



LAKE ASSOCIATION OF LONG LAKE INC.
Spring 2025 Meeting: Saturday 5/24/25 at 9:00am

 **Welcome & Roll Call**


Erika Balza	Rob Balza	Kathy Wallen	Jim Wallen
Janet Balza	Steve Herzberg	JoAnn Romuald	Larry Guillette
Todd Schuelke	Schuett Family	Eric VanDeHei	Denise VanDeHei
Kevin Becker	Wayne Lindsley	May Somadis	Laura McIntyre-Kelly
Jack Guillette	Kelly Guillette	Dale Schraut	Sue Schraut
Sissie Sullivan	Sue Schallenberg	Arjan Bosselaar	Bob
LuAnn	Bob Pfaffl	Bob Pfaffl Jr	Clete Cayemberg
Scott Lamers	Kristy Lamers	Terry Cayemberg	John Touchett
Annette Rhoades	Tim Thomson	Laurie Bobillot	Randy Cayemberg
Scott Van Egeren	Colleen Jansky	Kyle Guillette	Sammie Guillette
Bob Desotelle	LuAnn Desotelle		

 **Long Lake Association Meeting Minutes**

Spring 2025 Meeting Minutes

 Date: Saturday, May 24, 2025 |  Time: 9:00 AM

 Location: Long Lake Beach Pavilion

 Recorder: Erika Balza

 **Agenda**

- Welcome
- New Members
- Elections – 3 rd Director (~~Scott L.~~)(Dale “Swede” S.), Treasurer (Kristy L.) and Secretary (Hope D.)
- Secretary Report
- Treasurer Report
- Old Business
- Winter Derby Recap (Scott, Kristy, and Clete)
- Lake Grant Completion (Joe)
- New Business
- Activities updates

- ○ “Fish stix” habitat – Clete
 - ○ “Sign tree” and deck – Steve
 - ○ Invasive species signs – Kristy
 - ○ Grant research – Sissie
 - ○ Kiosk refresh – Jim
 - ○ Fundraisers – “Month of Money” – Swede and Scott
 - ○ Bullhead reduction, aquatic plant management, fish movement studies – Joe
 - ○ Fish stocking – Fritzzy
 - Summer Fishing Derby – August 15 th -16 th
 - “Quiet Time” on lake for consideration
 - Other Items
 - Next meeting - Saturday 7/5/25 at 9:00am (4th of July weekend)
 - Close
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Meeting Kick-Off


Meeting called to order at **9:00 AM** by Joe Hurst. Welcome, everyone! 🙌

New Members

 Kyle & Sammie Guillette

Elections & Appointments

Secretary

 Thanks was expressed to Hope and she was acknowledged with applause for a job well done as she steps back from the Secretary position due to upcoming job changes and education.

Nominee: Erika Balza

Motion by Annette, seconded by Kristy — *Approved*

Treasurer

Nominee: Kristy Lamers

Motion by Sue Schallenberg, seconded by Erika — *Approved*

3rd Director

Correction: The 3rd Director is Dale “Swede”, not Scott.

Nominee: Dale "Swede" Schraut

✔ Motion by Clete — *Approved*

📄 **Minutes from last meeting approved** (Motion by Scott, seconded by Jim).

💰 **Treasurer's Report**

💰 **Balance:** \$47,883.97

🎣 **Winter Derby Recap:**

- RECORD 225 registered! 🙌
Previous record was 179 in Summer 2022
- Gross: \$11,538
- Net Profit: \$10,168.90 🏆
- Popple River 50/50: \$420
- TOTAL NET: \$10,588.90 🎉🎊 — **Record-breaking!**

📋 **Additional Fundraisers:**

- Punch Board
- 50/50 Raffle: \$1,363
- Basket Raffle: \$2,420
- Money Tree: \$1,240

Huge thanks to **Kristy & Scott** for their years running the Derby! 🙌

Kristy thanked everyone for managing the winter fishing derby during her absence with Scott.

Note: Scott and Kristy are stepping back from managing the Fishing Derby duties due to family events and generally being busy.

Appreciation: Joe and the group gave a round of applause for Scott and Kristy's years of service managing the fishing derby..

✔ Treasurer's Report approved (Motion by Rob, seconded by Annette).

Old Business: Lake Grant Update

✓ **Grant Wrap-up:** The Lake Grant was wrapped up in January. The final reimbursement of \$5,000 should be coming from the grant funds which will be deposited into the Association checking account.

