

LAKE ASSOCIATION OF LONG LAKE INC.

Spring 2024 Meeting: Saturday 5/25/24 at 9:00am

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ATTENDANCE: 47 Members

Hope Dalebroux	Erika Balza	Rob Balza	Janet Balza
Doug Belunes	Kevin Becker	Ron Bitters	Sissie Sullivan
Laurie Bobillot	Randy Cayemberg	Kasie Kiesling	Steve Herzberg
Connie Herzberg	Jack Guillette	Kelly Guillette	Larry Guillette
Cal Peters	Jeanie Peters	Arjan Bosselaar	Melinda Bosselaar
Dale Schraut	Sue Schraut	Steve Lamers	Mike Schneider
Mark Vandermuss	Holly Vandermuss	Todd Schuelke	Dominic Petit
Eric VanDeHei	Denise VanDeHei	Earl Schuett	Debbie Schuett
Tiffany Schuett	David Raab	Kathie Raab	Annette Rhoades
Joanne Romuald	Mark Ullstrup	John Touchett	Kelly Roskoski
Scott Lamers	Kristy Lamers	Colleen Jansky	Neil Weber
Todd Granger	John VanCalligan	Terry Cayemberg	

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WELCOME

- 9:00am meeting called to order by Fritz

NEW MEMBERS

- Mark Ullstrup

SECRETARY'S REPORT--Hope D.

- Renewed our annual incorporation status in January, also renewed our Class A and Class B raffle licenses for 2024
- Reviewed meeting minutes from fall meeting, Rob made a motion to approve, 2nd by Kristy L.

TREASURER'S REPORT--Kristy L.

- Kristy had to verify online banking info, which requires her to physically go to the bank so no balance info as of right now, but will go to the bank this week to get everything set back up

OLD BUSINESS

WINTER FISHING DERBY RECAP

- 141 participants, which was good considering the ice conditions were walking or atv only
- Basket Raffles \$2510
- Punch Board \$3971
- Meat Raffle \$300
- 50/50 Raffle \$1150
- 10 Liners \$1180
- \$9111 Total, which is lower than the past but at least close to previous years

GRANT STATUS UPDATE--Joe H.

- Still compiling data from our grant with White Water Associates from last year, will get to us by our Labor Day meeting
- Joe met with White Water Associates in April, talked about what has yet to be done - data analysis of shore, tracking weed growth, tracking new weeds or invasive species - which will help us with next steps. Dredging is really tough and will cost a lot of money, suggested we do a smaller section to trial it. Concern is if we start dredging some of that area, it may cause that sediment to flow back in and it'll be a never ending cycle. The lily pads right now are holding the sediment in place so they recommended we don't mess with it. Southern Niad is starting to decline, weed density has also declined since last survey in 2013. Purple Loosestrife is the only invasive species in the lake.

FISHERY STATUS/DNR FISH BIOLOGIST

- Joe H, Jim W, John T, Bob P met with the DNR Fish Biologist Greg who is in charge of our lake
- Will be posting a notice that they're taking Northern out of our lake and moving it to Halsey Lake because of the results of fish survey from last year, DNR felt we had an overabundance of Northern and many other species, unfortunately they threw Bullhead back into the lake after the fish survey
- John T - We don't dispute the DNR techniques for estimating fish, but strongly disagree with the numbers based on the condition of the fish they see. The fish are very healthy and well-fed, if the numbers were truly accurate then the fish wouldn't look like that
- Jim W - DNR says our lake is out of balance, we have an abundance of Pike, Bullhead, and Pumpkin Seed, part of the discussion was to kill all the fish in the lake or if we have a bad winter we turn the aerators off and start fresh. Asked if we can do a sample every year for 5 years in a row but was met with resistance, our goal would be to solidify numbers for our lake, according to the fish survey we're

the outlier for the lakes around for Northern (most lakes are at 7 Northern per acre, we're at 16), but doesn't believe that's accurate. Greg took offense that we didn't support the science of the numbers, but we don't believe a 1 time sampling is truly representative of what's actually in our lake. Can we hire a private company to do a census? Last surveys are 2013 and 2023, every 10 years is not often enough with the challenges we see on this lake. We seem to be missing perch in the lake, that would be a good fish for us to get back in the lake, stocking perch isn't a great idea because perch from the hatchery is a weaker genetic strain, we'd want to transfer live-caught fish so the superior genetic fish grow (most likely from Halsey Lake)

- Asked if we can we net bullhead out of the lake? Joe said that was met with resistance, Greg said if we net bullhead it could cause more imbalance but again we don't believe the number counts in the first place that things are so off balance. Greg doesn't believe you couldn't go out on the lake and catch a hundred fish, but we know that's not the case based on our group/town's experience fishing on the lake
- Sissie S - Thinks the fish should be counted more than every 10 years, but does it make sense for us to pay for a survey every 5 years if we still have to get the blessing from the DNR to do anything? The more we deal with Greg the more he's going to resist. Do we want to spend money to be like "you're wrong"? Sissie thinks the DNR is actually supposed to do the survey every 5 years but maybe COVID just threw everything off, we can write a letter asking the DNR to do a survey more often
- Jim W - Proposed a survey every year for 5 years, and if each year supports the previous year then we truly know what's in the lake. If we get a warm summer all of our Pike will die, Jim doesn't care if Greg digs his heels in because he's just 1 person in an organization and we're trying to do some good in our community. Steve L - If you go over someone in the government agency, you're going to have a problem with Greg going forward if he stays in charge of our lake. Joe H - If it's a political situation, our goal isn't to prove him wrong, we want to prove him right and have accurate numbers for our lake. We're not going over him or around him, but Greg overall wasn't in a solution-based mindset during this meeting.
- OVERALL: We don't believe the numbers of the fish survey are accurate because of our experience fishing on the lake, but to even propose alternative actions we need more accurate numbers. Joe H and Jim W will work on finding a private company to potentially do more fish surveys beyond the DNR surveys. Will continue this discussion at the July meeting.

