LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES – 44th Annual Meeting
August 15, 2020
Saxeville Town Hall Grounds

The meeting was called to order by President, Dennis Reimer at 8:40 am. Eighty-three (83) members were present forming a quorum.

OPENING REMARKS
Dennis welcomed everyone and introduced the board members. He reminded everyone to follow the recommendations and follow social distancing at the meeting. He explained how to vote using the colored cards that were handed out at registration.

He reviewed the board's efforts over the past year, including forming social media committee, addressing the wake/no wake issue, improving our relations with the towns, updating the lake management plan. He noted the lake management plan is important if LLA applies for grants. He also thanked everyone for attending the informational sessions LLA held over the winter months for the purpose of informing everyone on aquatic plants, shoreline erosion and impacts from boating. He recognized Voigt and Schultz for their efforts on the informational sessions.

Regarding the potential for a Town of Saxeville ordinance on wake restrictions, time will be allowed for comments the issue will not be deliberated or take any motions today. If an ordinance is presented by the town for public comment, we will take a survey of LLA members and property owners.

Dennis recognized several long-time members that passed during the past year: Al Vandenberg, John Stevens, and Joe Hanegraaf. He also acknowledged and welcomed new members to the Association.

GUEST SPEAKERS
He noted Sheriff Wally Zuehkle was unavailable. He then invited Waushara County Detective Sergeant, Brad McCoy, and Ben Mott from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to address the members. The following are highlights of remarks and questions:

- Ben Mott summarized the WDNR'S activities…on the water at least 6 times. Checking landing. Written half dozen citations, fishing and boating related, including fishing without a license, improper boat registrations and lack of PFDs.
- Ds McCoy indicated that no violations were given for boating activities, close to shore, dock, other boats. The sheriff's department is short 4 personnel. Deputies are patrolling roads and cannot get to lakes as much. The department budgeted 80 hours for all the lakes in Waushara County for the season. That is total work hours including travel time, so "on-lake" time is limited.
- Members expressed disappointment in the lack of patrolling and requested that the sheriff's department patrol on weekends and try to hit busiest times.

- Members asked if there are any regulations on parking on roads near the landing? There is an increased amount of traffic because the lake is open while other nearby lakes are restricted. There is no good answer for where trailers are supposed to park. DS McCoy indicated there is no law for parking on the shoulder and if people can navigate through safely on the pavement.
- Members pointed out numerous boating violations, including distance violations and boats going at speed inside no wake buoys, too close to shore or other boats/piers.
- A question was raised on who and how a restriction on the lake would be enforced if the town puts an ordinance in place. DS Mott indicated the sheriff's department enforces such orders and since Long Lake falls in two townships, both towns would have to have similar orders.
- A suggestion was made to consider hiring a private patrol and that there are grants available. The Board of Directors indicated they would investigate this possibility.
- DS Mott also indicated that if anyone notices a violation, then take a picture or video, note the boat number, and report it to the department. The sheriff's department will respond.

Dennis summarized, there is a disconnect with what we heard from sheriff that we would get more patrol under the grant. We used to get 66 hours, but noticeably not under this funding scenario.

Dennis read the Saxeville-Springwater Fire Department update (attached). The written report from Fire Chief Alex Peterson was provided with his regrets on attendance since he was unavailable.

Jerry Voigt mentioned that it is very easy to obtain a free DNR annual burning permit to burn approved materials in DNR protection areas by completing a self-issued burning permit. The permit can be applied for on-line (https://dnr.wi.gov/burnpermits/) and printed at home. He encouraged members to check the burning hotline after 11 am for updated burning conditions on any day folks wish to burn.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jerry Voigt also reported that the Board met ten times over the course of the last year. The board also adopted an open meetings policy. This was communicated to members in the fall 2019 Newsletter. A copy of the policy was provided as a handout.

Jerry reported that copies of the 2019 annual meeting minutes were distributed to members via email prior to the meeting and were also provided as a handout. Members read the minutes. Karla Peters motioned to accept the minutes; Tom Flood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lindy Rucks reported that the current balance is $4347.17. Income to the association is from memberships, current expenses were for fees associated with the education seminars, annual meeting hall rental and newsletter. Mike Cervinka motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Karla Peters seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Lindy reported that Mark Harvat conducted the annual audit of LLA's financial records for the period of May 1, 2019, to April 30, 2020. The report indicated that the books are in proper order.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Bruce Rucks indicated that to date 86 members have paid dues in 2020 (half of last year); Some members have paid ahead. We would like to have emails…to build our list for communications.

