LONG LAKE NEWS

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Winter 2019

President's Message - Dennis Reimer

When I accepted the position of President of the LLA board last July, my wife asked me if that was what I really wanted to do given the difficult atmosphere that we had around the lake. I am not one to turn away from a challenge that appears unsolvable and have been in similar situations before during both my professional career and personal endeavors. What energizes me about our situation is that we have exceptional, dedicated people around the lake whom I believe are looking for a path forward whereby we all remain friends and where it feels that we are a family. To me, our lake situation can be best addressed by taking the emotion out and focusing more on the facts and potential solutions that can help us all reduce the stress we are experiencing.

Our current board of directors has been working hard this fall to accomplish that task. We have created a committee led by Dave Schultz, Jerry Voigt, and Len Brasch to update and add a water levels section to our overall lake management plan. The committee's intent is to get factual input from all property owners around the lake through an informational survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QVRDVGV), to conduct public meetings in January, February and March with expert guest speakers on relevant topics, and to provide a summary of findings in the Spring of 2020. The committee's efforts will be inclusive and will help guide all of us with facts and information as we face further challenges next summer and beyond. We plan to record the informational meetings and post them for viewing by anyone away from the area for the winter or unable to attend. I strongly encourage you to get involved in both the informational surveys and the upcoming meetings. To assist us in communicating with you, please provide your email address to *longlakewi@gmail.com* if you have not already done so. You can also watch our website (lla.lakekit.net), as meeting information will also be posted there.

The board also wants you to know that the only place we post our official positions and communication is on our website which is: lla.lakekit.net. Some people around the lake have been confused thinking the Long Lake Facebook page represents official LLA board views, opinions, and positions. The Long Lake Facebook page was created by some of our neighbors on the lake, but the LLA board has no input or authority over what is said or happens on that social media site. If you want to know where the LLA board stands, please turn to our official website (lla.lakekit.net) or contact me at 920-850-5485.

Unfortunately, Bob Schnese resigned from the board this summer. We thank him for his dedication. I am pleased to announce that Wendy Vincent will finish out his term. Wendy and her family have made positive contributions to our lake over the years and I believe she will be a great addition to the board. On another note, I recently was contacted by Len Brasch who notified me that he and his wife will be selling their home and moving to Texas. We are sorry to see Len and Kathy leave. Len's departure will leave another open position on the board. I would encourage you to contact me and let me know if you have any interest in becoming a board member.

Lastly, as we approach the holiday season, and on behalf of the board, I wish you all peace and happiness.

Dennis Reimer
President

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Fish Report 2019

Dave Schultz

The staff gauge used to monitor the water level was installed this year by the (USGS), United States Geological Survey, on April 27. At that time the water level measured 5.80 ft. on the gauge. Levels went up and down slightly as they trended up to a recent high of 6.52 ft. on October 18, and then dropped slightly to 6.48 ft. on November 7. The USGS tells me they will be removing the gauge soon. 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 water 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.

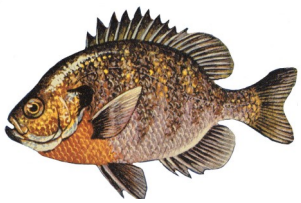
We have worked again this year with the DNR and the We Really Kare Fish Club for fish stocking in our lake. Fish stocking is based on our philosophy to create a "Family Friendly Fishery." The plan encompasses multiple parts: 1) To stock the lake with pan fish native to the lake that are desirable for eating, 2) To plant forage and white suckers that provide an alternative source of food for the larger game fish, and 3) To produce a renewable source of minnows for the pan fish. WRK planted 150 lbs. of forage minnows and 800 5"-7" perch this spring and 800 3"-5" crappie this fall. The association planted 1819 crappie this fall.

