



# 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

8/24/2023 – 6:30pm

Room 300, Soil and Water Conservation Building  
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54245

### 2022-2023 Officers:

**President:** Jerry Corfman

**Vice President:** Maria Lynch

**Treasurer:** Marcia Salm

**Secretary:** Scott Umland

**Press Sec:** Roger Vander Logt

### Past Presidents:

Tom Ward, Gene Weyer,  
John S. Durbrow

### Lake Directors

**Bullhead Lake**  
Ron Gerrits

**Carstens Lake**  
Brian Robley

**Cedar Lake**  
Josh Knuth  
*alts: Phil Knauf, Richard Jens*

**English Lake**  
vacant

**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**  
Fred Ruszkiewicz

### MEETING MINUTES:

- Called to order by Jerry Corfman, President.  
Introduced the program presenters:
  - o David Wetenkamp – Manitowoc County Soil & Water
  - o Eric Oppermann – Manitowoc County Soil & Water

### Program by David Wetenkamp and Eric Oppermann, Manitowoc County Soil & Water: Past, Present & Future

#### PAST

- Priority watershed mapping with improvements to rivers with better farming practices.
- In 33 years around \$3,743,000 paid out for improvements.
- At one time there were discussions to have water skiing or not on lakes.
- Mercury poisoning was an issue in some lakes.
- Worked on water classifications and shoreline management plan.
- Worked on natural ways to protect lakes and shorelines.

#### PRESENT

- Gass Lake diversion – Around 200 acres of watershed was diverted from running into the lake.
- English Lake diversion – Tile used to run into the lake. Now goes into a ditch and through two sedimentation areas.
- Lake monitoring and recording data.
- Ongoing projects with problems lakes to reduce phosphorus.
- Carstens Lake – Stantec project to reduce phosphorus.
- English Lake – Wetland outlet options.
- Hartlaub Lake – Lined and grass waterway being installed.
- Long Lake – Barn yard project on north side of the lake.
- Successfully working with farming and manure applications.
- Handling manure application complaints. Inspects and reports submitted to Department of Natural Resources.
- Calman Lakes Watershed Planning Projects.
- Pine Creek has been delisted. The waterway has significantly improved.
- The shallow bedrock mapping has been updated with the use of helicopter and newer technology.
- Free water testing for nitrates is available at soil and water building.

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## FUTURE

- Looking to keep things going in the right direction.
- Wilke Lake horse pasture.
- New grants.
- 10 year land & water resources.
- Tile lining regulations.
- English Lake sediment areas.
- Mobile classroom.
- Lakeshore habitat plans.

## General Business Meeting

- **Secretary's Report:** Reading of the last meeting minutes waived. They are on the MCLA website.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
  - o \$8,973.21 balance in general account
  - o \$11,781.15 balance in grant account
  - o 58 members individual or family units, 21 lakes or donationsMotion to accept by Phil Knauf and seconded by Gus Gospodarek. No objections.
- **General:**
  - o Carstens Lake project is moving forward.
  - o Next meeting is the annual banquet at Larrabee Sportsman Club on 10-13-23. Cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Guest speaker is Eric Olson from Wisconsin Lakes, formerly known as Wisconsin Association of Lakes. Election of officers will take place. They plan to have a 50/50 raffle and door prizes.
  - o The following meeting may be 11/30/23.
  - o Discussion took place on how to improve meeting attendance. Maybe creating a Facebook page, sending email to all MCLA members, get information out to some non MCLA members that live in areas that could imply that they would be interested, look at the possibility of adding the future meeting dates and more.

## LAKE REPORTS:

Bullhead Lake: No Report

**Carsten's Lake: 4' Secchi Disk Reading**

**Cedar Lake: Going ahead getting a lake management plan. 12'-14' Secchi Disk reading.**

English Lake: No Report

Gass Lake: No Report

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: Started invasive weed treatment in 2012. Last treatment was in 2016. This year 13 invasive plants were found and removed.**

Little Pigeon: 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

Weyers Lake: No Report

**Wilke Lake: Discussion with the sanitary district has started regarding possibilities of invasive weed treatment.**

Motion was made by Scott Umland and seconded by Dan Dufek to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted  
Scott Umland, MCLA Secretary