Springwater Liaison Report – Jerry Voigt reported that Springwater has amended its resolution authorizing an emergency no wake requirement on Gilbert Lake, Round Lake, Kussel Lake and Pine Lake. The amendment No. 20-1 was published in the Argus on Thursday. The new amendment gives teeth for enforcement…up to $100 fine for violators. If the fine goes unpaid then the violator may receive 6 months in jail. Some individuals challenged the legality of the emergency no-wake order, leading the town to investigate and adopting this new resolution. Town officials have indicated that the emergency resolution would be removed when the waters recede. Jerry also reported that the town considered reducing the speed limit of South Long Lake Road to 25 mph but after a review and discussion with WI DOT they decided to leave the speed at 35 mph. Lastly, for folks with residences on West Long Lake Road, the town indicated that hard surfacing the road is being considered for their 2021 road improvements. This would likely be a hot-mix asphalt at an estimated cost of $58,000.

Saxeville Liaison Report – Dave Schultz reported the following:

- ATV/UTV – there has been concern over liability so the town has not opened the roads; anyone wishing to see this happen must voice concern to the Saxeville board. Tom Catlin provided additional information about ATV/UTV usage in the area and about local ATV/UTV clubs.
- A 25-mph speed limit will be put into place on South Long Lake Road from to 4th Street to the Springwater line (reduction form 35 mph).
- Regarding the no parking signs on South Long Lake Road – the town's position is that they were put up illegally, so the town removed them; However, we have communicated concern to the town, as follows:
    - Parking on road is creating a safety hazard – LLA members are voicing concerns.
    - The right-of-way is 33 ft from Centerline and some individuals coming to the lake are parking on private property.

  Dave suggested that anyone concerned should contact the town officials.
- Regarding the Town's motion to put forward a wake restriction ordinance – this could take 60-90 days or more. The LLA Board has adopted the position that the entire lake will be given an opportunity to vote on any Association position on wake/no wake restrictions. Further, any vote regarding wake/no wake must be based on the proposed Village of Saxeville ordinance language and target at least 2/3 of the property owner's response (one vote per property as designated in the bylaws) to be considered representative for forming the LLA position on the issue.

Dennis opened the floor opened for member comments on the wake/no wake issue and potential ordinance:

- Laurie Flood – proposed a compromise – make slow no wake 200 ft from shore and wave runners 300 ft from shoreline plus limit circling. For time being, the big wake boats would only be used sparingly or not at all; use FLL funds to help provide sand and sandbags, plus consider no wake in the narrows and ski hours.
- John Harvick – expressed he is opposed to no wake rules; Holds opinion that spring turnover and ice out does most damage; boat wakes are not as impactful as wind waves.
- Bill Dohr – proposed a compromise – make narrows no wake and east quarter mile no wake. Let two basins be open; has anyone investigated lowering level by pumping?
    - Dave Schultz – DNR said pumping would have to go through onerous permitting process and would be costly.
- Bruce Rucks Jr. – Opposes a no wake restriction; owns a wakeboard boat; uses it sparingly and tries to be a good neighbor; empathizes with folks that have destruction on shorelines and feels

the wake boat community on the lake are trying to be good neighbors, but folks from outside may be the ones causing the grief.

- Mike Cervinka – favors no restrictions – Holds view that Long Lake is a recreation lake – it diminishes your property value; government does not hold up their end of the bargain with patrol and we cannot control mother nature.
- Bill Schommer – why not restrict some of the skiing hours? Let people that like to fish have early morning. Start skiing after 8 to 9 in the morning.
- Kathy Humke – trailers and boats are piling up on road like no other year; concerned with what these boats are bringing in invasives – narrows are being beat up bad; People from our lake community are respectful, but it is the folks off the lake that cause the problems.
- Rick Schaber – applaud the board to ask folks their opinion – this will help tremendously. Looking forward to all getting on the same page.
- Sue Rucks – people who ski early do so for lake conditions; same as fisherman; competition skiers need those conditions.
- Tom Flood – the experts say that wave action from boats is more significant if it is near the shore; we need more instruction on keeping to the middle.
- Mike Nikolai – concerned with how the mechanics of a no wake ordinance will work…the two commissioners will adopt an ordinance – the only way we can object is through LLA. He requested that the board consider what happens if we do not get 2/3 of the members to respond with their opinion on the ordinance?
    - Dave Schultz, 2/3 is a target response level so we have a representative response for the town.

