LONG LAKE NEWS

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President's Message - Jerry Voigt

It became evident to me during the first LLA meeting I ever attended in 2008 that there is a little more to having a home on a lake than fishing, swimming, boating or skiing. We are responsible for something as beautiful and delicate as it is fun for whatever outdoor activities we enjoy. Then when I was elected to the LLA Board a little over a year ago to help with the difficult high water and community issues we have been facing, that realization became even clearer.

I really appreciate the opportunity given to me by the membership and the other board members to serve on the LLA board as the Association president. I am proud to be involved and between our board members, volunteers, and members we have a very active Association and a great foundation on which we can do many things. Some will be old traditions, and some may become new ones!

I am pleased to announce that our Lake Management Plan has been approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Waushara County, Springwater and Saxeville. I understand we are the first lake in Waushara County to have an updated plan. We are now positioned very well to take the next steps to pursue a Healthy Lakes grant and a slot limit for Northern Pike.

As you read through the rest of the articles in this newsletter, I hope you see what's behind the lines of text . . . volunteers! If you haven't volunteered or helped out in the past, please consider helping out next year with one of our many projects or activities.

We are forming a new Education Committee and Todd Schultz will be leading that effort. Suzanne Ziemer got us started this fall in the Loon Watch program sponsored by the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute at Northland College. We have agreed to work more closely with the Springwater/ Saxeville Fire Department on fire safety education. We are also planning to start a blood drive on Labor Day weekend. Of course, we can always use more Clean Boats Clean Waters volunteers to work at the landing and help us keep invasive species out of our lake. There are many ways to get involved. A few months ago, I sent an email outlining some of these opportunities. Even an hour or two of your time makes a big difference. Please contact me or anyone else on the board to express your interest.

Lastly, I imagine this winter may end up feeling longer than most due to the pandemic. As we enter the winter season, I encourage you to stay positive and think about how you can help someone in need and contribute positively to our lake and community in 2021. Stay well, happy holidays, and as always, enjoy the lake!

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Fish Report 2020

Dave Schultz

The high water has provided additional spawning habitat for many of the fish species in Long Lake. Fallen trees and woody vegetation now submerged provide excellent habitat.

Unfortunately, the abundance of pollen in the water this summer proved to be deadly to our perch population with many, especially the smaller perch, dying from a condition called Columnaris. The pollen coats the gills and essentially suffocates the fish. I provided sample fish to the DNR biologists who tested the fish and confirmed the condition.

We Really Kare fish club, who we usually work with to plant fish, cut back on their stocking this year because of the Covid-19 issues with trucking, etc. The club only planted 400 5"-7" walleye in each lake this fall along with 150 pounds of forage minnows. Because of this Scott Bundy (WDNR) came to our rescue and was able to get 1300 5"-7" walleye planted by the state DNR hatchery. The Covid-19 situation did benefit us in the end. Gollon Fish hatchery had an abundance of perch and was able to provide us fish at a great price. We were able to supplement the fish we lost due to Columnaris with funding from Friends of Long Lake. We were able to plant 1200 3"-5" and 1200 5"-7" perch. All in all, your generous donations to the Friends of Long Lake (FLL) fish fund allowed us to continue with our mission to provide a "Family Friendly Fishery" in our lake.

2019 was a DNR comprehensive fish study year for our lake. Timing was perfect and we were able to incorporate the fish study as part of our 2020 Lake Management Plan. The plan can be found on our website.

The fish section is very comprehensive and provides data on our current fish populations as well as previous years' studies and trends. In summary, our bluegill population is way down and hopefully the new reduced panfish bag limits that began this year will help to correct this in future years. Our Largemouth Bass population is down but the Smallmouth Bass population is up. Perch continue to do very well as do the Northern Pike. In fact, our Northern population is ranked at over the 90 percentile in the state. Please check out the entire study on our website.

Please remember the FLL 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'll be glad to give you the details and help.

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

Social Media

Wendy Vincent and Michael Harvat

Social Media Information Sites

We have set up a Facebook page, **Long Lake Association – Saxeville WI** for Long Lake families to stay up to date on LLA information along with the easy direct link to where more details can be found on our website, **lla.lakekit.net**. We hope it helps you stay connected and quickly find information about our lake. You will also find a Private Group option to the Facebook Page as well for Property Owners to connect and discuss lake topics.

