



# 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

4-28-2022 – 6:30PM

Room 300, Manitowoc County, Office Complex

4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI

### ATTENDANCE:

Jerry Corfman, Maria Lynch, Marcia Salm, Scott Umland, Dave Pozorski, Hanna Edelglass

### MEETING MINUTES:

Called to order by: Jerry Corfman, President

### Introduction of Jason Breeggemann

- Fisheries Biologist for Manitowoc County, Brown County and Muskellunge and Walleye in the Bay of Green Bay,
- Jason has worked in varies different states and projects though out the United States. Most recently in Shawano County.
- In 2022 Jason has been active with fish surveys that include, fyke netting on Cedar Lake and Long Lake. He hopes to follow this up with electrofishing on the same lakes.
- Horseshoe Lake is stocked with trout by the Department of Natural Resources. Creel Cards have been put at the boat landing for anglers to complete.
- The suggested regulation changes implementation has been started for Wilke Lake. This will affect the bass, walleye and northern size and possession limits. It is a lengthy process and the earliest final implementation would be in 2024.
- Discussed that there has been an ongoing 5 year and 10 year panfish study. Different limits were changed on several lakes throughout the state. The results are not complete.
- Jason would entertain volunteers for habitat improvement projects.

### Presentation by Jerry Halverson, Department Director, Manitowoc County Soil and Water.

#### Gass Lake

- Project was to build a diversion from a 400 plus acre watershed that was running into the lake. This is to improve the phosphorus levels in the lake.
- The lake was the 3rd worse in the county for phosphorus.
- The planning and permits took many hours and years.
- August 2020 an excavator was hired.
- A pass and clay dike was constructed to divert the water. The pass is 2' deep and 7' wide.
- The cost of the project was approximately \$8,500 and was funded by private parties and the Gass Lake Association.

#### 2021-2022 Officers:

**Int. President:** Jerry Corfman

**Int. Vice President:** Maria Lynch

**Treasurer:** Marcia Salm

**Secretary:** Scott Umland

**Press Secretary:** Hanna Edelglass

#### Past Presidents:

Tom Ward, Gene Weyer,  
John S. Durbrow

#### Lake Directors

##### Bullhead Lake

Ron Gerrits

##### Carstens Lake

Brian Robley

##### Cedar Lake

Josh Knuth

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##### 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

[vacant]

##### Wilke Lake

Tom Payne

### **English Lake:**

- Drain tile and erosion was running into the lake from a neighboring property.
- The lake management plan had to be updated and passed.
- A grant was applied for but was not received. The project was ultimately paid for by other grant moneys.
- On 4/19/2022 a drain tile was diverted away from running into the lake.
- On 4/27/2022 an additional drain tile was diverted away from running into the lake.
- The water now running into the lake will be substantially cleaner.
- The cost of the project was approximately \$33,000.
- Presentation by Sarah Majerus, Stantec & Jim Kettler, Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership.

### **Carstens Lake Water Quality Improvement Project – Progress Report:**

- Project is to help harvest the phosphorus before it enters the lake.
- A grad student is hired to complete a 2 year study on the slag and phosphorus.
- The designed was changed from the original to a neighboring upland area.
- The design is to pick up the water flow from Pine Creek and treat it with slag filtration system before the water enters the lake. Phosphorus binds to slag.
- It is anticipated that the slag filtration bags would have to be changed annually. The bags are to be easy to access and handle.
- If the slag filtration system is ever removed it would leave the area with an enhanced wetland and sedimentation area.
- There is a 2 year research grant for the management plan and implementation plan.
- NRCS cost share moneys are available for the project.

### **Secretary's Report, Scott Umland:**

- The meeting minutes from the 9/24/2021 general membership meeting are on line and Scott had copies for review.
- Reading of the minutes were not required.
- Motion to accept the secretary report was made by Dave Pozorski and second by Gene Weyer.

### **Treasurer's Report, Marcia Salm**

- General account balance as of 4/28/2022 was \$7,259.16.
- Grant account balance as of 3/31/2022 was \$19,781.15
- Motion to accept the treasure report was made by Dave Pozorski and second by Gene Weyer.

### **Introduction of Maria Lynch, Interim MCLA Vice President:**

- Maria is a resident of Little Pigeon Lake.
- Maria is to be voted in at the next annual general membership meeting
- Thank you Maria for your interest and obligations to MCLA.

### **Articles for Summer Newsletter:**

- In the past Tom Ward primarily wrote or put together the articles for the newsletter.
- This will not be the case going forward.
- If people could get a paragraph or two together and emailed to Dave Pozorski by the end of May, 2022. Dave's email is [dp1@mainframe.com](mailto:dp1@mainframe.com)

### **LAKE REPORTS:**

Bullhead Lake:  
Ice out clarity reading was 2 feet.

Carsten's Lake:  
No additional

Cedar Lake:  
Ice out clarity reading was 6 feet.  
The water was very murky.  
Last year's reading was 11 feet.  
Lake level is high and 5" over the outlet culvert.  
Water temperature was 50 degrees.

English Lake:  
No additional

Gass Lake:  
No additional

Harpt Lake:  
No additional

Hartlaub Lake:

Ice out clarity reading was 2½ feet.

Public boat landing is difficult.

If the area was dredged it more than likely would quickly silt back in.

There seems to be additional activities from small boats such as kayaks.

Horseshoe Lake:

No additional

Kasbaum Lake:

No additional

Lake Michigan:

No additional

Long Lake:

No additional

Pigeon Lake:

No additional

Little Pigeon Lake:

No additional

Shoe Lake:

Ice out water clarity was 6 feet on 4/18/2022

Silver Lake:

No additional

Spring Lake:

Ice out water clarity was 5 feet

Sy Lake:

No additional

Tuma Lake:

No additional

Twin Lake:

No additional

Weyers Lake:

Ice out water clarity was 5 feet

Cost for new aerator was ultimately paid for by Manitowoc County Fish and Game. THANK YOU!

Wilke Lake:

Ice was completely gone on 4/7/2022

Proposed bass regulation to 18" size limit with a daily bag limit of 1.

Proposed walleye regulation to 18" size limit with a daily bag limit of 3.

Proposed northern regulation to a 25" – 30" protected slot limit with a daily bag limit of 2.

### **Manitowoc County Fish and Game:**

- 3 new handicap accessible piers are being installed.
- They are at English Lake, Pigeon Lake and Wilke Lake.
- The piers are floating so they should not have to be removed.
- The average cost of the piers is \$25,000.
- Piers were paid for by Manitowoc County Fish and Game. THANK YOU!
- Voluntary boat landing donation tubes throughout the county have collected the following:
  - 2019 \$12,469
  - 2020 \$22,331
  - 2021 \$18,000

### **Open Discussion:**

What can be done to communicate with landowners on improved land practices to help lessen runoff?

There are fewer farms but more animals than there were years ago.

Next meeting is scheduled for 6-30-2022.

The location and time is to be determined.

Motion was made by Scott Umland and seconded by Gene Weyer to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted  
Scott Umland, MCLA Secretary