



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

4/25/2024 6:30pm

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

MEETING MINUTES:

- Called to order by Jerry Corfman, President.

Program by: Jason Breeggemann

- Fish survey is being done on Pigeon Lake.
- Horseshoe, Bullhead and Harpt Lake may have fish surveys in 2025.
- Changes coming up in Manitowoc County are: new Wilke Lake regulations and Panfish special regulations will be expiring in 2026.
- Jason explained the new Wilke Lake regulations and the reason for them.
- Bullhead, English, Harpt, Long and Pigeon Lakes are the lakes in Manitowoc County with special panfish regulations. Jason is looking for suggestions and input for the lakes.
- The 15 aggregate with 5 per species has seemed to show the best results.
- Upcoming panfish regulation options are: 25 aggregate, 25 aggregate with 5 per species, 10 aggregate, 10 aggregate with 5 per species.
- Jason's current recommendations for panfish regulations are: Bullhead Lake 10 aggregate, English Lake 10 aggregate with 5 blue gill, Harpt Lake 10 aggregate with 5 yellow perch, Long Lake 25 aggregate with 5 blue gill, Pigeon Lake 25 aggregate and added Cedar Lake suggestion of 10 aggregate and 5 blue gill.
- Jason explained the reason for his suggestions and had a short Q&A period.

Status of Carstens Lake Project, LNRP, Stantec and Glacierland

- Jim Kettler of LNRP introduced new people: Mike Mullen, Executive Director, Anna, Communications, Amy Lentz, Project Director, Patricia, Partnership and Planner.
- Mike Mullen of LNRP explained what LNRP does. Conservation, Collaboration, Community. They have 17 partner organizations and many project sites. Project sites include Newport State Park and Peninsula State Park, both in Door County, Stony Brook, a cold water trout stream in Calumet County and Little Manitowoc coastal wetland.
- Jim Kettler of LNRP reviewed the Carstens Lake Project history to current. The wetland scrape was completed in October of 2023. Pine Creek is a much studied creek. It has a 9 key element plan. Water quality tests are done at 8 sites after every rain event of ½" or more. Data can be found at <http://hikabay.org>
- Sara Majerus of Stantec discussed the Carstens Lake project plan design, changes to plan as the project progressed, project schedule and present research updates. The change from slag media to Phosflow from Australia may occur. Phosflow is more expensive but is lighter and shown better results. Disposal of the product is strictly to a landfill site at this time. They are looking at July or August for construction of the device/apparatus for the Phosflow bags. Currently 2027 would be the decision date to review results and proceeding options. Information may be able to be found by googling DNR water quality Carstens Lake.
- Valerie O'Conner introduced as the new Invasive and Aquatic Invasive person from Glacierland. She reviewed the grant for clean boat/clean water program Valerie is looking for lake suggestions for Manitowoc County.

2023-2024 Officers:

President: Jerry Corfman

Vice President: Maria Lynch

Treasurer: Marcia Salm

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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
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Horseshoe Lake
Robert Christian

Lake Michigan
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Long Lake
Chuck Kiehn

Pigeon Lake
Jerry Gospodarek

Silver Lake
Brett Hubbart

Spring Lake
vacant

Wilke Lake
Fred Ruszkiewicz

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING:

- **Secretary's Report** - Reading of the last meeting minutes waived. They are on the MCLA website. Motion to accept made by Maria Lynch and second by Gene Weyer, carried.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - o \$11,781.15 balance in general account
 - o \$11,792.53 balance in grant account
 - o 62 member's individual or family units, 13 lakes or donations & 7 other donations.
 - o Expenses were discussed.
 - o Motion to accept made by Dave Pozorski and second by Connie Meiselwitz, carried.
- **Wake Surfing Discussion** - Scott Otterson from Cedar Lake discussed this subject. Cedar Lake currently has 8 wake surfing boats. Wisconsin Lakes meeting dedicated 1 day to this subject. Lake bottoms up to 20' deep can be affected by wake surfing boats. Andre Jacque proposed a restrictive bill affecting wake surfing but the bill died. It may take 4 to 5 years for a bill to take effect. Local ordinances could be effective. Township of Schleswig supported the Andre Jacque proposal of allowing wake surfing only on lake of 1,500 acres or more and greater than 700' from shorelines and islands. Scott proposed that MCLA develop a resolution allowing wake surfing more than 500' from shorelines, islands, piers etc and in water greater than 20 feet deep. Wording will be put together to be put up for a vote at the 6/27/24 MCLA meeting.
- **Newsletter** - It is not too early for lakes to get pictures together for the next newsletter. Dave would like to have information in time to have the newsletter out prior to the 9/29/24 annual meeting.
- **Meeting Schedule**
 - o 6/27/27 is the next MCLA meeting.
 - o 8/29/24 meeting guest speaker is open for suggestions.
 - o 9/29/24 is the annual meeting. The sponsor is Pigeon Lake and it will be held at Autumn Ridge Golf Course.
 - o 11/21/24 is the last meeting of the year. Guest speaker is open for suggestions.
- **Discussion took place regarding water quality testing.** Multiple lakes are losing the testing due to funding. Even if they start up again the information may not go into the DNR statistics.

LAKE REPORTS:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bullhead Lake: No report- Carsten's Lake: 2.25' secchi disk reading. Dock went in 2 days ago. Six waterway improvement locations are planned for 2024.- Cedar Lake: 27' secchi disk reading. This is possibly a record.- English Lake: Waterways being improved by residents.- Gass Lake: The bypass is working as designed- Harpt Lake: 2.24' secchi disk reading.- Hartlaub Lake: Public access dredging is not going to happen in the near future. A rock lined waterway is planned to be installed and repairs to a washed away grass waterway is planned- Horseshoe Lake: No Report- Kasbaum Lake: No Report- Lake Michigan: No Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Long Lake: Poor water clarity, lots of algae and lots of fishing pressure- Pigeon Lake: Grass waterway is to be installed.- 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: No Report- Soil and Water: Explained the multiple waterway projects and locations.- Manitowoc County Fish & Game: No report. |
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Motion was made by Dave Pozorski and seconded by Charles Kiehn to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Umland, MCLA Secretary