For Instagram fans, we have set up an account to post images of Long Lake. If you have photos you would like to be featured, please send your images and a few words about the photographs to WendyPVincent@gmail.com or Michaelharvat@gmail.com. Hopefully it will come to a happy photo retreat to enjoy beautiful images and moments on Long Lake. Our IG handle is: **longlakeassociationsaxeville**

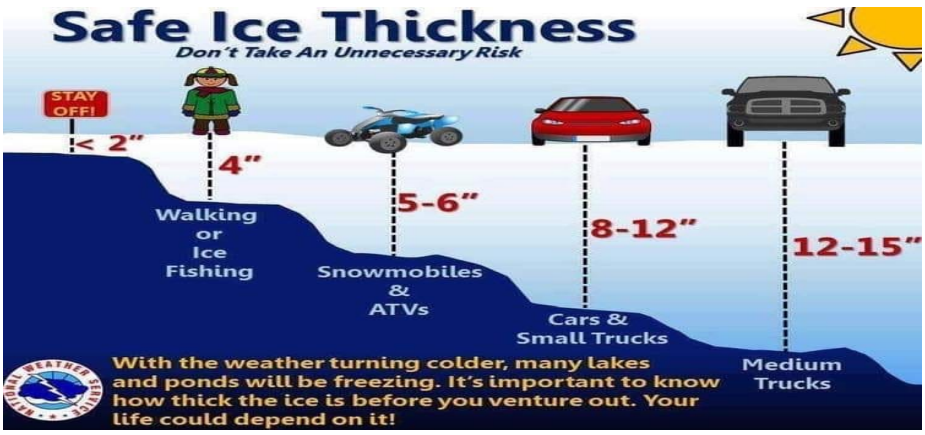
Aerator Safety

Beware of Thin Ice and Open Water

With the persisting high-water condition, it is likely that residents may again use aerators to protect their shoreline structures this winter. Aerators keep water moving so it does not easily freeze. Aerators are a common and effective means of protecting structures from ice damage. **PLEASE BE CAREFUL NEAR THE SHORELINE** when walking, ice skating, fishing, snowmobiling or taking advantage of any winter opportunity on the lake. Aerators create open-water areas and thin ice conditions that pose a winter recreational safety hazard.

For anyone installing an aerator on your Long Lake shoreline, we encourage you to read the aerator guideline from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Watershed Management. The guideline describes requirements for clearly marking areas around the aerators, and indicates that property owners are liable for accidents that occur from unmarked or poorly marked openings. Please install safety markers or barricades around your aerated area for everyone's safety. https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways/documents/aeratorfactsheet.pdf

Winter provides beautiful and fun opportunities on the lake, but for all concerned PLEASE USE CARE on the ice this winter!



Clean Boats Clean Waters 2020

Tom Catlin

What a crazy year, but our CBCW program made it thru the season and continues to be alive and well. Many thanks to our Merry Band of Volunteers who stepped up and who are the real stewards of Long Lake.

In last year's newsletter I stated that there were 257 properties on Long Lake . . . well I was wrong and I need to set the record straight. After double counting properties on Long Lake from the map that I maintain, there are 221 properties. Keep in mind that there are a number of cases where an individual owns more than one property. Now you say what does this have to do with this article . . . the answer is absolutely nothing.

This year we had 27 volunteers who worked at the landing logging 506 hours, checking in 810 boats with 1649 folks accompanying the boats bent on enjoying what Long Lake has to offer. Due to the Covid19 issue, we had a number of our historically heavy contributors elect to sit out this past season. Will they return next year? . . . the Lake certainly hopes that they do!

Now how did this past season stack up with past years . . . the answer is not the best and not the worst. Considering the circumstances, the Merry Band put in an outstanding performance. Here are some examples of past years:

2010	360 hours	2018	520 hours
2013	414 hours	2019	456 hours
2014	509 hours	2020	506 hours

Do we need fresh bodies to join our Merry Band of Volunteers? . . . the answer is a most definite "YES." Many of us have been volunteers since the inception of the CBCW program on Long Lake in 2004 and quite frankly some of us are getting a little long in the tooth . . . including yours truly. Are we ready to step down . . . absolutely not, but we sure could use a little extra help. In other words we need more of the next generation of lake stewards to step up!

