

LAKE ASSOCIATION OF LONG LAKE INC.
Summer 2026 Meeting: Saturday 7/04/26 at 8:30am

 Roll Call

Erika Balza	Carl Schuett	Jim Wallen	
Steve Lamers	Kevin Becker	Joe Hurst	
Mike Schneider	Colleen Jansky	Shirley Nitka	
Dale Schraut	Hope Dalebroux	Dave LaPine	
Sue Schraut	David Nytes	Dan Kamps	
Janet Balza	Terry Cayemberg		
Dan Kamps	Cal Peters		
Melinda Bosselaar	Jean Peters		
Arjan Bosselaar	Clete Cayemberg		
Sissie Sullivan	Randy Cayemberg		
Sue Schallenberg	Doug Belunes		

 Long Lake Association Meeting Minutes

Summer 2026 Meeting Minutes

 Date: Saturday, July 4th, 2026 |  Time: 8:30 AM

 Location: Beach Pavillion

 Recorder: Erika Balza

 Agenda

Welcome

New Members

Special Election – Pres. (Joe Hurst)

Secretary Report

Treasurer Report

Old Business

- Activities updates
 - “Month of Money” raffle - Joe
 - Kiosk refresh planning – Jim

- o Bullhead reduction and aquatic plant management – Joe

New Business

- Summer Fishing Derby – August 14th-15th (Clete)

Other Items

Next meeting - Saturday 9/5/26 at 9:00am at the Beach Pavilion

Close

Welcome & Meeting Kick-Off

Meeting called to order at **8:32 AM** by the current President, Joe Hurst. Welcome, everyone! 🙌

Note: There were several members who attended this meeting but did not sign the meeting attendance sheet.

New Members

There are 3 new members at this meeting, namely, **Shirley Nitka**, **Dan Kamps**, and **David (Dave) LaPine**. Welcome to all of you!

Elections & Appointments

President 🗳️

Nominations were opened for the special election of President.

Sissie Sullivan nominated **Jim Wallen** for President. Jim accepted the nomination on the condition that **Erika remain involved with the Association for the next two years**.

A motion was made to elect Jim Wallen as President. Following a vote of the membership, the motion was carried and **Jim Wallen was officially elected President of the Long Lake Association**.

Secretary Report

 **Minutes from last meeting are posted on the website.** (No motion was made, seconded, nor approved regarding the minutes from the last meeting).

Treasurer Report

 The Popple River Centennial was reported as a great success, with the Long Lake Association receiving **\$675** from the event.

The current Association account balance is **\$61,572.07**.

An outstanding **\$5,000 DNR grant matter** remains to be finalized. Joe Hurst will follow up and complete the necessary requirements.

Old Business:



Month of Money Raffle

A reminder was given as to selling raffle tickets and when and where to return sold tickets.



Important Dates

- Unsold tickets due back by Labor Day meeting.
- Final collection by the end of October.

Kiosk Refresh Planning

Plans were discussed to refresh the Association kiosk.

Volunteers are needed to assist Jim with the project. Proposed improvements include:

- Applying a new coat of stain.
- Adding artwork from a local artist to attract attention to the kiosk.
- General cleanup and improvements.

Members interested in helping should contact Jim.

The parking lot lines have been painted and the parking area sealed. This work was paid for by the **Town of Long Lake**.



Bullhead Reduction

Approximately **7,000 bullheads**, totaling about **3,500 pounds**, were removed from the lake.

DNR Biologist **Greg Matzke** has agreed to continue assisting with the bullhead reduction effort. The project requires volunteers and a designated point person to coordinate with Greg. **Joe will assist with coordination.**

There was discussion about sending collected bullheads to wildlife recovery facilities in Rhinelander next spring.

Butterfly nets distributed last year can also be used to remove juvenile bullheads. Members were encouraged to photograph collected bullheads so the information can be shared with the DNR biologist.

A DNR permit is required for some of the removal activities. **Joe will assist with completing and submitting the necessary permit paperwork.**

New Business:



Summer Fishing Derby

Clete provided an update on the Fishing Derby.

Additional prizes are still needed. **Erika will assist with shopping for prizes**, generally targeting items valued at **\$25 or less**.

Donation request letters are available for members seeking prizes from area businesses.

Members obtaining donations should notify **Kristy**, who will send handwritten thank-you notes to donors.

Other Items:



Aquatic Plant Management

Aquatic weeds are returning, particularly on the **south end of the lake**.

