LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION
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MINUTES - 48th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Saturday, July 6, 2024
Saxeville Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Voigt at 8:35 am.

Present: Jerry Voigt, Rick Schaber, Dave Schultz, Wendy Vincent, Tom Catlin, Dave Wangerin, John Harvat, Patty Jackson, Bruce Rucks, and 102 community members.

PLEDGE

OPENING REMARKS
Jerry introduced the board members, thanked the community for their continued support, welcomed new members, and acknowledged those who passed this year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Patty Jackson
Patty Jackson presented the 2023 Annual meeting minutes and asked if there were any corrections or additions needed. There were no additions or corrections.
Dennis Reimer motioned to accept the 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented. Karla Peters seconded. All were in favor of minutes as presented. Meeting Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were accepted.

GUEST SPEAKER
Fred Silloway, Chairman of Waupaca Chain O'Lakes District, spoke on local ordinances affecting enhanced wakes on the Chain O'Lakes, Spencer, and Stratton Lakes. He defined the challenges of enhanced wakes.

- Jerry summarized that the Long Lake Association's stance is to educate boaters on science-backed best practices and current boating regulations, and we will wait and see if Long Lake is further affected by the ordinances once they are in effect.
- A suggestion was made to poll the Association before any further actions are taken by the board.
- A long-term resident shared that similar new activity challenges were also presented with the introduction of motorized fishing boats, ski boats, wave runners, and sailboats, suggesting we continue to find a way to coexist.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Rick Schaber
Mark Harvat reviewed and approved the treasurer's report as balanced.
Rick Schaber explained that association income consists of membership dues and donations. There were no requests for donations from Friends of Long Lake this year.
Expenses this year included water quality testing equipment, the annual picnic, newsletters,

and printing.
Bonnie Rucks motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Cameron McFarland seconded. All were in favor. Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

Membership – Rick Schaber
There were 118 members as of 10:35 pm on July 5th. Twenty-one members paid before the meeting, making the current total members: 139. Last year's membership was 175.

Education – Jerry Voigt
Jerry presented the waterproof boating safety cards and requested members keep them on their boat, educating visitors on best boating practices.

Lake Patrol – Jerry Voigt
As a founding member and leader of the Waushara County Lake Safety Group, Jerry Voigt met with current and incoming lake patrol deputies, Jacob Hansen and Adam Weber last weekend. Last year there were 300 hours dedicated to lake patrol. This year the goal is 600 hours. Deputies' focus in 2023 was educating boaters on safety rules, regulations, and precautions. This year the focus will be on citations, especially for any safety violations.

Suggestions were made to continue to self-police, and respectfully educate or speak to others regarding infractions.

Lake Management – John Harvat
Water level up 5 inches in the last month due to heavy rain, and even more since the spring. Water chemistry data is gathered in spring and fall. Oxygen, temperature profiles will be gathered monthly.

Currently, oxygen and temperature levels show good lake health. Last month temperature was 66 degrees at 20 feet. Oxygen levels were 12-13 mg/l at the surface (5 mg/l necessary for fish), and still good at 55-60 feet. Water clarity is within the average of the lake. Zebra mussel surveys will continue from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Last year's collection showed average infiltration compared to other lakes.
Golden Sands yearly plant survey reports no Eurasian milfoil, and the Flowering Rush from 2022 was addressed. The Association hired Golden Sands to do another evaluation this summer.

Land Management – Rick Schaber
A view corridor is an area of land where trees can be cut along the shoreline. The corridor is to be no greater than 35% of a lot's lake frontage. The County and DNR require approval for any trees, alive or dead, to be removed from the shoreline outside of the property's designated view corridor. Check with the county zoning department for approval before removing any trees outside of designated areas. They may require you to replace dead trees with something similar.

Fish Enhancement – Dave Schultz
Creating a family-friendly fishing lake is our mission. We Really Kare Fish Club and Friends of Long Lake partner with us in stocking the lake. Our plan this year is for Friends to stock white suckers with We Really Kare stocking walleye. Friends of Long Lake stocks on a rotating schedule. Next year they are scheduled to stock walleye.

Dave emphasized the critical importance of the male bluegills in protecting the fish beds and that protecting the beds are a means to increase fish population without restocking. The beds are primarily located near the tree drops. A request was made for property owners near these tree drops and other fish nesting areas to allow fish refuge markings for spawning in April, May, and June. Key mature bluegills mature at 10-12 years of age. A request was made for volunteers to help with the marking of beds to protect the spawning and increase the fish population. Those interested are encouraged to contact Dave Schultz.

Clean Boat/Clean Water Program – Tom Catlin
After 20 years of founding and leading the CBCW Program, Tom Catlin is retiring his position. Tom explained that the organization started as a high school class project. It is supported, but not funded, by the state. Approximately 500 volunteer hours over 250 have been donated to the CBCW efforts in the past year. The "mighty band of volunteers" is comprised of 27 people. 11 shifts are set with volunteers for the season. The other shifts fluctuate week to week. In the past 20 years of the program's existence, approximately 9000 hours have been worked, deeming it the largest 100% volunteer-run program in the state.
Tom encourages high schoolers and college students to become active in the organization, realizing the benefits of community contributions personally and as a resume/college application-building project.

