LONG LAKE NEWS

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Winter 2021

President's Message – Jerry Voigt

Greetings from LLA and Long Lake! I hope that wherever you are, you are healthy, happy, and warm. As for me, I am a bit startled, as the first snowflakes of the season are falling. Less than a week ago I was casting lures in shorts and a tee-shirt. But . . . there is little doubt that this marvelously extended fall is turning quickly to winter in Central Wisconsin.

2021 gave us a great open water season! Life returned to normal (mostly!), and we were able to share in the fellowship of our annual summer picnic, boat parade, and the other community activities that help make this a fun place to spend summer days. We can all be thankful that there were no major incidents on the lake this year and all indications are boaters did a better job of following safety laws and boating etiquette. Once the summer activities slowed down, the period from Labor Day to mid-November was one of the nicest I can ever remember. I have to say the fish were matching my enthusiasm, and certainly glad to partake in the lures I was presenting to them. Fishing has been good, and this is a great indication our lake is healthy!

Unfortunately, many of us found zebra mussels as we were removing our rafts and docks this year. We reported this to our partners at Golden Sands and to the DNR. While it is well established that we have them, the question remains on how robust zebra mussels can become in our water. On a positive note, Golden Sands did not find Eurasian Water Milfoil, which plagues many nearby lakes, during our 2021 detection study. Never-the-less, the LLA Board will be taking additional steps to keep us vigilant against invasives and is preparing in case one day Long Lake is further infected. Clean Boats Clean Waters remains our core defense, but we are establishing a maximum target level of financial reserves to be fiscally responsible and are pledging to contribute any amount beyond the target to Friends of Long Lake earmarked for future invasive species mitigation. We are also preparing an educational flyer on invasives to further educate members and guests to the lake.

As we look forward, we plan to continue all our traditions, old and new in 2022! Check out our tentative 2022 calendar in this newsletter, mark the dates and remember it's never too early to think about getting involved. My challenge to you is to find just one thing, even just one hour, to step up and help. Think of it as building new friendships and investing in old ones, while building a real sense of satisfaction serving your community and giving something back to the lake.

Now with these first snowflakes tapering off, I need to grab some more logs for the fire. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season with your friends and family wherever you may be. If you are hanging around for the winter be careful on the ice and we'll see you all next summer!

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Fish Report 2021

Dave Schultz

Though our water level has gone down since last year it still provided additional spawning habitat for many of the fish species in Long Lake. Fallen trees and woody vegetation now submerged provide excellent habitat.

We Really Kare Fish Club, who we usually work with to plant fish, eliminated their stocking this year because of the Covid-19 issues forcing the club to cancel their fishery. This is the club's primary source of funding for fish on the area lakes. The Covid-19 situation did benefit us in the end. Gollon Fish Hatchery was able to provide us with last year's discounted pricing for perch. Thanks to your donations to the Friends of Long Lake we were able to plant 675 3"-5" and 2,000 5"-7" perch. Your generous donations to the Friend fish fund allowed us to continue with our mission to provide a "Family Friendly Fishery" in our lake. The DNR did plant walleye this year but as of today I was not able to get any information as to size and quantity from our biologists.

2019 was a DNR comprehensive fish study year for our lake. This prompted the DNR to propose a slot limit on Northern Pike on our lake in the April Conservation Congress meeting throughout the state. This proposal passed and the last I heard was waiting for the governor to sign into law. This slot would protect Northern pike from 25"-34". These are normally the prime breeding females. Protection of these fish should help maintain a healthy population in our lake.

Our Largemouth Bass population is down but the Smallmouth Bass population appears to be going up. This may be a very good thing because there appears to be evidence that both smallmouth bass and perch eat Zebra Mussels. Please remember the Friends of Long Lake for your generous financial donations again this year for our fish fund. These donations are tax deductible as Friends is a 501 C-3. We Really Kare Fish Club 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!"

Loon Watch Update

Loons Seemed to Thrive in 2021 – Suzanne Ziemer & Jerry Voigt

We enjoyed a wonderfully long season for loons on the lake this year. It started with sightings in April and continued all the way through October. Our very own Loon Rangers sighted as many as four loons together on occasion and also a mama loon swimming with her babies on her back. Throughout October, solitary and pairs of loons stopped on Long Lake to rest in our water during their annual migration.

We are excited that for a second consecutive year loons have been active in our water for the entire season. Not only is this a sign of a healthy loon population in Wisconsin, but it is also a sign Long Lake is supporting a healthy local ecosystem.