✓ **Lake Management Plan:** The lake management plan was reviewed by Whitewater Associates. Very detailed feedback was provided. The plan will be posted for 21 days for public review and comment.

✓ **Obtaining a copy of the Plan:** Let Joe H. know if you want a digital and/or print copy of the Plan. The Plan is 175 pages and contains many actions we can take to preserve the health of the Lake. The digital & print copies will be available at the July meeting.

New Business Highlights

Fish Stix Project

- **Winter Crib Installations:** In discussion about the crib installations, Scott V. stated that logs sourced from the forest are the best for fish habitats, with the preference to have the logs dropped into deeper waters.
- **Crib Structure:** 5' below surface with non-natural weights. Choose trees that have lots of branches to stick out for protection of the fish.
- **Preferred trees:** pine or spruce.
- **Lead:** Michael gathering logs; Clete organizing drop logistics.

Sign Tree & ADA Accessible Fishing Dock

- **Thanks to:** Steve (build), Mike, Scott, and Clete (assembly)
- **Structure:** All of the individual posts with signs were removed and the signs were placed on the new Sign Tree. There is room for additional signs as needed.
- **Features added to the dock:** ADA platform with cigarette disposal container, QR code for FB page.

Invasive Species Signs

- **Kristy:** Yellow flag iris signage will be laminated and added to the kiosk. Kristy will collaborate with Joe to decide on the correct disposal of the purple loosestrife.

Grant Research (Sissie)

- **Presented by Sissie:**
 - Reviewed 6 sites (4 .gov and 2 sites for personal and private foundations and trusts). The 2 government sites are searchable using the focus keywords below. Both federal and state grant requirements expect community involvement. Sissie suggested adding a couple more community activities to get more points to “score higher” with the grant decision-makers.
 - Focus: water quality, habitat, inland lake support.
- **Suggested Community Involvement:** Adopt-a-Classroom initiative in Florence and Laona schools. Choose a classroom and donate \$250 per year to purchase what they want for the classroom, and every year choose a different classroom.
- **Motion to Donate \$500** to classroom initiative, \$250 to one classroom in Florence schools and \$250 to one classroom in Laona schools — *Approved (Motion by Joe)*

Kiosk Refresh

- **Lead:** Jim Wallen
- Jim will be updating the kiosk with the materials on the purple loosestrife coming from Kristy. Jim will be working with Swede to update the map to show the watershed and the fish that are in the Lake. The current map indication of “You Are Here” and the contours of the lake are incorrect. Other materials in the kiosk are faded and worn. Anyone with information that should be in the kiosk, bring the information to Jim or Kristy.

Fundraiser Collaboration

- **Other Local Lake Associations:** Joe suggested working and collaborating with the Fay Lake & Halsey Lake Associations to benefit the watershed. We wouldn't be sharing funds, but we would work together.
- **"Month of Money" Calendar Raffle:** Swede suggested a calendar raffle where every day money is given away. Tickets for the raffle would have to be sold outside of our community.
 - \$20 per ticket; 450 tickets sold to break even.
 - **Team:** Joe & Swede to coordinate.

Bullhead Reduction Program

- Coordination with fish biologists and the other lake associations to remove bullheads and potentially bring in walleye. The bullheads pressure other fish out of their habitat and eat the fish eggs.
- **Goal:** Reduce juvenile bullhead (up to 500,000) - we have to be very diligent this summer in capturing juvenile bullhead. We tried in 2024 but we were too late to net juvenile bullheads. They hatch between the middle of June to early July. The bullheads like warm water around the shores. Scoop them up and

put them in a bucket. If you do net bullheads, take a picture and send it to Joe or bring it to the July meeting.

- **Reward to kids:** Joe suggested kids could bring a jar of netted bullheads to the General Store and Brandy and Steve would reward them with a free ice cream cone. This would help show to the DNR that we're serious about removing bullheads from the lake. The Lake Association to pay for the ice cream cones. Approved by a show of hands.
- **DNR Options for removal:** The DNR would set up about 30 nets around the lake. A DNR team member would empty the nets either daily or every other day to throw the bullheads out. The DNR usually does this project in April.


Another option presented by Scott VanEgeren is to wait and see how Halsey Lake and Fay Lake deal with their bullhead populations.

