



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.”

General Membership Meeting

2-27-2020 – 6:30PM

Manitowoc County Office Building

MEETING MINUTES:

Tom Ward:

- Announce that individual membership dues are increased from \$15 to \$25.
- MCLA website has great content and encourages people to visit it.
- Next membership meeting is on 4-23-2020

Presentation by Clint Ward, Advanced Ice Fishing Tactics:

- Clint fishes locally and will participate in some tournaments.
- Cedar Lake is having a tournament the upcoming weekend.
- Length (24”-32”) and tip action of rod is important.
- Fast action tip for jigging & noodle rod for dead sticking.
- Pistol grip holding rod helps feel.
- Good spring bobber is important.
- Clint likes a titanium spring bobber.
- Smaller spring bobber may be better.
- Set spring bobber at around 45 degrees.
- Pay attention to spring bobber. Sometimes bobber goes up when fish bites.
- Good reel with good drag is important.
- Fly reel can help prevent line spin.
- Attaching barrel swivel to leader helps prevent line spin.
- There are many types of fishing line.
- Lighter and smaller diameter line for pan fish.
- Larger stronger line for game fish.
- Monofilament, Ice monofilament, braided, and fluorocarbon are examples of some fishing lines.
- Each line type has different characteristics.
- Colored lines may help.
- Tip downs may be alternative to tip ups.
- Electronics are important.
Vexilar is a preferred brand. It can find weeds, picks up fish fast and can even see small jigs.
- Fish cameras can be helpful. A camera should not be a substitute for a Vexilar and could spook game fish.
- GPS can be important. Navionics has a good app for your phone.
- Tungsten lure is heavier than lead and will drop in the water faster.
- Lure and color varies by fish species.
- There are gas, propane and electric ice augers.
- Small details make a big difference.

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2019-2020 Officers:

Acting President: Tom Ward

Vice President: Jerry Corfman

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Gene Weyer, John S. Durbrow

Tom Ward

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Brian Robley

Cedar Lake

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alts: Phil Knauf, Richard Jens

English Lake

Steve Boskiacki

Gass Lake

Richard Blashka

Harpts and Tuma Lakes

Dan Dufek

Hartlaub Lake

Gene Weyer

Horseshoe Lake

Robert Christian

Lake Michigan

John S. Durbrow

Long Lake

Chuck Kiehn

Pigeon Lake

Jerry Gospodarek

Silver Lake

Jaret Paltzer

Spring Lake

Bill Braam

Wilke Lake

Tom Payne

Presentation by Susan Zipperer, SLO Farmers Coop:

- SLO Farmers has been in existence since 2014.
- Currently in 17 counties of northeast Wisconsin.
- SLO Farmers Coop helps local farmers market their product.
- Manitowoc County has the 2nd largest number of CAFO (concentrated animal feeding operations) in the state of WI.
- Sustainable farm practices may help water quality concerns.
- SLO Farmers are grazers. Grazing may help with water run off compared to tilling.
- Multiple water monitoring is done on coop member farms.
- Organic land transition takes a long time.
- Grass is the ideal food for cows.
- Tilling the land can create a larger carbon footprint.
- SLO Farmers Coop supports buying food locally, being good neighbors and helps take their members out of the global market.
- SLO Farmers Coop will deliver their product in smaller quantities and does deliver in Manitowoc County.

Presentation by Larry Bonde, Chairman for State Conservation Congress:

- Citizens can give input on resource issues. The conservation congress then shares with Natural Resource Board and Department of Natural Resource. Wisconsin is the only state that allows this.
- Conservation Congress is primarily hook and bullet but will address many issues.
- Each county has 5 delegates.
- Conservation Congress may lobby for a cause and works closely with other organizations such as: Wisconsin Bear Hunters and Pheasants Forever.
- Rule changes can take 3 years.
- Spring hearings are the 2nd Monday in April.
- DNR Rule changes, Congress advisory questions and Natural Resource questions are reviewed, discussed and voted on by citizens attending.
- A person can also review and vote on line.
- Any citizen can write a resolution. Dove hunt and free fishing day are examples resolution submitted by a single citizen.
- Some of the big items for this year's spring hearing are: Natural Resources rule changes on deer, DNR changes on lead ammunition, possible lottery similar to Pure Michigan concept.
- Pan fish rule changes evaluations will start in winter of 2021.
- Wisconsin is very fortunate to have the multiple recourses and the Conservation Congress.

Lake Reports:**Bullhead Lake:**

- Alum treatment was not recommended by consultant.
- Consultant feels that phosphorus is being flushed out of wetlands due to rain activities.

Carsten's Lake:

- Possible 3 sediment basins to divert high water flows into lake.
- Meeting in March on this.
- Lake has low oxygen levels

Cedar Lake:

- They had a 3 mile walking path around the lake.

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English Lake:

- No report

Gass Lake:

- Low fishing pressure.

Harpt Lake:

- No report

Hartlaub Lake:

- No report

Horseshoe Lake:

- No report

Kasbaum Lake:

- No report

Lake Michigan

- No report

Long Lake:

- No report

Pigeon Lake:

- No report

Shoe Lake:

- No report

Silver Lake:

- No report

Spring Lake:

- No report

Sy Lake:

- No report

Tuma Lake:

- No Report

Twin Lake:

- Froze in November, opened and froze again.
- Hasn't noticed winter kill.
- May start aerator.

Weyer's Lake:

- Aerators are running.

Wilke Lake:

- Lake froze over on 1/17/2020.

Manitowoc County Fish & Game

- Carsten's and Pigeon Lakes may get new pier.
- Funding may be available for projects.

Respectfully Submitted
Scott Umland, MCLA Secretary