With Long Lake Association's encouragement, we are now part of the Loon Watch program sponsored by Northland College. The program engages volunteers (Loon Rangers!) from the public to collect and report data on loons in northern and central Wisconsin.

I hope you agree that these awesome birds have added a wonderful "up north" sound and feel to our Central Wisconsin lake. If you want to learn more about supporting loons or becoming a ranger, please contact me or Suzanne (suzanneziemer@gmail.com) to get involved!

Growing Our Social Media Communication

Wendy Vincent

Our Facebook & Instagram accounts are helping LLA get information out to all as well as connecting our members to the happenings here on the lake along with those supporting our local communities. Please hit the blue Follow button for our 'LONG LAKE Association – Saxeville Wi' **Fan Page** if you are on Facebook; and for those of you with Instagram look for 'longlakesaxeville' to start following us. Currently we have 152 Fan Page followers on Facebook and 57 followers on IG. Please follow us on our official social media channels.

These social media accounts focus on what LLA is working on to support our lake and local community. There is some confusion about the LLA -Saxeville Private Group on Facebook, which is another account that has reposts from our primary Fan Page, and also where Lost/Found information can also be shared. There are several other Facebook Groups based on Long Lake where you can share and find other information and even list for sale or 'In Search of" items.

Some of the highlights you will find on our official social media posts include: Lake Data, the popular LLA Picnic - from Save the Date announcements to photos of the fun at the event, informative Wake Responsibly reminders, Blood Drive recruiting, and links to purchase LLA swag from Friends of Long Lake. To check out what we are doing, just type '@longlakesaxeville' in your search bar and our accounts will show up. You do not even need an account – but it really does help stay notified when we do make a post.

Burning Permits

Michael Harvat

Burning permits are required from January 1st to May 31st each year. Burning permits are required by the Wisconsin DNR in many parts of the state to conduct legal and responsible burning in the outdoors. Burning permits are free and easy to obtain. They encourage the public to burn safely and are proven to be effective in protecting lives, property and natural resources from the damages of wildfires. DNR website: **https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/restrictions.asp**

STEPS TO SAFE BURNING

1. Get a permit: Obtain a **free permit online** instantly with an email address. Or call the hotline 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily to have a burning permit mailed to you.
2. Check before burning: After 11 a.m. on the day you wish to burn, check the **daily burning restrictions** and select the county where you plan to burn. Fire conditions change quickly, so it's important to check each day you burn to find out if burning is allowed, burning hours and any size limitations.
3. Follow the rules: Follow the daily burning restrictions and fire safety recommendations listed on the permit. Make sure to have all the necessary tools to keep your fire contained. Lastly, make sure your fire is completely out before leaving.

The DNR will post updated conditions for safe burning or BAN burning when conditions are higher risk.

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Clean Boats Clean Waters 2021

Tom Catlin

This past boating season returned to normal where in 2020 we were dealing with a number of issues none of which were those that the Merry Band of Volunteers could control. Water levels basically stabilized and are at least currently dropping. Covid is still with us and in my opinion will be with us for years to come, but we are learning how to live our lives in its presence.

Zebra mussels are still present in our lake and based on my boat lifts, etc. as well as reports from around the lake, are manifesting themselves (i.e. multiplying). As for Eurasian milfoil we have yet to document any of it in our lake while most of the lakes in our area and beyond have infestations of this aquatic invasive plant. The CBCW volunteers working at the landing have been credited by a number of professional organizations as the reason Long Lake to date does not have this invasive aquatic species. Zebra Mussels are most certainly not good, but it is the Eurasian milfoil plant that is the 8,000 lb. gorilla ($$$) that we need to be concerned about.