Fish Management – Dave Schultz indicated that the pan fish bag limits were accepted by the WDNR and went into effect with the 2020 fishing season. The new bag limit for panfish is 10 fish of any species or 10 fish combined of all species. A new fish report was received from WDNR last week. It is incorporated in the lake management plan. Highlights of the DNR study:

- 91 percentiles of all WI lakes for Northern Pike
- Crappie and panfish down
- Largemouth down
- Smallmouth up
- Perch good
- Walleye good
- Shortage of food sources – pan fish and white suckers

Dave indicated that fish stocking figures would be reported in the newsletter.

Lake Management – Jim Schiek reported on water quality.

- Total PH is major indicator of lake water quality. Above 0.02 mg/L is considered excessive; we have had numbers lower than that through history.
- Spring of 2020 readings were 0.015 East basin 0.018 in West basin.
- Hired Golden Sands as a consultant for a weed survey – looking for Eurasian Milfoil; Their 2020 study indicated no zebra mussels or milfoil found; banded mystery nails found but not considered significant issue; zebra mussels have been in the lake off and on; they do not seem to be able to survive.

- Secchi Disk readings – the DNR took reading July 30, 2020; 12.5 ft was reading, which is typical of past readings. In 2019 the readings were: 8.5 feet in May, 20.5 feet in July, and 12 feet in September.

Clean Boats/Clean Water – Tom Catlin reported that there are currently there are 23 working volunteers. The volunteer schedule is from Friday to Sunday 6:00am to 6:00pm. Each volunteer shift is 2 hours. He thanked the volunteers. This season 665 boats have been checked in over 170 2-hour shifts worked.

Tom noted volunteers are always need and anyone interested in volunteering can contact him and he can provide instruction to the volunteer, so they are comfortable and confidant working the landing.

Social Media – Mike Harvat and Wendy Vincent are the team; Mike reported that there are three other sites linked to the lake. The LLA Board wanted to create a place for people to go to that is official for the Association.

Picnic – Ken Swanson reported that the picnic was cancelled this year due to COVID. We will plan to hold a picnic next summer.

2020 LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dave Schultz and Jerry Voigt presented the plan. The plan has been sent to all members for review, comments that were raised have been addressed. The DNR has also performed their initial review and found it to be outstanding. The latest fish study was added as an Appendix. With association member's approval, the plan will be presented for final adoption by the DNR and for acceptance by Waushara County and the towns of Springwater and Saxeville.

Motion to approve the lake management plan was made by Tom Flood and seconded by Bob Schnese. The motion passed unanimously.

NOMINATIONS FOR 3 OPEN BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS

Bruce Rucks thanked Dennis Reimer and Lindy Rucks for their service on the board of directors. Dennis Reported that there are 3 open seats for the board.

- Lindy Rucks – served last year of 6-year term and cannot run again this year.
- Jerry Voigt – Fulfilled the last year of Gary Wisbrocker's term and wishes to run again for a new 3-year term.
- Dennis Reimer – served last year of 3-year term and will not be running again.

The following additional nominations came forward from the membership prior to the meeting:

- Mary Ann Cervinka
- Stu McIntyre
- Todd Schultz
- Jerry Voigt
- Dave Wangerin

Dennis called for nominations from the floor for the LLA Board. He asked once, asked twice, and asked a third time. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Karla Peters motioned to close

nominations. Bonnie Rucks seconded, and the motion carried. Members were asked to use the ballots that were handed out to cast their votes for the open board positions and the ballots were collected.

15TH ANNUAL BOAT PARADE

Mike Cervinka reported that there was great participation in the 16th annual boat parade this year. 14 boats were involved, tying the record from the first year. No lights needed; photos are provided. It is a lot of fun!

ASSOCIATED GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES:

Friends of Long Lake – Tom Catlin reported that the membership is over 100. It is an organization that allows a way to share with other organizations and support the community; Funds you can contribute to are general, fire, fish, land, lake study, and clean boats/clean waters.

There will be an Annual Meeting for all FLL members Saturday, September 5, 2020, 9:00am at the Saxeville Town Hall. Elections and review of bylaws will be held. Draft of bylaws is posted on LLA website for review. Among the proposed changes are altering the fiscal and membership years to coincide with LLA.

Long Lake Yacht Club – Mike Cervinka reported on the yacht club season. It was the latest start ever in history of the yacht club – started the middle of July because COVID has impacted participation; He reminded members of the link to the Yacht Club website on LLA website. Sailing membership dues are $60.00 and social membership dues are $30.00.

Splash – Karla Peters indicated there has been some damage, possibly an accident, but some vandalism is also suspected. New barrels were put on by Gary and Stu. Due to high water, the raft needs to be stored on end of lake. Donations are welcomed and being accepted to cover repairs. Please send donations to "Splash Inc." and use the LLA postal address.

