



# MANITOWOC COUNTY LAKES ASSOCIATION

***“The Manitowoc County Lakes Association will protect and enhance the quality of area lakes and watersheds for the benefit of all.”***

**MCLA Meeting of Jan 26, 2017**

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**Gary Robinson**, Parks Superintendent from Manitowoc County Parks presented the accomplishments from the counties work in 2016 and the counties plans for 2017. His presentation is available at <http://www.manitowocountylakesassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Manitowoc-Parks-Presentation-2017.pdf>

## **Meeting:**

## **Lake Reports**

**Silver:** Gary Robinson from County Parks reported that the launch will be reconstructed this year in phases. A grant was received for \$150,000 with donations from the Convent and \$10,000 from Conservation Aid. The following is a time line of events planned for the launch project.

- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> construction bids are due for the project
- April 25<sup>th</sup>, bids will be opened and awarded
- July 11<sup>th</sup>, earliest date to start construction after the fish spawning and migration is over
- July 25<sup>th</sup> planned date to construct with completion by Sept. 1.
- After construction remove the box culvert and expand the parking lot.
- The new boat ramp will be an arch bridge over the diversion channel to improve the stream flow capacity and better align with the parking lot.

Silver lake froze over on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, there is more fishing pressure this winter. Osprey are visiting the lake in the summer.

**Cedar:** Ice depth is 9 – 10 inches. A grant was received to purchase a new weed harvester and the old machine is for sale. The Cedars Resort is going to open in May by a couple that will be leasing the facility. Paul Skawinski with UW Stevens Point will be conducting an AIS monitoring event at the lake on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Paul will be using an underwater camera to look at the aquatic plant community and check out Eurasian Milfoil locations. At 6:30 the night of the Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, Paul will present a program on lakes under the ice. The public is welcome and MCLA is inviting all lake and members to attend.

**Pigeon:** Camp Sinawa had a very successful Fall Feast and Christmas at Sinawa events this fall. The attendance was over 3,000 and one of the top 5 attendance seasons. The annual golf outing sponsored by Autumn Ridge has over 78 winter golfers. Proceeds are donated to purchase walleye for the lake. The Town of Liberty has selected bids to treat Eurasian Milfoil in early April with an estimated cost of \$10,000. Getting lots of fishing action on the lake. Ice Golf this year is February 11<sup>th</sup> and is sponsored by Autumn Ridge. Complete information at <http://www.manitowocountylakesassociation.org/mcla-news/pigeon-lake-ice-golf-outing-to-be-held-feb-11/>

**Wilke:** Ice is 14 – 16 inches thick. No permanent ice shanties on the lake at this time. Lots of slush on the lake. Lake showing open areas due to weather.

**Shoe:** received a new ADA pier and boarding dock with a new concrete approach

**Harpt:** fishing reported as heavy. Ice is 11 – 12 inches thick. Ice is soft. One permanent shanty. Oxygen levels were taken for a base line for summer. Took oxygen levels at depth intervals from top down to 35 feet. Oxygen levels dropped off at 24 feet. A 30ft. long ADA pier was installed for fishing and launching, with a new approach, ramp and handicap parking spot. The new piers are floating and do not need to be removed for winter. The project was funded with Grant submitted by County Parks and matched with funds from the Larabee Sportsman clubs

**Weyers:** the turnaround at the boat launch was widened. Weyers and Gass lake launches are experiencing vandals dumping old furniture and televisions.

**Spring:** mild fishing this winter.

**Lake Michigan:** a meeting was being held that evening to discuss fish population goals. Goals are to reduce Lake trout populations which are competing with the more desirable salmon. The Alewife food base is declining and the two species are competing for available forage fish. A number of Eagles are using the Lake this Winter along the shoreline

**Long:** no report

**Tuma:** no report

**Gass:** no report. See Weyers.

**English:** no report.

**Carstens:** no report:

**Hartlaub:** no report.

**Horseshoe:** no report

**Bullhead:** no report

**Kasbaum:** no report

**Sy Lake:** no report

**Twin:** no report.

## **Committees:**

### **Treasurers report:**

All invoices are paid. \$1,451 balance in the account. No outstanding bills.

**Communications:**

Nothing outstanding.

**AIS Report**

Tom Ward reported that Lake Shore Natural Resources Partnership (LNRP) submitted two grant applications. A federal Great Lakes Restoration Grant from EPA to control Phragmites and terrestrial invasives on road right-of-ways and private properties in all 18 townships. A 2<sup>nd</sup> grant application due DNR on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> to treat phragmites in 6 townships located between I-43 and Lake Michigan. The Towns have contributed \$31,000 in cash match for the grant.

A workshop for all Town and County highway maintenance staff is scheduled for February 13 from 1 to 4pm at the County Office Complex.

Tom will also be contacting AIS monitors and folks maintaining the cleaning stations for their match hours from 2016

**Water Quality:**

Gene Weyer reported last meeting.

**Membership:**

Have 45 individual members and 5 organizations.

It was reported that 78 mailing have gone out to members who are not paid members. There are 6 lake organizations who have not paid as members: Bullhead, Carstens, Cedar, Long, Pigeon and Wilke.

**Also noted:**

Bob Schuh offers free wood duck and bluebird houses. He can be contacted at [bobschuh@lsol.net](mailto:bobschuh@lsol.net) or (920) 682-3106. He appreciates donations to help with some of the costs. He will also accept any wood to make the bird houses. NOT CEDAR though.

**Next regular MCLA meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2017.**

**Also planned:**

**Thursday, February 9, 2017**

**PAUL SKAWINSKI**, Coordinator - Wisconsin Citizen Lake Monitoring Network UW-Extension Lakes Program University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, sponsored in conjunction with Sanitary District #1, Cedar Lake. 6:30 Lakeshore Technical College; Manitowoc Training Room (see map attached; use parking lot 6, Walkway 1, Entrance L7).

Paul will be in town for two days to conduct a series of meetings and field exercises. Paul has done extensive work on the ecology of lakes beneath the ice, and authored several articles on the topic. On the 9<sup>th</sup>, he will be meeting with volunteers beginning at 12:30pm at Scott Otterson's residence at 18107 Klemme Road, Kiel, WI 53042, to search for evidence of aquatic invasive plants. That evening he will make a presentation regarding *Life Beneath the Ice* and Wisconsin's Citizen Lake Monitoring Network at LTC, and he will have samples of aquatic life from Cedar Lake. On the Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> Paul will host a Citizen's Lake Monitoring Network meeting with volunteers, and will resume the sampling at Cedar Lake. Both Friday meetings will take place

beginning at 9:00 am. Scott will host a lunch of brats and a beverage to those who RSVP @ [262.903.9269](tel:262.903.9269) or [scottsotter@aol.com](mailto:scottsotter@aol.com). As the field events are subject to ice conditions, it is recommended that those attending verify times.

**Saturday February 11, 2017**

The [2017 Annual Ice Golf Outing](#) benefiting the Pigeon Lake Association. Scheduled for probably a noon start. More info forthcoming. Jerry Gus Gospodarek 901-6664

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