FISH STOCKING

- Muskie - DNR has no money in the budget for Muskie. Fritz asked if his Muskie club can do it but it's hard to get. It would be \$4000 if we put in 100, \$11 a piece if we can even get them. Not sure if it needs to be a certain strain. The state sets the size limit for what we can keep, 40" is the size. The Muskie Alliance Club of WI is working on it on a bigger level.
- Crappie - Do we want more Crappie if we can get some? Jim W says yes, out of the fish that survived the 2013 low oxygen Crappie wasn't one that survived. We have Crappie in the lake now because of us stocking it, so think we should continue to stock it. Last year we put in \$3k of Crappie. **Jim W motion to put another \$3k of Crappie, 2nd by Sissie. Unanimous aye, motion carried.**
- Group member asked why aren't we putting Perch in? Right now the Perch we'd get from the hatchery wouldn't be good for the lake genetically, so we would want to catch them from another lake and transfer them. If we stock with Perch from the hatchery, we might harm the natural Perch reproduction
- Terry C - What is this lake best suited for? Should we concentrate on what it should have, not what we want the lake to have? Sissie S - Northern and Crappie are native. Walleye aren't native, we'd have to build a habitat for it.

BOAT LANDING RAMP

- Scott L. contacted the company that originally did the concrete for the boat landing ramp in 2013, next time he's in the area he'll look at it and see what they can do
- Town is working to fund it, the intent is for the town to pay for it

SOUTH END BUOYS

- Clete C. not present at the meeting, but buoys were ordered, Clete has possession of them and will get them installed next week
- Dale S. donated chains for the buoys so thank you for that

DUST CONTROL

- Working with Blue Ox group, the cost of putting down sodium phosphate is expensive and not sustainable so we're doing further research
- Members agree that it's not truly a Lake Association duty/responsibility, but if there's something we can do to assist the town and/or Blue Ox with dust control we'll look into it
- Scott L. and Joe H. talked to Fran of Blue Ox, their group just got a big increase of funding for ATV trails so maybe we can leverage that for our stretch of the trail in Long Lake. Scott and Joe will continue researching and make recommendations for the group at a future meeting

COMMITTEES

- Very brief convo, we should make a running list of committees (see list from Fall 2023 meeting minutes). How many committees should we have? Consider a Finance Committee and Public Relations Committee, will continue convo as a board.

NEW BUSINESS / OTHER ITEMS

- Steve L - Wanted to recognize the Pfaffl family for doing the highway cleanup along Long Lake Road. Also the leaf blower we purchased 5 years ago for cleaning up the trail, boat landing, etc. has died. Would like to request funding for a new backpack with more power for the blower. We've talked in the past about how that should be the town's responsibility, so we can talk to the town to make that blower available, but a temporary solution is to get a new backpack for the current one we have and in the future the town could purchase a better one. Costs between \$400-800, Laona Machine would probably give us a deal on it. **Steve L made a motion to spend \$800 on a backpack for the blower from Laona Machine, 2nd by Sissie L. Unanimous aye, motion carried by the group.**
- Sissie S - Someone made coasters with the lake on it but we're not sure who donated/sent them. Suggested we get more made to use as fishing derby prizes

2024 SPRING ELECTION RESULTS & CURRENT BOARD

2024 Elected President: Joe Hurst

2024 Elected Vice President: Clete Cayemberg

Secretary: Hope Dalebroux

Treasurer: Kristy Lamers

Past President: Alan Wyngaard

Board Member: Dale Schraut

2024 Elected Board Member: Scott Lamers

2024 Elected Board Member: Rob Balza

NEXT MEETING—Saturday 7/6/24 at 9:00am (4th of July weekend)

CLOSE—Meeting adjourned at 9:55am

LAKE ASSOCIATION OF LONG LAKE
MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET

Meeting Date: May 25, 2024

Member Names:

Hope Daebroux
Erika Balza
Rob Balza
Janet Balza
Doug Belunes
KEVIN BECKER
Ron Bitters
SISSIE SULLIVAN
Lance Bhillot
Randy Cavemberg
Kasie Kiesling
Steve + Connie Herzberg
Jack + Kelly Guillette
Larry Guillette
Cal + Jeanie Peters
Arjan + Melinda Bosselman
Dale + Sue Schraut
Steve Lamers
Mike Schneider
Mark + Holly Vandermiss
Todd Schuetzke

Dominic Petit
Eric + Denise Vandette
Earl, Debbie + Tiffany Schuett
David + Kathie Raab
Annotte Rhoades
Joanna Pomwald
MARK ULLSTRUP
John Touchett
Kelly Proskostki
Sally + Kristy Lamers
Colleen Jansky
Neil Weber
Todd Strangere
John Van Calligen
Terry Cavemberg

FEBRUARY 2024 FISHING DERBY

BASKET RAFFLE	\$	2,510.00
PUNCH BOARD	\$	3,971.00
MEAT RAFFLE	\$	300.00
FRIDAY 50/50	\$	1,150.00
10 LINERS	\$	1,180.00
TOTAL	\$	9,111.00