



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 May 26, 2016

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First up was a presentation by Kim Wright, Executive Director, and Tressie Kamp, Staff Attorney, Midwest Environmental Advocates. The subject was Wisconsin Clean Water Future. [A 4MB PDF of the presentation is available for download here.](#)

Meeting:

Introduction of two new DNR officers to Manitowoc County.

Jake Bolks who represents Manitowoc Cty north of JJ and Alyssa Gove who represents the county south of JJ. Their work cell numbers are (920) 794-4291 and (920) 629-0323 respectively. Their preference is to call the DNR line directly (1-800-WDNR) for complaints/requests/reports so they are properly recorded in the DNR records but will accept calls in emergencies.

Lake Reports:

Silver: Secchi disc is 1 ½ ft. Reporting less milfoil so far this year. Diversion issue – all permits granted. Aeration still trying to get done. Getting plans for finding right type of aeration to use.

Cedar: Secchi was 13 1/2 inch higher lake level. Grant in for lake Management Plan. Secchi disc 18.1 ft. Bass, panfish spawning.

Pigeon: Fishing is up, Lake clarity is good. Ice golf had 75 people.

Wilke: 20 phosphorus level. Having annual picnic weekend of 5/28. Will be getting new weed harvester.

English: Burned earlier this year. Treated areas – box elders. Lots of algae on lake. Found garlic mustard.

Carstens: on 6/2 will have Soil & Water Conservation meeting. Addressing watershed – look for improvements, are applying for grants, lake planning and Implementation.

Hartlaub: 130 phos. Reading. Secchi disc is 3 ft. All around the lake – algae. Have Eurasian milfoil. Also have curly leaf pondweed. Also have small panfish.

Spring Lake: Secchi disc is currently 8 ¼ ft. Early spring was 13 ½ ft. Panfish and bass spawning, fishing light so far.

Lake Michigan: Saturday 5/28 a presentation will be at Lake Shore College. Lake Michigan Frontage as a unique lake shore frontage. Lake level is up, beaches eroding. Lake is clear.

Fish & Game gave \$200 to MCLA for additional water testing.

Committees:

Tom Ward. Drain Campaign – starting week of 5/31. Boat Inspections – last year of grant from RC&D

2015: 1,084 people were contacted during boat inspections using 190 hours of time.

MCLA needs \$1,000 for 190 hours of inspections or 84 hours of volunteer time – pass your time on to Tome W. to help! Anything for boat inspections or auditing for AIS. More training for AIS audits will be June 20 – contact Tom.

Water Quality: Gene W. Phos testing – not much change in lake results. Go to website for more specifics.

If funded by the state, testing can be 4x's per year otherwise MCLA funds testing and it is once per year.

Dave P – Newsletter: Take more pictures! Send to Dave to include in newsletter. Advertisements – get people interested in MCLA and in lakes to get more to advertise.

New business: Much closer to getting aeration units on Weyer Lake

Financial: Have cash balance of \$655.02. Have grants for \$9,654.09, Accounts payable is \$7,000.

There are 47 individual members and 2 organizational members

Next meeting is scheduled for July 28

Bill Braam

Secretary

June 1, 2016