



## 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

2/15/2024 6:30pm

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

#### 2023-2024 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

**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 Gospodarek

**Silver Lake**  
Brett Hubbartt

**Spring Lake**  
vacant

**Wilke Lake**  
Fred Ruszkiewicz

### MEETING MINUTES:

- Called to order by Maria Lynch, Vice President.

### Program by: Bob Domagalski – History of land around Wilke Lake. Sec. 2 & 3 of Schleswig Township

- Bob currently lives in St. Nazianz, WI. He grew up there and really enjoys St. Nazianz.
- He has spent many hours at the county land records offices compiling information.
- Presentation is of the land around Wilke Lake, not all the homes and cottages on the lake. Sec 2 and 3 of the Township of Schleswig.
- Wilke Lake is the 3rd largest lake in the county.
- Bob talked about military land grants, sale of land for \$1.00 or \$1.25 per acre, land speculators, individual owners and land transactions.
- Bob showed plat book pages from 1860, 1878, 1921 and 2014.
- Bob shared an incredible amount of history.
- Bob's section 2 & 3 history logs along with the plat book pages are shared as a pdf

### GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING:

- **Secretary's Report** - Reading of the last meeting minutes waived. They are on the MCLA website. Motion to accept made by Gus Gospodarek and second by Marcia Salm, carried.
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - o \$11,402.85 balance in general account
  - o \$11,781.15 balance in grant account
  - o 35 members individual or family units, 10 lakes or donations
  - o Motion to accept Dan Dufek and second by Gus Gospodarek, carried.
  - o Carsten Lake project and updates will be discussed at the next meeting.
  - o Future meeting dates were discussed.
  - o Pigeon Lake is going forward as sole sponsor of the annual banquet.
  - o Individual Lakes should start thinking about nominating people for stewardship awards.
  - o Payment is past due to Manitowoc County Fish & Game for the two MCLA representatives. They are Dan Dufek and Joe Kopplinger. Cost is \$50 per representative.

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- **Treasurer's Report, continued**

- o Discussion took place regarding wake boat and wake surfing issues. The Town of Schleswig is in support of the Andre Jacques bill. Manitowoc County Fish and Game is in support of the Andre Jacques bill. Long Lake has had a town ordinance regarding wake boats and wake surfing for 10 years. Proposed bills could affect the ability of townships to have their own ordinances. Cedar Lake is having issues with wake boats and wake surfing. Cedar Lake would like MCLA to support the Andre Jacques bill. A motion was made by Phil Knauf and second by Dave Pozorski to put into the agenda and discuss wake boats and wake surfing in more detail at the next MCLA meeting. Motion carried.

- **Newsletter:** It is not too early for lakes to get pictures together for the next newsletter

**LAKE REPORTS:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Carsten's Lake:</b> Happy with the fishery and hopefully no regulation changes will be made for Carstens.</li><li>- <b>Cedar Lake:</b> Scott Otterson has some records regarding Cedar Lake dating back to 1970. This year the lake froze up on 1/16/2024. That is the latest that is on record</li><li>- <b>English Lake:</b> No Report</li><li>- <b>Gass Lake:</b> No Report</li><li>- <b>Harpt Lake:</b> Fish stick project was put off until next year freeze up due to the ice conditions.</li><li>- <b>Hartlaub Lake:</b> No Report</li><li>- <b>Horseshoe Lake:</b> WDNR will hopefully be doing electrofishing in 2024</li><li>- <b>Kasbaum Lake:</b> No Report</li><li>- <b>Lake Michigan:</b> No Report</li><li>- <b>Long Lake:</b> No Report</li><li>- <b>Pigeon Lake:</b> WDNR will hopefully be doing a comprehensive fish survey in 2024. This is to include fyke netting and electrofishing.</li><li>- <b>Little Pigeon:</b> No Report</li><li>- <b>Shoe Lake:</b> No Report</li><li>- <b>Silver Lake:</b> The association is up and running again. The new lake representative is Brett Hubbartt. He will get his contact information to MCLA. The recent fish survey showed a healthy fish population. The complete fish survey is not completed yet. They are working on a kayak ramp. They are looking for ideas on how to have better water clarity.</li><li>- <b>Spring Lake:</b> No Report</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Sy Lake:</b> No Report</li><li>- <b>Tuma Lake:</b> No Report</li><li>- <b>Twin Lake:</b> No Report</li><li>- <b>Weyers Lake:</b> No Report</li><li>- <b>Wilke Lake:</b> Fish stick project is put on hold until next freeze up due to ice conditions. New fish bag limits are to go into effect as of the 2024 fishing opener. Bass 18" minimum with a limit of one fish, Walleye 18" minimum with a limit of 3 fish, Northern has a protected size limit of 25" to 35" and a limit of 2 for all other sizes.</li><li>- <b>Soil and Water:</b> Work is being done to the inlet on Hartlaub Lake. 6 grass waterways are being worked on, on the west side of Carstens Lake. 1 grass waterway on the north side of Pigeon Lake is being worked on. Money for the projects is from State and private funding. They are still looking for lake monitors for Horseshoe, Shoe, Weyers and Spring Lake.</li><li>- <b>Manitowoc County Fish &amp; Game:</b> Extended growth walleye were stocked by the WDNR in the fall of 2023 in Wilke, Silver, English, Pigeon, Long, Harpt and Bullhead Lake. The experimental panfish regulations are expiring in 2026. Bullhead, English, Harpt, Long and Pigeon Lake are affected by this. Jason Breeggemann from WDNR fisheries is looking for feedback for the lakes. Jason's contact information is <a href="mailto:Jason.breeggemann@wisconsin.gov">Jason.breeggemann@wisconsin.gov</a> or 920-420-4619 The 15 aggregate bag limit with no more than 5 per species may be a preferred option.</li></ul> |
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Motion was made by Maria Lynch and seconded by Dave Pozorski to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott Umland, MCLA Secretary