RECOGNITION
Tom Catlin was recognized for his countless hours of contributions to Long Lake through his decades of service on, but not limited to, the Long Lake Association Board and Clean Boats/Clean Water leadership. Jerry Voigt presented Tom with a smiling photo of Tom in his CBCW tee-shirt as he worked the boat launch. Volunteers and past board members were encouraged to sign the backside of the wooden-backed photo. Tom was also presented with a vintage lake topographical map with markers of the landing and the Catlin home.

NOMINATION AND CASTING BALLOTS – Dave Wangerin
Dave Wangerin presented nominees for the three open board positions:

- Dave Wangerin – To serve a second term
- Emily Nicolai
- Todd Schultz
- Cameron McFarlan

A call for further nominees was presented by Dave Wangerin three times.
Tom Flood motioned to close the floor to nominations and accept the four nominees. Karla Peters seconded the motion. All were in favor. Karla Peters and

TOWN REPORTS

Springwater – Rick Schaber

Jerry Voigt and/or Rick attend every town of Springwater monthly meeting. Rick reports no ordinance or regulation changes. Ed Hernandez is now the chairman of the town board, replacing chairman Everett Eckstein. Long Lake has a standard position on the town's meeting agenda. There will be a property re-evaluation in 2025.

Saxeville – Dave Wangerin

Curbing is scheduled to take place on North Long Lake Road. Mowing of ditches will follow the completion of mowing the county roads. The town is currently taking bids for a new snowplowing company. New assessments/tax bills were sent out this year.

Friends of Long Lake – Britt Mason

Friends will be contributing to the stocking of fish and are reviewing contributing to the new water monitoring equipment for the lake.
The standard annual meeting date for Friends of Long Lake was moved to an earlier date to provide separation between the Friends of Long Lake and the Long Lake Association annual meetings. Significantly increased attendance was reported. The speaker at this year's meeting covered the topic of the native prairie garden being installed at the Covered Bridge Park this fall. See the native prairie's ecological benefits on the Friends of Long Lake's website.
Swag has been updated this year. Finances are balanced and positioned for possible future needs.
Britt explained a possible stock donation program being set up for future land purchases around the lake. Donors would receive significant capital gains benefits. If interested, contact a Friends of Long Lake board member.
Friends of Long Lake Website

ACTIVITIES & ISSUES UPDATE:

Parade – Mike Cervinka

This year Long Lake will be hosting its 20th Annual Boat Parade under the leadership of Mike Cervinka. The parade began as a lighted parade with the hopes of lasting a few years. Due to the complexities of powering lights, the parade moved to an earlier start time. The Hjerstedt family has been recognized for their contribution to the annual event through their photography, placement, and participation framed pictures.
Register at the meeting today or stop by the cottage any time prior to the start of the parade. Parade starts at 7:30 PM at Cervinka dock.

Picnic

Emily Nikolai and Vicki Harvat are co-coordinators of the July 20, 2024, picnic at Courtney and Ryan Weiland's house at 4 pm. They are looking for 2 food servers. Bring a dish to pass.

There will be kids' games, burgers, brats, hot dogs, soda, beer, and wine.
Tables will be picked up at the fire department at 8 am.

Long Lake Yacht Club – Monny Hjerstedt
LLYC is in its 58th year. There are 7 active sailors. Races take place Saturdays from 12:30-2:30. A request was made that boats with wakes give sailboats room. Those interested in sailing are invited to contact LLYC members to sail or gain assistance in buying a sailboat. All parties are welcome to the LLYC parties.
A special request was made that if an overturned sailboat is sighted, boaters approach and ask the sailor if they desire assistance. Uprighting a boat can be challenging yet touching a sailboat in a race disqualifies the racer.

Splash – Karla Peters
The top was redone by Gary. A new board will be placed soon. Financial standings are good, explaining the absence of the money bucket at the meeting. Next year a new 4x4 for the tower will be updated. Recognition was given to Gary Bahr and Stu McEntyre for their hours of service in providing an upkept floating diving board and raft.

Loon Rangers – Suzanne Ziemer
Three loons took residence at Long Lake last year. This year 1-3 have been sighted.

Community Blood Drive – Bob Schnese
Community hospitals and blood centers are in a large need of blood.
Long Lake will be joining Pine Lake for their annual blood drive on Saturday, August 31st, from 7:30 am – 11:00 am. If you cannot donate at that time, Bob encourages donating on your own time.

Communications
Social Media – Wendy Vincent
The intention of the Long Lake Facebook and Instagram platforms is to share community information with our community. The public Facebook page will allow you to forward posted information while the private page does not.
Contact Wendy Vincent with information you would like posted.

Website – Bruce Rucks
Go to Long Lake Website for Long Lake history, facts, figures, association meeting minutes. You will also find lake studies, membership and dues information, and links to our partners such as Friends of Long Lake and Splash.

Election of Directors Results – Dave Wangerin
Open seats have been voted on and will be filled by Dave Wangerin, Emily Nikolai, and Todd Schultz.

Old Business – None

New Business
Tom Flood reminded boaters to give swimmers room and to avoid areas between swim rafts and docks.
A recommendation was made that any controversial topic presented by the board should have speakers from both sides of the topic represented.

Denise Reimer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bonnie Rucks seconded the motion. All were in favor.
Meeting dismissed at 10:43 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patty Jackson, Secretary