Long Lake Apparel – Dennis provided an update based on written remarks provided by Lori Schnese and Lisa Kircher who were unavailable. Due to COVID, a change was made to the apparel ordering process for this year. A limited variety of items was made available through a website. Lori is willing to meet with people to buy other items at her home. This was all explained in the letter/email that went to FLL members and LL residents in July. The hope is to go back to onsite selling next year at the picnic and annual meeting. Depending on the success of the online sale, it may be offered again before the holidays.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS RESULTS

Bruce Rucks reported the following results for the three open director positions:

1. Mary Ann Cervinka (1st term)
2. Todd Schultz (1st term)
3. Jerry Voigt (1st term)

The full slate for the board includes Dave Schultz; Ken Swanson, Wendy Petersen Vincent, Mike Harvat, Tom Catlin, Bruce Rucks, Mary Ann Cervinka, Tod Schultz, and Jerry Voigt.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Old Business - none
New Business –

- Loon Rangers -- Susan Ziemer expressed interest in forming a “Loon Rangers” effort for Long Lake, which is a program sponsored by Northland College. Throughout summer, Loon Rangers watch loons on a lake where they live, vacation, or visit often. Loon Rangers record when loons arrive, if they nested, how many pairs and chicks they are, etc. Suzanne requested that if anyone was interested to contact her.
- Several members expressed interest in and guidance on how to handle tree drops with many threatened trees along the shoreline.
- Several members expressed interest in properly restoring no parking signs near the landing and asked for support with expressing the need to the Town of Saxeville.

CLOSING REMARKS/CALL TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Schnese and seconded by Dave Schultz. The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Voigt
Secretary

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Hello,

First, I would like to apologize for not being able to attend your meeting this year. One of my captains (Tyler Bauer) is getting married today and I am standing in the wedding. Most of the fire department will be attending the wedding today, but no worries, we will still be able to respond on any emergency calls!

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Alex Peterson, I am the new chief for Saxeville-Springwater Fire Department. Ed Schaber was the chief for 10 years and has since retired from being chief. Ed is still highly active in the fire department and we are very happy about that! I grew up in Saxeville and have lived here my entire life. I attended Fox Valley Technical College where I received my degree in fire science. I then went on to become state certified Firefighter 1, firefighter 2, Driver-Operator, Fire officer, and HAZMAT Technician level. I then attended Midstate Technical college where I received my paramedic degree. I have worked full time for Waushara County EMS since receiving my paramedic degree.

So, now that I bored you with stuff about me, I want to talk about a few things about the fire department with you. As of this letter, we have ran 94 calls so far this year. Calls are up for this year so far. This last spring Waushara county was under a burn ban with extreme fire conditions. I want to remind everyone to always check on the DNR website every day prior to burning to check the daily burn restrictions. When there is a DNR burn ban, the DNR will enforce it and write citations if you are burning. Also, burning permits are required from January 1st until May 31st. These can be obtained on the DNR website and are free. The reason for burning permits is to get people onto the website so they can check burning restrictions.

I have recently drove all the roads around all 10 lakes in our fire district. First thing that came to my attention is fire numbers at the end of driveways. Some of the fire numbers are grown up on grass, trees, or bushes. This makes it difficult for us to locate the house that we are going to. Also, for the town of Springwater residents who do not have the flag style fire numbers, please leave them facing the road. I have seen several that people have turned to only face one way. I am guessing it is because they assume that emergency vehicles will be coming from the way they have them facing? Unfortunately, fire apparatus is only 1 piece of the puzzle. We usually travel in groups; we get the sheriffs department sometimes and ambulance could be coming from any direction.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone who lives on private roads, please try and keep the roads well brushed. This also includes driveways. If we are not able to get to the house, we are extremely limited on what we can do. Our main engine is 10 feet tall, 32 feet long, and 9 feet wide. We do have a mini pumper that is on a F550 Chassis that we have in case there is access

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limitations. Obviously, this piece of equipment does not have as big of a pump on it as the main engine and does not carry as much hose.

Thank you for your time and all your donations. With the COVID-19 Pandemic going on, we have had to spend a lot of extra money on PPE for our first responders and firefighters. We have started a gofundme page to raise money to purchase all new med bags for our first responders along with equipment for them. If you are interested in donating, please look at the link on our Facebook page. If you have any questions for me, my contact information is below. Feel free to email or call me with any questions! Thank you and have a great rest of your summer!

Regards,

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