Larger bluegill were relatively scarce again this summer. More than a decade ago DNR surveys showed very few large bluegills yet large numbers of small fish. It takes 10-12 years to produce decent size bluegill in our lake. As part of our new lake plan we are pursuing a reduced daily bag limit that hopefully will reduce the overfishing problem as future hatches mature. We passed the public vote at the spring statewide Conservation Congress meeting in April of 2019 with 70 counties in favor and 2 against. The new regulations will take effect as of 2020. Research shows that these reduced bag limits do make a difference in the number of larger pan fish.

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 501 C-3. WRK is now a 501 C-3 as well.

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.

It's always "A great day to fish!"



Lake Management

Jim Schiek

As you may recall LLA for more than ten years has worked with Brad Roost of Cason and Associates to do an early detection Aquatic Plant Survey to determine the status of exotic invasive species in Long Lake.

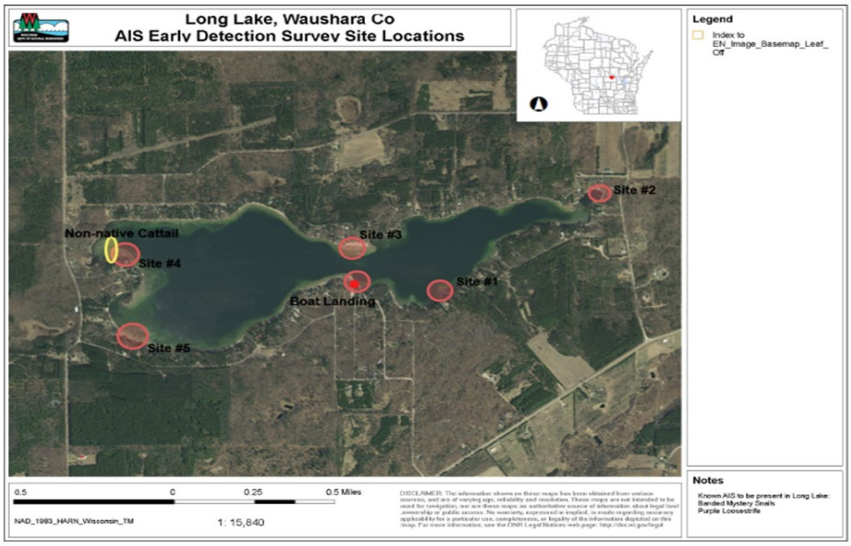
This past summer we have had the opportunity to work with a new partner in this endeavor Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. (RC&D) and in particular Ann Cisar, Regional Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for Green Lake, Marquette, Waupaca, & Waushara Counties. Anna completed an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Early Detection Survey (ED) of Long Lake on August 9, 2019. ED surveys are a thorough survey of the lakes nearshore area looking for any AIS, both animals and plants, like Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM). This monitoring protocol is used to locate pioneer populations of AIS, allowing for a rapid response strategy that may mean the difference between long-term management and potential eradication.

Note: No Eurasian watermilfoil was found. The following is an excerpt of Anna's report of that survey.

Aquatic Invasive Species

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are plants or animals that are not native to a particular area and dominate an area where they are introduced. They can be very successful because they fill a niche that isn't occupied, are able to tolerate a wider range of living conditions, they don't have any natural predators or diseases or perhaps they begin growing earlier. EWM, curly-leaf pondweed and purple loosestrife are common examples of AIS. AIS can threaten an area both ecologically and economically. They can disrupt food chains and degrade habitat which negatively impacts fish, invertebrates and wildlife. Nuisance levels of AIS can reduce or even prevent recreational opportunities like fishing, boating, wildlife watching, etc. These reduced recreational opportunities have negative impacts to the local and statewide economy. AIS such as zebra mussels can negatively impact water quality, food chains, aquatic habitat, recreation and industry. Unfortunately the effects of AIS are difficult to foresee since the degree of impact can vary greatly from one place to another. One system may be completely taken over by AIS while AIS in another nearby system may become a part of the community and have little to no negative effects.

