MINUTES — 49th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Saturday, July 5, 2025
Saxeville Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Voigt at **8:32 AM**.

PRESENT:
Jerry Voigt, Emily Nikolai, Dave Wangerin, John Harvat, Todd Schultz, Patty Jackson, Bruce Rucks, Wendy Vincent.
Rick Schaber attended via telephone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING REMARKS:
President Voigt introduced the Board of Directors, thanked the community for their ongoing support, welcomed new members, and honored those we lost this past year.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Patty Jackson
Patty Jackson presented the minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting and asked for any corrections or additions. None were noted.

Karla Peters moved to accept the 2024 minutes as presented. Tom Catlin seconded**.** Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jerry Voigt (with Rick Schaber via telephone)
Jerry Voigt reviewed the Treasurer's Report, noting a current association balance of $3,145 and 157 paid members.

Bonnie Rucks moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Tom Catlin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LAKE MANAGEMENT – John Harvat

- Water level reported at 2 feet above average.
- Golden Sands completed the annual plant survey: no Eurasian milfoil found; a small amount of Flowering Rush removed.

- In year 3 of zebra mussel study – traps placed in same six locations around lake. Will report findings in fall.
- New monitoring equipment purchased last year with help of Friends of Long Lake donation of $5000. The equipment provides ability to measure dissolved oxygen and temperature profiles throughout water column. Readings are being taken monthly and reports will be made after this season.

LAND MANAGEMENT – Dave Wangerin

Project Harmony Update:

- Marquette County Court upheld the Waushara County zoning board's decision to allow conditional use.
- An appeal by Waushara County is unlikely as no judicial error was identified.
- County admitted failing to present enough facts regarding erosion, water quality, density concerns, and property value impacts.
- No formal development plan submitted yet; Hotel/Motel may proceed under current commercial zoning.
- Town of Springwater will not appeal ruling.
- Waushara County will require compliance with ATCP 72 for Hotel/Motel development, including commercial building and health codes.
- Future plans will require DNR approval for floodplain and stormwater controls.
- Residents with concerns are encouraged to contact County Zoning or Britt Mason for further updates.

FISH ENHANCEMENT – Dave Schultz

- Continued partnership with We Really Kare Fish Club and Friends of Long Lake.
- Spring fish shocking completed.
- 200 lbs of fathead minnows to be stocked in the fall to support a family-friendly fishing environment.

CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATERS – Dave Wangerin

- 24 volunteers active this season.
- 18 weekend shifts available; 15 currently filled regularly — always seeking volunteers for 3 remaining open shifts each weekend.

EDUCATION – Patty Jackson

- CBCW volunteers continue distributing lake-use best practices at the boat launch.
- Boaters reminded to observe 100- and 200-foot distance markers along the east shore.
- Residents asked to encourage safety, talk/educate people in misuse, and contact the Sheriff with a photo when needed.

- Airbnb and rental property owners contacted by Todd Schultz to share lake-use guidelines with renters.

BOARD NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION – Dave Wangerin

- Board nominations from floor were opened three times for additional candidates.
- Nominees (Wendy Vincent, Rick Schaber, Rick LeShuez, Brian Waldhart, introduced themselves. Ballots were cast.

Election Results:
Wendy Vincent and Rick Schaber re-elected.
Welcome to new board member, Brian Waldhart.

ACTIVITIES UPDATES:

- **Boat Parade:** Mike Cervinka reported 21st Annual Parade to proceed unless there's lightning.
- **Annual Picnic:** Emily Nikolai confirmed 4 PM start. Volunteers needed to help load Tom Catlin's truck and set up grills Friday afternoon.
- **Splash Inc:** Karla Peters – the floors have been shored up and new diving board is in place. Need help in putting it in and out of lake (especially in fall with moving the raft up onto shore).
- **Community Blood Drive:** August 30th at Pine Lake — Bob Schnese
- **Communications:**
    - **Social Media:** Wendy Vincent actively posting. Members encouraged to share updates with her.
    - **Website:** Bruce Rucks confirmed website is current.

REPORTS FROM TOWNS / ALLIED GROUPS:

- **Saxeville Liaison:** Dave Wangerin reported the town has new leadership with Bart Peterson as the town board chairman. The town will be getting a new Post Office on County Rd W near the Crossroads Café. Pothole repairs are now handled without specific town board approval.
- **Springwater Liaison:** Jerry Voigt reported on behalf of Rick Schaber. Springwater is preparing to sell twelve public access parcels on lakes in its jurisdiction, 3 on Long Lake. The process for the sales and any rights of first refusal to adjacent property owners has yet to be determined by the town. Springwater also passed a new town boating ordinance that unifies the requirements and covers all lakes for which it has jurisdiction. Among the requirements the ordinance prohibits artificially enhanced wakes.
- **Friends of Long Lake:** Britt Mason reported on the activities to support the community, including the fire department, conservation days and the library. He also mentioned that the Friends Board adopted the position that the Town of Saxeville should poll its constituents on whether they support and restrictions on enhanced wakes when

considering the issue. Mason also encouraged people to attend an ad hoc discussion after the LLA Meeting regarding the hotel/motel development issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Suzanne Ziemer provided an update on the loon monitoring program. Three loons are regularly sighted on the lake n 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Catlin made a motion for *the Long Lake Association board president to write a letter to the chairman of the Town of Saxeville asking them to conduct, by October of this year, a written poll of all riparian property owners of Long Lake (including those within the Town of Springwater boundaries) plus all registered voters within the Town of Saxeville to determine whether or not they would favor a Town of Saxeville ordinance prohibiting the intentional use of enhanced wakes on Long Lake*. Cindy Belovsky seconded.

In discussion, Rick Lechusz motioned to add an amendment to Catlin's motion: if the Town of Saxeville declines or fails to conduct the poll, LLA should hire an outside consultant or auditor to conduct the poll. Kim Krummel seconded the motion.

After significant discussion on the primary motion and the secondary amendment, which did not alter the wording of the primary motion, President Voigt suggested and requested any objections to calling for a voice vote (show of hands to break ties) on both motions separately for clarity. With no objections the votes were taken:

- Primary motion (written request to the Town) — Carried
- Amendment (outside auditor option) — Did not carry

Bob Schnese requested an update on the possible installation of fiber optic cable along the north side of Long Lake. President Voigt indicated that a new company, SGB Fiber is on record with intentions to install fiber optic cables. Details will be sent by news post when they are available.

ADJOURNMENT:
Dick Bertrand moved to adjourn at 10:33 AM. Tom Catlin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Jackson, Secretary