



# 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 July 28, 2016

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First up was a presentation by Melissa Curran of Stantec. Melissa is an Environmental Scientist/Botanist. Stantec is a Canadian company that specializes in development/facilitation of environmental projects. They have 400 locations with 22,000 employees. Currently working on control of phragmites on the Lake Michigan shoreline – a 3 year program. Also working with Carstens Lake on writing a plan to improve water quality.

### Meeting:

#### **Lake Reports**

**Silver:** Secchi disc is 2 ft. Continue to report less milfoil so far this year.

**Long:** In June had a date set with Manitowoc Fish & Game for kids to fish on their lake. Less participation this year. Fishing on the lake is down. No new projects.

**Cedar:** no report.

**Pigeon:** no report

**Wilke:** New weed cutter on the lake. Weeds are down overall. Secchi is 5 ft – was 6 ½ ft. Have higher water level. Water temp is 77-78 deg. F. Are seeing green/blue algae. One day it bloomed – next day gone.

**English:** Green color on lake. Secchi is 14 ½ ft mid-July. Eurasian milfoil died off from June. Area was treated. Fishing is good.

**Carstens:** boat cleaning station seems to be working well. Lots of bleach being used.

**Hartland:** Milfoil dying off on this lake as well. Fishing good – especially bass.

**Harpt:** Fishing is good. Applying for a Recreational Facility Grant – pier at the boat landing.

**Twin:** Not many fishing people.

**Spring:** Lake level steady. Secchi is 10 ½ ft. Down from recent 13 ½ ft. Milfoil still coming up. Have some purple loostrife on south end.

**Lake Michigan:** working on phragmites. Had a meeting weekend of 7/23 with landscape architects. Lake Bluff restoration due to bluff erosion from killing off phragmites.

#### **Committees**

##### **Treasurers report:**

Current checkbook balance is \$274.50

We have no outstanding invoices to be paid.

Tom's invoices have been paid through the end of June 2016.

Invoices paid so far in July....

John was reimbursed 18.17 for website annual renewal for GoDaddy

The PO box annual rental of \$48.00 was paid

Fricke printing invoice #2623 for \$133.97 for Phrag Mailer Card, order initiated by Jim Kettler

I am compiling the next grant submission which I should submit no later than about 8/10/16 in the amount of approximately \$16,000. Still need a website % to apply to the \$500 fee paid to Amy to support the website.

I collected organization membership fee from the Wilke Lake Advancement Association in the amount of \$100.00

Current membership data

48 individual

3 organizations

### **Communications:**

Website had comment that lakes in Manitowoc have little or no beach opportunities.

Launch sticker: person paid fee for boat launch but stated there was no way to define if a person paid or not.

MCLA will look into the option of having stickers. Will need to define where the sticker is to be placed.

Another option stated at meeting: become a MCLA member and receive a sticker for boat launches.

Fair Booth – will have again. Sign up with Tom Ward. Volunteer for booth and get into fair free.

**Tom Ward.** Hitting most boat landings. We are in the last year of the grant for paying boat inspectors. Grant was for 158 hours. Continue to log hours for volunteer work – aids in match hours for grant. Anything for boat inspections or auditing for AIS. Will be requesting a GPS – use for milfoil mapping, phragmites and other issues. Cost estimated around \$500 - \$600.

**Water Quality:** Summer time test results for phosphorus are in. Can find all results on website. Notables are that Bullhead is up 20 points, Carstens is up 40 points, Long is up 60 points.

**NOTE** that elections for MCLA officers are this year. Send recommendations for officer positions to John D.

**For the December event:** MCLA is proposing to replace the banquet with a “meet & greet” event where it will be an open event and people can come and go without appointments or time schedule. Will feature organizations, groups, elected officials.

**Old business:** Silver Lake berm – are having a meeting in August with Water Way Commission. No new data on funding. Not expecting any new proposals.

**New business:** as mentioned – possible purchase of a GPS.

**Next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 29**

Bill Braam

Secretary

August 10, 2016