishing experience. It's not the number of fish they can keep, but the fact that they can catch fish. It's our duty to provide our next generations with the experience, not boredom from the inability to catch fish on lakes that need additional protection to maintain adequate population for a quality fishing experience.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Waushara County on April 10th, 2017 recommends work with the Department of Natural Resources in adoption of a reduced daily bag limit for panfish on Long Lake Saxeville and Springwater townships, Waushara County to 10 of any species and a total of 25.

David A. Schultz

President Long Lake Association

LLA Fire Report-Bob Schnese

The below average snowfall this winter, combined with the extremely dry "fire weather conditions" and high winds in Waushara County this spring, have produced a "VERY HIGH" Fire Danger level. Therefore, burning debris in barrels, brush piles, and, grass or wooded areas is PROHIBITED, even if you have an annual burning permit! Fire Pits and/or Fire Rings for "warming or cooking" DO NOT require a burning permit. However, if you are going to burn any type of fire, YOU MUST check the daily burning restrictions (after 11am daily) for Waushara County (Code 70), or, call the hotline, before you burn. You may obtain an annual burning permit (FREE) on-line, or, go to a Fire Warden, or, DNR Field Office, to secure one in-person. 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) or www.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn

It's a great idea to have your written and signed Annual Burning Permit available while burning! The bottom line, be safe, and, be aware. It is your responsibility, and, it's the Law!

Make sure that your driveway(s) are clear of branches/debris that could impede the Saxeville/Springwater V.F.D. vehicles from getting access to your property in the event of a Fire or EMS call.

If you're in need of "replacement parts" for your Fire Pumper, please contact Bill Rosenthal (715) 258-7406.

Editor's Note-John Laabs

This will be the last issue that I will be putting together. I want to thank Gary Wisbrocker and my wife, Joan ,for assistance over the past 15 years. The LLA was formed in 1976 and for the first 9 years the Board sent out a short newsletter. I thought it would be good to give credit to those individuals who did this responsibility since then. Wally Peterson was editor for 13 years from 1985-1998. He had a good excuse to turn over the reins as he was busy editing the Saxeville Sesquicentennial Publication. In 1999 Roy Holly began as Editor and served until 2003. This past 15 years for me has flown swiftly by; I hope that the newsletters have kept you informed about Long Lake issues, people and activities.

Lake Management-JimSchiek

As I sit here preparing an article for the newsletter, I can clearly hear the sounds of Loons that have taken up residence in the corner of our bay. The presence of Loons every spring has helped me be acutely aware of the importance for protecting the "Sensitive Areas" of Long Lake.

In July of 1996 the "Long Lake Protection Plan" was completed and approved. The plan that included a reference to "Sensitive Areas" was prepared by R. A. Smith & Associates for the Long Lake Association. It was stated at the time, "due to recent increases in lake use and changing land use within the Long Lake watershed has raised concerns of lake residents looking for solutions to assure the quality of Long Lake remains the same".