Every year we award a choice of Long Lake apparel to the top contributors as to hours worked at the landing. Being that Dave Schultz and I have been in this category multiple times before, we are electing to waive our hours so as to recognize others . The top six volunteers this past season were:

Tom Catlin	56 hours	Dee Haven	50 hours
Mark Harvat	54 hours	Bob Schnese	34 hours
Dave Schultz	50.5 hours	John Harvat	31 hours

Please give your congratulations to Mark, Dave, Dee, Bob, and John for an outstanding job. Your names will be forwarded to the FLL's Karen Reindl and you can select your item from the spring Long Lake catalog of items.

The 506 hours accumulated was donated to Golden Sands Resource & Conservation Development Council (a 501c3 organization) located in Stevens Point. Long Lake utilizes this organization to monitor our lake for aquatic invasive species. Donating these hours helps enable them to accrue the credits required to qualify for a DNR grant. What does this donation mean to them towards achieving their goal—506 hours x $12/hrs.= $6,072.

Treasurer's Report

Todd Schultz

The Long Lake Association is in a healthy financial situation with a balance of $4,252.93. Most of the expenses that the LLA incurs are for lake surveys/studies, the annual picnic, and newsletter printing/mailing. We have also updated the accounting software that is used for ease of audit purposes, as well as new functionality. We will now be able to invoice LLA members for annual dues and we will have some new ways to offer a better experience for you. You will be able to pay via check, direct debit from your checking account, PayPal/credit card, or just mail cash. I will send more information regarding the membership dues process in the next newsletter.

Education Committee

Todd Schultz

The LLA Board formed a new committee at our September meeting, the Education Committee. At our annual meeting I proposed this committee with the goal of better educating lake owners, friends, and boating visitors on boating and waking more responsibly. The Education committee will be putting together materials that we can all use to better educate ourselves, our family, and friends.

If you would like to provide input and ideas or be part of the committee, please let me know. You can reach me via e-mail at tschultz1025@gmail.com. Our goal is to make 2021 the safest and fun boating season!

Long Lake Yacht Club

Mike Cervinka

The 2020 sailing season brought us good winds, good courses, and good competition! Congratulations to the winners of the four series.

Invitational: Kelley Stevens
Open: Mike Cervinka
Labor Day: Mark Johnson
Championship: Mark Johnson

The season ended with an enjoyable "Pontoon Picnic." The club is always interested in attracting new sailors/members. The club offers two types of membership, a social membership and a sailing membership. For detailed information about the club, membership, activities, photos, and the yacht club directors, please visit our website at: www.llyc-wi.com.

Second Edition of Lake Management Plan Approved

Jerry Voigt and Dave Schultz

On September 18, 2020, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) officially approved the second edition of our lake management plan. This was the culmination of a yearlong process and the most critical step in the revision. LLA's membership approved the plan at the Annual Meeting in August. With the WDNR's approval in hand, the Town of Springwater accepted the plan at their October 12 meeting and Saxeville accepted on October 19. In addition, we also presented the plan to Waushara County Land, Water and Education Committee, who accepted it on November 4. With all these steps taken, the plan is now official.

As an association we can be proud that we were the first lake in the area to revise and renew our plan. This is another demonstration of the proactive leadership we have in our Long Lake community.
WDNR provided some advice along with their approval. They reminded us that lake management plans are intended to be dynamic and interactive. Future work should be tracked carefully, and results added to the existing plan as addendums. It is likely that new problems or objectives will arise, and some priorities will change over time. (We certainly learned this lesson with the high-water conditions that "arose" after the first edition of our plan was approved in 2016.)

WDNR also stressed that public outreach efforts are critical and to make this a major priority. Our new Education Committee will help us do just that.

It was WDNR's opinion that the lack of near-shore habitat (downed trees and emergent plants) was the greatest limiting factor to the overall ecology of Long Lake. As we move forward, we must keep this in mind when planning future management actions, particularly a Healthy Lakes grant. If you have at-risk trees along your shoreline and would be interested in exploring how you can get help with tree drops or fish sticks, please contact us.