Joe will remain involved in researching management options and has communicated with local universities regarding potential solutions. Additional consultation with **Scott Van Egeren** was discussed.

The Association will continue exploring methods to improve navigation and reduce problematic vegetation on the south end, including the possibility of creating **navigation channels**.



Boat Landing

David Raab raised concerns regarding the sign and pole located near the dock. The pole is bent and may need to be offset or moved to the opposite side to make it easier and safer for boaters entering and exiting boats.

Clete offered to move the pole.

Concerns were also raised regarding power loading at the boat landing.

The Town is reviewing options for improving the landing. **Clete will handle the issue from the Town's perspective and obtain quotes for a more complete repair.**



Use of Association Funds and Lake Management

Steve asked what the Association's available funds are earmarked for.

Joe explained that a significant priority is **aquatic weed management**.

Fish stocking was also discussed. The Association has received or will pursue DNR permission regarding stocking species that may benefit the lake.

Species discussed included:

- Walleye
- Muskellunge
- Largemouth bass
- Northern pike

Walleye may be particularly beneficial because of their potential to prey on bullheads. Largemouth bass also consume bullheads and are currently reproducing naturally in the lake.

Doug asked about walleye movement between Long Lake and Halsey Lake. It was noted that walleye generally remain in the area, although some fish can move over the dam.

Joe and Clete will speak with **Greg Matzke** regarding appropriate stocking options and fish availability.

Sediment/Core Sampling

Steve recommended obtaining a core sample from the south end of the lake and submitting it to the DNR.

The goal is to determine the cause of suspended sediment and whether the issue may be manmade. If a manmade source is identified, funding opportunities may be available to address the problem.

The Association agreed that this issue should continue moving forward.

Fish Population Update

Recent netting indicated:

- **Five muskies** were captured, with the largest believed to be more than 40 inches.
 - Muskies have not yet moved into the shallows because of water temperatures.
 - The **crappie population is strong** and reproduces naturally.
 - The **perch population is low**.
 - Halsey Lake is also experiencing issues with perch, including reported die-offs.
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Aerator

Jim reported that the aerator on the north end needs to be rebuilt and is currently producing little or no pressure.

There was discussion regarding whether continued investment in the smaller aerator is worthwhile. John Touchett expressed concerns about the amount of effort that should be put into the smaller unit.

The Association discussed creating an appropriate safety zone and taking action **before winter**.

Purchasing an **oxygen aerator** was discussed as a possible solution.

The Association will also continue conducting water testing. The DNR performs testing, and the Association pays for certain water-testing services.

Fundraising Discussion

Steve raised the question of whether the Association may be conducting too many fundraisers, noting that there are now three Association fundraisers in addition to major fundraising efforts conducted by the Fire Department.

Members discussed the significant costs associated with addressing conditions on the south end of the lake and noted that even the Association's approximately \$60,000 balance represents only a portion of what could ultimately be needed.

Sue Schallenberg asked whether fundraising profits have been declining.

The group discussed the summer and winter fishing derbies. Attendance at the summer event has been affected by competing activities, although the summer derby generally produces more revenue than the winter event. Winter fundraising is also limited by available space at Roadhouse 139.

Members noted that there appear to be more people willing to volunteer and participate.

Doug commented that funds from many area fundraising activities are already depleted by April.

Hope raised concerns about the public perception, or optics, of conducting too many fundraisers.

Suggestions included placing greater emphasis on **fishing activities at the summer event** and potentially reducing the overall fundraising emphasis.

Fish Stocking

Swede made a motion to set aside \$5,000 for fish stocking.

Clete and Terry seconded the motion.

Perch stocking is not currently planned.

Walleye were discussed as a priority because they may help control the bullhead population. Muskellunge may also be available. Largemouth bass also prey on bullheads, although it is unknown whether the DNR stocks largemouth bass, and the existing bass population is reproducing naturally.

The potential benefit of northern pike will also be discussed with Greg Matzke.

Joe and Clete will contact Greg Matzke to determine appropriate species and reserve available fish.



Association and Town Responsibilities

Members discussed that the Lake Association has historically taken responsibility for certain projects that the Town did not handle.

The Association will review the appropriate division of responsibilities between the **Long Lake Association and the Town of Long Lake** going forward.



Adjournment

Rob Balza made a motion to adjourn.

Dan Kamps seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at **9:13 a.m.**



July 17

Next Meeting



Saturday, September 5, 2026 | 9:00 AM (Labor Day weekend)



Beach Pavilion

Respectfully Submitted,

Erika Balza
Secretary