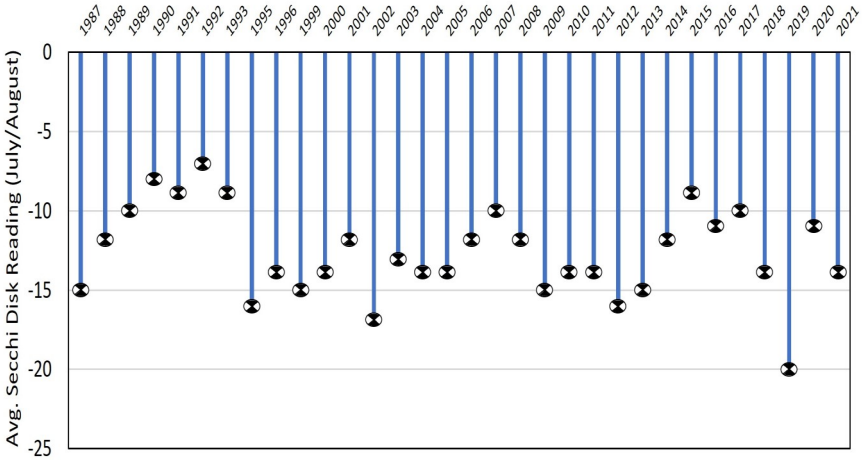
In 2021 our Merry Band of Volunteers logged 537.5 hours at the landing between Memorial Day and the weekend after Labor Day. Bottom line, it was an outstanding job by a dedicated group of volunteers (i.e. lake stewards). In the past we have recognized the top four contributors (hours worked) with an award of Long Lake apparel. This year we are electing to recognize those volunteers who committed to a set shift for the season. These people are: Tom Catlin, Mary Ann Cervinka, Tom & Laurie Flood, John Harvat, Mark Harvat, Dee & Mason Haven, Bob Molitor, Karen Reindl & Kali Sipp, Terry Purvis, Dave Schultz, Todd Schultz, Dave Wangerin, and Suzanne Ziemer. This group of individuals deserve special recognition. Season-long shifts are important to our program, This group worked 442 of the 537 hours. As for a number of volunteers that worked at least one shift, we had 24 this year as compared to 27 last year. In recognition of their commitment to Long Lake's well-being as well as to the CBCW program, each person listed may order at the spring sale or select at events such as the LLA annual meeting or the LLA/FLL Long Lake Family Picnic, a single item of apparel or swag up to a value of $40. Should an item be selected in excess of the $40 limit you will be credited $40 towards the selection. The costs will be deducted from the FLL CBCW fund.

Are you thinking about joining our Merry Band of Volunteers for this coming season? We sure would welcome your help in protecting the water quality of Long Lake. Please email me so we can get you started. My email is on the first page of this newsletter.

As in past years the FLL has donated the hours worked at the landing to Golden Sands Resource & Conservation Development Council, a 501(c) 3 organization, located in Stevens Point…., and will once again this year. Long Lake utilizes this organization to monitor our lake for invasive species. Donating these hours goes a long ways towards helping them accrue credits required by the DNR to qualify for a grant. What is this worth to their organization? 537 hrs x $ 12/hr. = $6,444. After this year, (unless the DNR again delays the change), the DNR is changing the way an organization can qualify to receive grant monies necessary to operate; thus this will be the last year they will be able to utilize our hours to help their organization to qualify for DNR grant money.

Have a great, healthy, and happy winter and we will see you all next spring.

Water Clarity (Secchi Disk) Historical Data – Long Lake



Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; Citizen Lake Monitoring Network

LLA . . . Committed to Bringing Our Community Together to:

- Preserve/protect our lake's natural resources.
- Prevent/combat lake and shore land pollution.
- Maintain the lake and area's scenic beauty.
- Develop and institute lake policies and practices through science and studies.
- Maintain accessibility for recreational and leisure activities.
- Preserve our heritage of caring for our friends and neighbors.

Long Lake Ice-On and Ice-Off Dates

Winter	Ice-On	Ice-Off
1990-91	5-Dec	5-Apr
1991-92	3-Dec	10-Apr
1992-93	13-Dec	23-Apr
1993-94	21-Dec	9-Apr
1994-95	17-Dec	3-Apr
1995-96	5-Dec	21-Apr
1996-97	27-Nov	15-Apr
1997-98	20-Dec	30-Mar
1998-99	25-Dec	31-Mar
1999-00	17-Dec	14-Mar
2000-01	6-Dec	12-Apr
2001-02	31-Dec	14-Apr
2002-03	3-Dec	4-Apr
2003-04	13-Dec	5-Apr
2004-05	19-Dec	9-Apr
2005-06	3-Dec	31-Mar
2006-07	17-Jan	28-Mar
2007-08	6-Dec	16-Apr
2008-09	7-Dec	12-Apr
2009-10	12-Dec	31-Mar
2010-11	9-Dec	15-Apr
2011-12	23-Dec	17-Mar
2012-13	22-Dec	27-Apr
2013-14	8-Dec	19-Apr
2014-15	1-Dec	2-Apr
2015-16	5-Jan	27-Mar
2016-17	16-Dec	4-Apr
2017-18	15-Dec	27-Apr
2018-19	9-Dec	9-Apr
2019-20	12-Dec	3-Apr
2020-21	17-Dec	24-Mar
2021-22	???	???

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

NOTE: THE FISCAL YEAR FOR THE FLL HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MAY 1ST THRU APRIL 30th OF EACH YEAR AND THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON A DATE COINCIDING WITH THE LLA ANNUAL MEETING, ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.