The final updated plan and lake resident survey we completed in January this year are found under the Education/News tab on the LLA website (https://lla.lakekit.net/education-news). Many thanks to all who participated in the survey, education programs, reviewing drafts, and making suggestions. Your involvement was essential to help us achieve this important milestone!

Membership

Bruce Rucks

2020 LLA membership was 146 members. Twenty-five members have paid their 2021 dues to date. Our Association $20 dues structure has not changed for the past 20 years. Both Friends of Long Lake and Long Lake Association dues applications are located at the end of this newsletter.

Hi-Ho-Silver...? The Long Lake Loon Rangers are Underway

Jerry Voigt

You may have seen the two adult loons roaming on our beautiful lake (see picture), but did you know we have a growing list of Loon Rangers? Suzanne Zeimer signed our lake onto the LoonWatch program sponsored by Northland College. Since 1978, LoonWatch's Annual Lakes Monitoring Program has engaged an active volunteer network of Loon Rangers as its primary tool to collect critical long-term data on loons in northern Wisconsin.

This past summer our loons were seen more frequently and seemed to stay throughout the summer. Long Lake Loon Rangers will watch these beautiful birds on the lake. They also record when loons arrive, if they nested, how many chicks were produced, and any potential threats to the loon's nesting site. In fall, data is sent to LoonWatch where it is entered into their database and shared with the WDNR for management decision-making.

Loon Rangers help protect loons by learning their nature on the lake and educating lake users to protect nests and the birds when they are on open water. Loons are a beautiful part of lake life and a Long Lake resident LLA is proud to help foster. If you are feeling loony and want to become a Ranger, please contact me or Suzanne to get involved!

FRIENDS OF LONG LAKE (FLL) (a 501c3 Corporation)

Tom Catlin

The FLL held its annual meeting on Saturday, September 5, outdoors at the Saxeville Town Hall.

High points of the meeting were:

The announcement that the FLL Board elected to form a subcommittee this past spring with the purpose of creating excitement, enthusiasm, and awareness of the FLL. The charter of this subcommittee is to work on the following areas:

- To promote community among Long Lake members and the members of FLL.
- To increase FLL visibility and to encourage membership both from within the Long Lake community as well as outside the Long Lake community.
- To raise awareness of the functions and purpose of the FLL not only within the Long Lake community but the surrounding area.

Because of the challenges presented this year with Covid19 and the cancellation of the Long Lake family picnic, the committee wanted to offer the opportunity to promote Long Lake thru an online store for Long Lake apparel. The summer online store was such a success that the committee decided to offer a fall holiday online store which ended on November 4. For the summer store 34 orders were placed, and for the fall/holiday store 37 orders were placed for a total of $7,000! Profits from these sales (minus the one time logo set up fees) go to the FLL general fund. A special thanks to Lisa Kircher for her coordination and great ideas for the online store.

Need other ideas for stocking stuffers? Available items include Long Lake playing cards, can koozies, blankets, coaster sets, coffee mugs, and decals. To purchase these items, please contact Karen Reindl @920-915 -0997 or email klondonreindl@gmail.com.

Lastly, the FLL Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Lori Schnese and Rhea Teteak for their years of managing the procurement and sale of Long Lake merchandise. Lori has decided to step down from these duties and Rhea has joined the subcommittee. This is a big job and both deserve our special thanks. If you have any ideas to further the purpose of the subcommittee or would like to become involved please contact us.

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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 _____

FRIENDS OF LONG LAKE, INC. Membership Donation

$10.00 or greater contribution ***per member***. (FLL is a 501c3 Corporation)

Membership is open to anyone interested in promoting the functions of Friends of Long Lake. Each *member* has voting privileges.

Annual membership shall be for the period commencing May 1st and ending April 30th. **MAIL TO: FLL; P.O. BOX 9; SAXEVILLE, WI 54976**.

Enclosed is a check or cash in the amount of $_____.
If desired, please designate to which fund you wish to contribute. If no designation is made, your contribution will be added to the General Fund.

$_____ Fire Protection
$_____ Fish Enhancement
$_____ Land Acquisition
$_____ Legal Expenses
$_____ Lake Studies
$_____ Clean Boats/Clean Waters

Name of Member #1_____ Email: _____

Name of Member #2 _____ Email: _____

Home (mailing) Address: _____

Lake Address: _____

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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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