- **DNR Options for Disposal:** The netted bullheads would be placed into a large tank and offered to people who want to take them, primarily to cook and eat. We would have to have a volunteer and put the volunteer's name and phone number on the tank so people can retrieve the bullhead from the tank. The remaining bullhead can be offered to a local zoo or animal food. The last option to dispose of the bullhead is to get them to a farmer for fertilizer.
- **Support:** DNR may accept "gift in kind" from the Lake Association to fix and maintain their nets. The Association could purchase their own nets which are approximately \$1,500 each. We could hire a private organization to do the same process as the DNR does to remove bullheads, however, we would have to get DNR permits.

Walleye

- Fay Lake and Halsey Lake have both been identified to have potential for walleye in their lakes.
- Awaiting results from bullhead mitigation.

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Needs

Summer Fishing Derby: August 15–16  **(Note date change!)**

- **Need:** New lead(s) needed due to Kristy and Scott stepping back from being chairs of the derby committee. Clete offered to be the new lead as long as he could pass along being the lead for installing and removing the docks, raft, and buoys - Clete will show the new lead for that how it has been handled in the past.
- **Dock, Raft, Buoys (channel markers)**
 - **Need:** New lead(s) needed due to Clete taking over the fishing derby. Rob B. volunteered to lead and coordinate the installation and removal of the dock and raft. Mike will take the lead on putting out the channel markers in the spring and removing the channel markers in the fall.

Quiet Time Proposal

- A community member that belongs to another lake association brought forth a proposal for quiet time on the area lakes. The concern is the noise level after a certain time of the day. The Town of Long Lake was asked to create an ordinance for quiet time. The Town Board passed the concern and request to the Lake Association. There would be no type of enforcement of the quiet time, it would be a recommendation or guide to using the lake.
- **Vote:** 12 in favor, 13 opposed — *No restriction added*
- **Motion** to Create a sign to add to the Sign Tree that states to be considerate to others. *Approved by show of hands.*

Lake Merchandise

- Kyle Guillette presented a logo and placed the logo on various types of caps, beanies, shirts, hoodies, coasters, etc. The merchandise can be sold through the Lake Association's Facebook page using the Association's PayPal account, or can be sold through Kyle's Square site.

Kyle will bring a supply of merchandise to the next meeting in July for members to purchase.

- **Motion to Allocate \$4,000** for merchandise — Motion by Sissie, seconded by Sue — *Approved*

Boat Landing Concerns

- The hole at the end of the ramp is dug out again. Members were warned to be careful if they are launching a long boat. The ramp is sliding away from the shoreland.
- **Task:** Clete will find a contractor to fix the boat ramp prior to pulling the dock out in the fall. A sign will be created to add to the Sign Tree that states no power loading.

Long Lake Trail

- The Long Lake Trail is open for season!
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🙏 Thank You's

- Bob P. for continuing to pick up garbage along the road.
 - All the volunteers that came to help with the dock and raft installation for the season.
 - Scott L. for cleaning up the Long Lake Trail.
 - Joe for everything he does for the Lake Association and the community.
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🏆 Special Recognition

- 🌟 **Jim Wallen** gave a powerful and descriptive account of how Wayne Lindsley invited the community to a meeting held at the fire station to discuss the health of the lake and forming a lake preservation group. This is how the Lake Association was formed in 2005. Wayne was the first President and served for 10 years. He attended countless meetings, he kept things moving forward, researched grants and studies. Wayne was also a volunteer EMS for the Town. Jim then presented a (long overdue) plaque to Wayne for being the catalyst behind forming the Lake Association.
- **A 3x3 plaque in honor of Wayne's contributions to the Lake Association** will be displayed at the beach pavilion





📦 2025 Spring Elections Results & Current Board

- **President:** Joe Hurst (elected 2024)
- **Vice President:** Clete Cayemberg (elected 2024)
- **Secretary:** Erika Balza, elected 2025
- **Treasurer:** Kristy Lamers, re-elected 2025
- **Past President:** Alan "Fritz" Wyngaard
- **Board Members:**
 - Dale "Swede" Schraut, re-elected 2025
 - Scott Lamers (elected 2024)
 - Rob Balza (elected 2024)

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Scott, seconded by Sissie — meeting adjourned at **10:21 AM**.

Next Meeting

 **Saturday, July 5, 2025 | 9:00 AM** (4th of July weekend)
 Beach Pavilion

Join us at the Parade!   