



# 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.”

## MANITOWOC COUNTY LAKES ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

6-24-2021 – 6:00PM

Cedar Lake Pavilion, 14133 Cedar Lake Rd, Kiel

### 2020-2021 Officers:

**Acting President:** Tom Ward

**Vice President:** Jerry Corfman

**Treasurer:** Marcia Salm

**Secretary:** Scott Umland

**Press Secretary:** Hanna Edelglass

### Past Presidents:

Gene Weyer, John S. Durbrow  
Tom Ward

### Lake Directors

**Bullhead Lake**  
Ron Gerrits

**Carstens Lake**  
Brian Robley

**Cedar Lake**  
Cindy Leitner  
*alts: Phil Knauf, Richard Jens*

**English Lake**  
Steve Bosiacki

**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

## MEETING MINUTES:

Called to order by Tom Ward

### Presentation by Tom & Nancy Koeppen, Mike, Lori Koenig and Bonnie Guokas: Kayaking

- Sea Kayaks, Whitewater Kayaks and Recreational Kayaks.
- Described the types and usages for the different types of Kayaks.
- Get a good kayak to fit your use and body type.
- Not wearing life jackets is leading cause of drowning.
- There are fiberglass and aluminum paddles.
- There are one piece or tow piece paddles.
- Cost can range for \$100 - \$400 and you get what you pay for.
- Described feathered and non-feathered paddles.
- Feather can be adjusted for the wind.
- Right handed feather is the most common.
- Safety protocol was discussed.
- Wear a PDF aka life jacket that fits.
- Carry a whistle.
- Must have a light for night paddling. A flashlight is ok. Used to notify any oncoming boats approaching.
- There is a fine for not having a light.
- Rotate body when making a paddling stroke.
- Less tiring than all arms.
- Stay within the paddler's box.
- Discussed technique for getting in and out of kayak.
- Discussed courtesy on the water and at the water landings.
- Discussed flares and keeping them up to date.
- Demonstrated a clothes changing bag.
- An on the water demonstration was done showing: safety, types of kayaks, paddling techniques and maneuvers.

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**Presentation by Jake Devine AIS Coordinator, Glacierland RS&D**

- Glacierland is contracted with Department of Natural Resources.
- 5 interns working and at least 1-2 at boat landings every weekend.
- Clean boats, clean water program.
- Developing and AIS management plan.
- In August they will be visiting sites for invasive.
- Almost all lakes in Manitowoc County has Eurasian Milfoil.
- The state is changing how counties get funding.
- Now an annual allocated amount.
- County must apply.
- Phragmites spraying will continue.
- This is the last year of grant money for treatment in the county.
- Treatment in the fall of the year is the best.
- Approved treatment methods can be found on DNR website. Check in search box.

**Treasurers Report: Marcia Salm**

- Membership is up from 68 to 70.
- General account balance as of 6/5/2021 = \$6,400.52.
- Grant account balance as of 6/5/2021 = \$19,781.15.
- Grant funds are available for future projects.

**Water Quality: Gene Weyers**

- Testing for phosphorus and coliform.
- Funding for testing is from the state.
- Testing is 4 times per year.
- Water clarity is generally stable.
- Cedar Lake ice out had 2<sup>nd</sup> best clarity at 26 ft.
- Cedar Lake had record algae that followed.
- Cedar Lake had recent 16' clarity.
- Gass Lake has around a 450 acre watershed.
- In the past the watershed water avoided the lake.
- Watershed water changed path and started going into the lake.
- Private parties paid for a project to correct the watershed water flow.
- Gass Lake is on the path to improvement.

**Carten's Lake Project: Tom Ward**

- Stantec is the engineer and designing the plan.
- Design is to treat the water before it enters the lake.
- Water passes through a slag filtering system.
- Experimental project to remove phosphorus.
- Working with very cooperative landowner.
- Design should be done by end of June or July.
- Partnership with MCLA and Carten's Lake Association.
- Testing is being done on slag for forever chemicals.
- Small lakes can't continue to tolerate the watersheds and large storms.

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## LAKE REPORTS:

### **Bullhead Lake:**

- High phosphorus
- Didn't qualify for Alum Treatment Grant.
- Goal is to collect more data
- In 2020 there was 80,000 lbs of algae skimmed off.

### **Carsten's Lake:**

- Phosphorus treatment project
- 3' secchi disk reading
- Fishing is relatively good

### **Cedar Lake:**

- Treating milfoil with chemical and cutting.
- Chemical did not work as good as expected.
- 5 acre area is approved for treatment.
- Weeds are spreading

### **English Lake:**

- No Report

### **Gass Lake:**

- Prior Gene Weyers discussion

### **Harpt Lake:**

- No Report

### **Hartlaub Lake:**

- No Report

### **Horseshoe Lake:**

- No Report

### **Kasbaum Lake:**

- No Report

### **Lake Michigan:**

- High water created a lot of shore line erosion.
- Water level is down 9-11 inches since same time last year.
- Hard to walk beach do to number of trees fallen from shore line erosion.

### **Long Lake:**

- High pressure from boat traffic and fishing.
- Water clarity was better in spring.
- Rumor that developer may put up 50 unit condominium on the lake.

### **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:**

- No Report

### **Weyer's Lake:**

- The water is nice, kayakers should come.
- Weeds are around the outside.
- Feels aerators are helping

### **Wilke Lake:**

- Stantec completed a comprehensive lake management plan.
- The plan has been posted on MCLA website.

### **Closing Comments: Tom Ward**

Tom has sold his home and is temporarily moving to northern Wisconsin. Tom is turning the reins over to the very good hands of the current vice president, Jerry Corfman. ■

Respectfully Submitted  
Scott Umland, MCLA Secretary