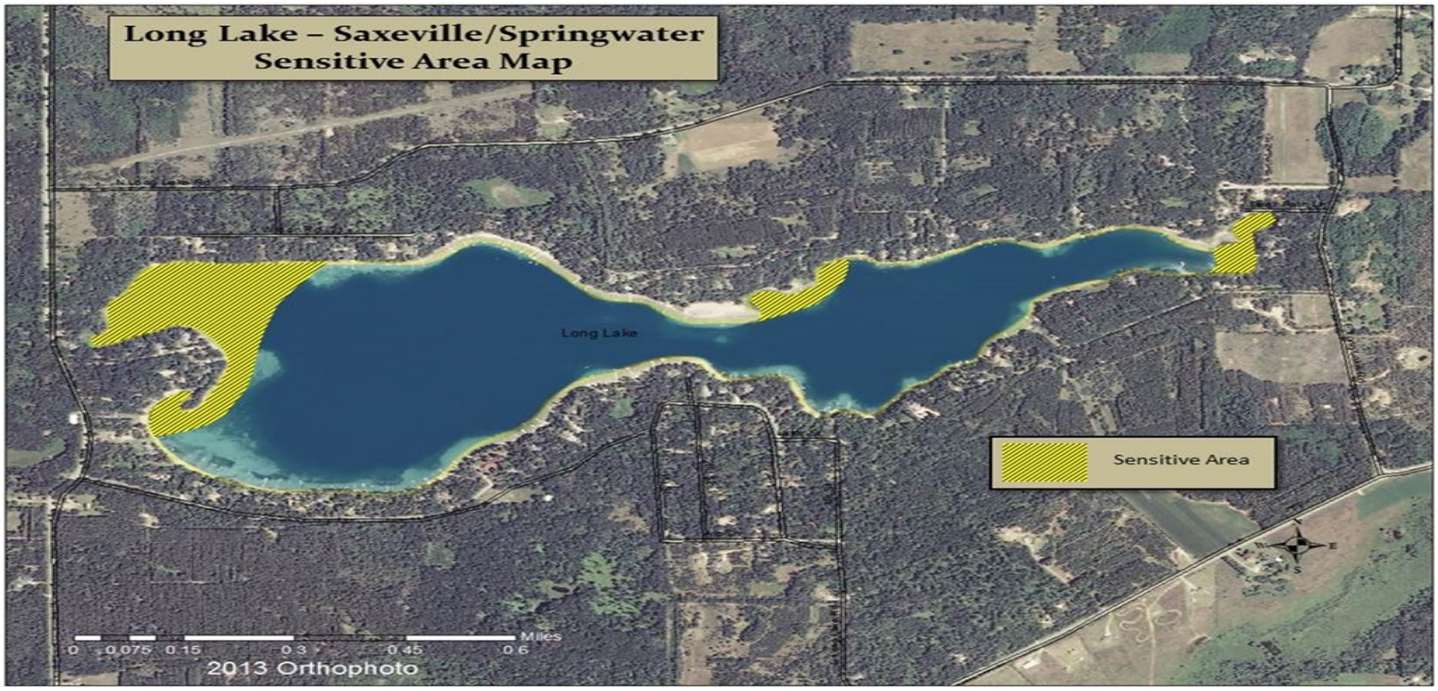
The plan recommended that, In-Lake Sensitive Areas should be protected through formal designation by the WDNR under Code NR103. Disturbance of rooted aquatic plant beds should be kept to a minimum to protect the limited spawning and nursery habitat in the lake. It's interesting to note that after approximately twenty years the concerns and goals of the people on Long Lake are unchanged or at least similar.

As I have mentioned in previous reports, the 2016 Long Lake Management Plan was released and approved in January of 2017. It has since been approved and adopted by both the Town of Saxeville and the Town of Springwater. As a part of the 2016 Lake Management Plan the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requires that each comprehensive lake management plan addresses a specific list of topics affecting the character of the lake. These topics have been grouped as follows; In-Lake Habitat and a Healthy Lake, Landscapes and the Lake, and People and the Lake.

This is further broken down into three specific areas, FISH COMMUNITY - fish species, abundance, size, important habitat and other needs, AQUATIC, PLANT COMMUNITY - habitat, food, health, native species, and invasive species and CRITICAL HABITAT - areas of special importance to the wildlife, fish, water quality, and aesthetics of the lake.

GUIDING VISION FOR LONG LAKES CRITICAL HABITAT - Unique and sensitive areas in and around Long Lake will be enhanced and protected. Goal # 4: Protect unique areas that are valuable to the water quality and habitat of Long Lake. Objective # 4.1: Identify and inform others of sensitive habitat in and near Long Lake.

LLA has been in contact with Heather Gottschalk, Recreational Safety Warden with the Wis. DNR to get a permit for "Sensitive Area" buoys. We will be installing a total of four (4) buoys. Two buoys will be placed in the west basin at the west end (one at the entrance to the North Bay and one at the entrance to the south bay). Another buoy will be located on the north side of the lake just east of the narrows. The final buoy will be located in the east basin at the entrance to the east bay. See the Sensitive Area Map for more accurate locations.



Long Lake Yacht Club
Monny Hjerstedt - Commodore

This spring was slow to come but I am hoping for a fabulous summer.What could be better than sailing on the beautiful waters of Long Lake. We truly enjoy the challenges of racing the tricky winds (sometimes little winds) of Long Lake. Our social get togethers are always a good time.