AIS Early Detection (ED) Surveys are completed by traveling to all boat landings and 5 predetermined nearshore sites around the lake, as well as meandering the shoreline, looking for existing or new AIS. Each boat landing is searched for 30 minutes, conducting a visual survey and the use of rake tows to sample the bottom of the lake. The nearshore sites are surveyed using the same protocol but for 10 minutes each. The shoreline meander is done between the sites, meandering slowly along the shoreline throwing the rake to collect samples. If any AIS are found the location is noted using a GPS, as well as the density of the population.



Survey Summary

According to Wisconsin DNR records, Long Lake is known to have purple loosestrife and banded mystery snails. The 5 nearshore sites selected for the ED survey are shown in Figure 2. Two sites had an AIS occurrence. Site #1, east of the boat landing, had banded mystery snails. Site #4 on the western end of the lake had narrow-leaf cattails. Narrow-leaf cattails have not been recorded with DNR; this finding has been sent to the regional DNR office for verification and recording. Boat landings are surveyed more thoroughly as these are most likely the points of introduction for many AIS; however, no AIS, existing or new to Long Lake, were found.

(The complete report can be found at lla.lakekit.net under Education/News.)

Clean Boats Clean Waters 2019

Tom Catlin

Another year behind us. All things considered not a bad year with 456 hours worked (2016-530 hours; 2017-549 hours; 2018-520 hours) considering all of the "political tensions" swirling about the Lake this past summer. The volunteers that hung in this past summer did an exemplary job. From the 2018 season we had 10 volunteers leave the program (6 withdrew and 4 moved away), but we added 5 new members. There were a total of 253 shifts available this past season and we filled 208 or 82%. Whether you worked one shift or many shifts you should be proud as you are proactively contributing to preserving our beautiful lake. There are roughly 257 properties on Long Lake (some owners have multiple lots) and our Merry Band of Volunteers make up 26 of those lots which in my view makes every one of our active volunteers very special. Another way to look at it is there are 231 property owners that "use" the Lake, but only 26 that appreciate what we have enough to give back as active CBCW stewards of our Lake. The work of these members of our CBCW program is making a major contribution to the fact that Long Lake does not have Eurasian Milfoil while most lakes in our area do have this invasive species and are spending endless money trying to control it.

Every year we award a choice of Long Lake apparel to the top four contributors as to hours worked at the landing. Eliminating myself the top four members of our Merry Band this past season are: Dave Schultz , Dee Haven, Mary Bruyette, and Bob Schnese (combined 137 hours). Each of these folks have earned our congratulations.

MEMBERSHIP

Bruce K. Rucks

Membership numbers remained consistent from 2018 and 2019. Many members join Long Lake Association at the Long Lake Annual Meeting and/or the Long Lake Picnic. 2019's annual meeting was well attended. The Long Lake Picnic was postponed for a day because of poor weather conditions and the loss of area power. Because of many homeowners plans, many were not able to attend the following day.

Membership in 2018 was 152. Membership in 2019 is 153. Fifteen (15) members who were members in 2018 did not renew their membership for 2019. These include residents who moved from the lake. Nineteen (19) members who were not members in 2018 joined the LLA. These include new first year residents.

Safety Report, Winter 2019

Bruce K. Rucks

Again this year at the request of the Long Lake Association, the Waushara County Sheriff's Office operated their contracted 66 hour water patrol on Long Lake. The patrol was on the lake 12 days for a total of 66 hours. Ten (10) warnings were written, all on July 13, 2019. There were no citations issued. The biggest concern of boaters and residents of the lake is the operation of personal water craft (PWC) at faster than slow no wake within restricted areas from the shore, docks, rafts, swimmers, and other watercraft. No boating accidents were reported to the Sheriff's Office.

