



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

11/30/2023 6:30pm

Room 300, Soil & Water Conservation Building
4219 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54245

MEETING MINUTES:

- Called to order by Jerry Corfman, President.
No guest speaker

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING:

- **Secretary's Report** - Reading of the last meeting minutes waived. They are on the MCLA website. Motion made by Gene Weyer and seconded by Gus Gospadarek to waive the reading of the minutes, no objections.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - o \$ 9,738.71 balance in general account
 - o \$11,781.15 balance in grant account
 - o Deposit and expenses were reviewed
 - o Motion to approve by Dave Pozorski seconded by Richard Blashka
- **Annual Meeting Review**
 - o Compliments to Larrabee for hosting the 2023 annual banquet.
 - o Speaker was Eric Olson from Wisconsin Lake Partners & Lake Leadership Partners. If interested in their programs please get a hold of them.
 - o Pigeon Lake is sponsoring the 2024 Annual Banquet. It is planned to be held on 9/29/24 at Autumn Ridge Golf Course. Social starting at 4:30 pm with dinner and presentation starting at 6:00 pm. Pigeon Lake is open to a co-sponsor. Estimated cost is \$20.
- **Carstens Lake Project** - On 11/20/23 Stantec and LNRP met with the DNR and Army Core of Engineers regarding future permits needed. The scrape is done and planted. Due to the soft soils some of the work was done with a long reach hoe and pads. Madson may have been the excavator. The final cost of the project is appearing to be in the \$500,000 range and paid for with grants. Jerry Corfman is going to be asking for a breakdown of the costs. Slag filter system may not be completely designed yet.
- **Upcoming Meeting Schedule** – Executive Committee is meeting after the general membership meeting to review the schedule. Jerry Corfman is going out of town. Leaving in January and returning in April. February meeting would have to be run by another member of the executive committee, possibly Maria Lynch.
- **Additional Discussions** – Newsletter mailing list has been hard to compile due to protocol changes. \$19,628 was collected from boat launching fees in Manitowoc County. That money goes to maintain the piers at the boat landings.

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2023-2024 Officers:

President: Jerry Corfman

Vice President: Maria Lynch

Treasurer: Marcia Salm

Secretary: Scott Umland

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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

Harpt 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 Gospadarek

Silver Lake
Jaret Paltzer

Spring Lake
vacant

Wilke Lake
Fred Ruskiewicz

LAKE REPORTS:

- **Carsten's Lake:** Previously discussed in the meeting.
- **Cedar Lake:**
 - o The Lake has been harvesting weeds for many years. The lake had 11 acres of milfoil but were only allowed to treat 5 of the 11 acres. Wisconsin Lakes and Ponds are the lake consultants. 10 ½ acres of the 11 acres were gone; is now starting to come back. They hope to treat again in 2024. The prior treatments cost around \$20,000 each. They hope to get a whole lake treatment after 2024 and the lake hopes to get grants to help with the cost.
 - o Discussion also on wake surfing issues. Original bill to restrict was not restrictive enough. Possibly restricting the equipment used and not the boat could be more effective on a local level. Long Lake has had an ordinance for 13 years and Crystal Lake has had one for 3 years. There are around 12 lakes in Wisconsin with local ordinances regarding wake surfing. Water in the ballasts can transfer milfoil and spiny water flea. Senator Andre Jacque has started a new bill from recommendations taken from the Conservation Congress. This bill is more restrictive and people should contact their representatives to back Senator Jacque's bill.
 - o There is to be an online presentation on the spiny water flea on 12-6-23. Information on this will be put on the MCLA website.
- **English Lake:** Secchi readings have been good. The lake had weed issues this summer. They have contacted Onterra regarding lake management planning. There was a manhole that overflowed and created a sinkhole. The lake had an otter this summer.
- **Gass Lake:** The diversion that was completed appears to be working as it was intended. This is great news.
- **Harpt Lake:** They are planning on planting perch in the spring. They are also planning on installing fish sticks in fall.
- **Hartlaub Lake:** Gene Weyers has been active in lake testing but has cut back. Glacierland was going to take over some of Gene's activities but there are lakes having monitoring activities demands. They are Shoe, Spring, Horseshoe and Weyers. Gene feels that he may have people to cover the testing for all the lakes except Horseshoe. If water testing is not done on Horseshoe, the lake could go on the impaired listing.
- **Horseshoe Lake:** Needs a lake monitor for water testing. If anyone knows someone to do the lake testing please have them contact Mary Gansberg from the DNR. Mary.Gansberg@wisconsin.gov
- **Kasbaum Lake:** No Report
- **Lake Michigan:** No Report
- **Long Lake:** Very little ice at this time and there are a lot of geese.
- **Pigeon Lake:**
 - o The upcoming weekend it Christmas at Sinawa. This is a fun fundraising event. There is food that the lake is taking care of, sleigh rides and may activities.
 - o The lake pulled 9 milfoil plants 8 years after treatment. The lake works with Onterra for their lake management planning.
 - o The lake's last secchi disk reading was 16 ½ feet.
- **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:** Had some ice and lots of geese. DNR Fish stick project will hopefully be done in the winter depending on the type of winter. They need good frozen conditions to move equipment across the cattail areas.

Motion was made by Chuck Kiehn and seconded by Dan Dufek to adjourn the meeting. No opposition and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Umland, MCLA Secretary