Our 2018 schedule

May 27	Spring Meeting	At Peter & Joy Dohr's	5:30
June 9	Tune Up race- 1&2&3	Any sailboat type	12:30
June 16	Championship race 1&2	MC & M16 scows	12:30
June 23	Championship race 3&4	MC & M16 scows	12:30
July 14	LLYC Open race	Any sailboat type	12:30
	After race party	At Jossart's	5:00
July 21	Championship race 5&6	MC & M16 scows	12:30
Jult 29	Championship race 7&8	MC & M16 scows	12:30
August 11	Long Lake Regatta	Any sailboat type	12:30
	Commodores Picnic	At Braatz's	5:30
August 25	Championship race 9&10	MC & M16 scows	12:30
	Championship race 11&12	MC & M16 scows	12:30
September 1	Labor Day Series	Any sailboat type	12:30
	Awards Banquet	At Hjerstedt's	5:30

Dates and times can change. Check out our website, email or call for information.
We had a good 2017 season. The winners -
Tune Up series - 1st Mike Cervinka, 2nd Rob Jossart, and 3rd Dave Muris
LLYC Open - 1st Rob Jossart, 2nd Mike Cervinka, and 3rd Kelley Stevens
Long Lake Regatta - 1st Mike Cervinka, 2nd Mark Johnson, 3rd Rob Jossart
MC Championship Series - 1st Rob Jossart, 2nd Mike Cervinka, 3rd Mark Reilly
Labor Day Series - 1st Rob Jossart, 2nd PJ Hildebrand, 3rd Mike Cervinka
JOIN THE FUN!
We will help you in any way to get you out sailing or just come to a social.
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.

****We hope everyone enjoys watching the sailing on Long Lake. We try to share the waters with everyone. But we are at the mercy of the winds and we only sail a couple of hours a weekend. As a courtesy try not to get too close to sailboats during a race and try not to make big waves.****

CBCW-2018 Tom Catlin

Here we go again, at least I certainly hope so…the snow remnants from the blizzard are receding fast and the last of the ice disappeared on April 27th, and the Merry Band of Volunteers will shortly be starting their 18th season.

As a reminder, last year's winners: Mary Bruyette, Dee Haven, Tom Dohr, and Tom & Laurie Dohr get to select a prize (Long Lake apparel, etc.) at the LLA Family Picnic in July.

We have a real challenge this year as in 2016 we posted 530 hours, and in 2017 549 hours. Our goal as always will be to represent Long Lake at the landing and do what we can to prevent the Lake from aquatic invasive species such as Eurasian milfoil, zebra and quagga muscles.

As I write each spring, our program needs volunteers to succeed. This program is open to all people regardless of age or address (not limited to just Long Lake residents) who care enough to volunteer their time in this fight and who wish to be part of a very important program to prevent the spread of invasive species in Wisconsin lakes and streams. As of last fall our program continues to be a success and Long Lake is free of the above listed invasive species. To reiterate, for our program to be successful it is vital that we retain our current membership in our Merry Band of Volunteers and attract new members. We encourage young people to join or to accompany their volunteer parents because these are the individuals who must become the future stewards of Long Lake.

If you are on the fence, I encourage you to ask a current volunteer about their experiences being an integral part of the Merry Band. You get to meet a lot of nice folks who come to visit Long Lake. The following is a repeat from last winter's letter and is a quote from a volunteer: " 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 about the lake because we do. Here's to next year!"

If you would be interested in a training/refresher course let me know as I will be more than happy to conduct one either at the landing or at my red storage shed, weather dependent. Thanks again to volunteers!

Long Lake Boat Parade by 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. Please pick up a number card to attach to your boat at the annual lake association meeting or from my dock before the start. The number helps the judges choose 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

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

Dues and Membership

Long Lake Association Annual Dues $ 20 per residence. Membership is open to any individual who for at least one month each year owns real estate or resides on or within one mile of Long Lake.

Please make separate checks for LLA and FLL. Thanks!

Long Lake Association Membership-Dues

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Name of Property Owners _____

Home Address_____

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Phone: H_____ L_____

Lake Address_____

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E-Mail _____

Friends of Long Lake Membership Donation : $10 or greater contribution (FLL is a 501c3 Corp with tax deductibility). Membership open to LLA members and general public.

Friends of Long Lake Membership-Contribution

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Enclosed is a check in the amount of $_____

If desired, please mark as follows:

$_____Fire Protection

$_____Fish Enhancement

$_____Land Acquisition

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$_____Clean Boats/Clean Waters

Name_____

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Home Address _____-

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LONG LAKE APPAREL

If you would like to place an order or review our current apparel inventory, please contact:

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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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