The FLL held its annual meeting on Saturday, June 26th. Some points from this meeting are:

- Two board members terms expired and were replaced by Joel Dillingham and Christina (Chris) Christensen.
- The threshold for spending limit per occurrence for which the FLL Board has approval is $5000. This includes anything within the corporate functions of the Board. Line items outside corporate functions and line items over $5000 requires membership approval.
- The Sheriff's water patrol garnered considerable discussion. Bottom line is that we have all but given up for all practical purposes having a reasonable patrol presence on Long Lake. Each spring we meet with the Sheriff and get lots of encouraging statements for the coming year and lots of excuses about the past year but that is about it. To attempt to deal with this issue the LLA has stepped up and established an education subcommittee which will produce a pamphlet containing a combination of Wisconsin Boating regulations and common sense boating courtesy (excess noise and boat wake control). This information will be made available to all property owners and also will be available at the landing.
- Free Library Boxes: The placement of two free library boxes was approved at a total cost of $250. One box can be found at the intersection of North Long Lake Rd. and Wilson Rd. and the other is located opposite the tennis court on South Long Lake Rd.
- Fish Stocking: Dave Schultz requested and was approved $3,000 (not to exceed).
- FLL donations approved $3,000 to the Springwater/Saxeville Fire Department and $3,000 to the Pine River Beautification and Library Enhancement Committee. The fire department had purchased a crew cab pickup truck to transport members to Appleton for training and to transport firefighting crews to fires, but needed funds to equip it. The monies approved for the Pine River project were to assist in funding the removal of the old abandoned hotel next to the library and the construction of a covered deck (attached to the library) and landscaping which included plantings and benches to facilitate outdoor children's programs, etc.. The work was to commence this past summer but was delayed until this coming spring due to the high price of building materials.

Should anyone wish to have a copy of the revised FLL By-Laws please contact Tom Catlin or Joel Dillingham. The by-laws can also be found at the LLA web site: **lla.lakekit.net/Friends of Long Lake**

Discussion was held regarding banking, donations, and communicating with our membership. As a result of this, it was determined that your Board will investigate changing banks to allow us to develop procedures to allow electronic donations should an individual so wish. Coinciding with this we are also working on developing a FLL web page which will among other things provide a platform for on-line selling of apparel and swag. We are shooting for a spring 2022 roll out and an update will be provided in the Spring newsletter.

Currently we have 115 donor/members for this current fiscal year which ends on April 30, 2022. Donations to date total $5,301 (this covers the period April –December 2021).

Be Careful Around Aerators!

Jerry Voigt

Although Long Lake's water has receded some since the high mark in 2020, we still anticipate that some lake residents will be using aerators again to protect their shoreline structures this winter. Aerators are a common and effective means of keeping water moving so it does not easily freeze, protecting structures from ice damage. Those folks who choose to use aerators are liable for any accidents that may occur from thin ice or open water unless they follow all the required precautionary steps outlined by the DNR. See: **https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways/documents/aeratorfactsheet.pdf.** Warning signs and perimeter markings are required.

For anyone else who intends to enjoy Long Lake during the hard water season, **PLEASE BE CAREFUL NEAR THE SHORELINE** when walking, ice skating, fishing, snowmobiling or taking advantage of any winter opportunity on the lake. Also, please keep your dogs from wandering near these areas unleashed!

LLA will place informational signs at the snowmobile trailhead and at thelanding to warn winter lake users about the potential hazards.

2022 Save the Dates!

April
16th – LLA Spring Board Meeting (10 am)
30th – Spring Road Clean-up (9 am meet-up)

May
27th – CBCW Season Officially Begins
30th – MEMORIAL DAY

June
TBD – Septic Pumping Day
18th – LLA Summer Board Meeting (10 am)

July
2nd – LLA Annual Meeting (8:30-11 am)
3rd – Annual Boat Parade (7:30 pm meet-up)
16th – Annual Picnic (4 pm)

September
3rd – Annual Blood Drive (Morning)
5th – LABOR DAY (CBCW Season Closes)
10th – LLA Fall Board Meeting (10 am)

Watch for Updates! Some Dates May Change Due to Unforeseen Circumstances

Watch for LLA and FLL 2022 membership renewal information in early Spring 2022. You will be able to renew electronically or by check.

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LONG LAKE MERCHANDISE

If you would like to review our current merchandise, please contact

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LLA apparel will be available for purchase during on-line sales in spring and fall. Some merchandise will also be available for purchase at both the LLA Annual Membership Meeting and the LLA Family Picnic.

Visit our web site at:

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