Ken Swanson and Tom Catlin met with the Sheriff in July noting the Sheriff's Department's lack of patrolling our lake. Issues with unsafe use of PWC's and boating infractions were discussed. There are DNR rules for boats, and different DNR rules for PWC's. All operators of water craft should be familiar with those rules when operating watercraft. We are all responsible for the safety of all people using the lake. Recognizing boating rules is a great start for a safe and fun experience on the lake. Please remember to be courteous and operate safely when enjoying the lake.

Preparing for winter lake use, see below for the "safe ice" graphic. Be aware that the lake is public property, and as such, conforms to all public rules and regulations. Operating a snowmobile without a current sticker is against the law.

Any person who is at least 12 years old and who is born on or after January 1, 1985 is required to possess a valid Snowmobile Safety Certificate in order to operate a snowmobile in most areas. You must carry the certificate while riding and you must display it to a law enforcement officer when requested. Under age 12, a parent, guardian, or person 18 years old or older must accompany the child on the (same) snowmobile when operating on public areas. No certificate or adult accompaniment is required for persons operating on lands owned or leased by the operator's parent or guardian. This does not include land leased by an organization of which the operator, operator's parents or guardians are members. Be respectful and BE SAFE!

POLICY: Open Meeting Forum of Board of Directors Meetings

Gerald Voigt

LLA Board meetings typically will include two segments. The first is an open forum for members to address the Board directly. The second is an "executive session," which is closed to the general membership. Regarding the open meeting forum:

1. Members or non-members must request and be granted the opportunity to address the Board by the Board Chair. The Board Chair shall use discretion on the number allowed with respect to the meeting facility and time (length).
2. Depending on the number of requests, the Board Chair will set a strict time limitation for the open meeting forum section of the agenda.
3. When addressing the Board, invited guests must speak courteously and to the point.
4. Board members may question the guest about his/her problem or concern. Other guests in attendance are not entitled to be recognized or to comment or question the speaker, except with the permission of the Board.
5. Prior to starting the Executive Session at any Board meeting all non-board members shall leave. The open forum shall be strictly enforced because the purpose of any Board meeting is for the Board of Directors to conduct business in accordance with the bylaws.

This policy shall apply to all meetings of the Board of Directors preceded by reasonable notice to the members at least one week in advance, except in the event of an emergency.

LLA shall post a notice on its website of this policy and give advance notice of any applicable LLA Board meetings.

Long Lake Apparel/Merchandise

Lori Schnese: 612-355-0902, lorischnese@gmail.com

Rhea Teteak 608-221-9676

With the holiday season quickly approaching, we have a limited amount of inventory available for sale.

All Long Lake apparel and merchandise is unique to Long Lake. We are here to offer these as a service for you. Merchandise sales are not for profit, and your input in the form of ideas and current trends for the next ordering season is very much appreciated. Please let us hear from you.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season.

2020 Long Lake Association Dues and Membership

Long Lake Association Annual Dues $ 20.00. 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.

Mail to: Long Lake Association Membership-Dues
PO Box 9
Saxeville, WI 54976

Name of Property Owners _____

Home Address _____

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Phone: Home _____ Lake _____

Lake Address _____

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E-Mail Address _____

2020 Friends of Long Lake Membership Application

Friends of Long Lake Membership Donation: $10 or greater contribution (FLL is a 501(c)3 Corporation with tax deductibility). Membership open to LLA members and general public.

Dues paid on or after September 1, 2018 per FLL By-laws will be applied to Fiscal Year Membership of September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019.

Friends of Long Lake Membership-Contribution
PO Box 9
Saxeville WI 54976

Enclosed is a check in the amount of $_____. If desired, please mark as follows:

$_____Fire Protection
$_____Fish Enhancement
$_____Land Acquisition
$_____ Legal Expenses
$_____ Lake Studies
$_____ Clean Boats/Clean Waters

Name _____

E-Mail _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip_____

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LONG LAKE APPAREL

If you would like to 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.

Visit our web site at:

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