



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

8-28-25 6:30 pm

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

2024-2025 Officers:

President: Jerry Corfman

Vice President: Maria Lynch

Treasurer: Marcia Salm

Secretary: Scott Umland

Press Sec: Roger Vander Logt

Past President:

Tom Ward

Lake Directors

Bullhead Lake

Ron Gerrits

Carstens Lake

Brian Robley

Cedar Lake

Cynthia Leitner

Mike Strebe

English Lake

Kim Skattebo

Gass Lake

Richard Blashka

Harpt and Tuma Lakes

Dan Dufek

Hartlaub Lake

Gene Weyer

Horseshoe Lake

Matt Piper

Lake Michigan

John S. Durbrow

Long Lake

Chuck Kiehn

Pigeon Lake

Randy Steinbruecker

Silver Lake

Brett Hubbart

Spring Lake

vacant

Wilke Lake

Fred Ruszkiewicz

MEETING MINUTES:

- Called to order by Jerry Corman, President.

Jason Breeggemann: WDNR Fisheries Biologist

- Jason could not make the meeting. Presentation notes are posted on the MCLA website at <http://www.manitowoccountylakesassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/8-28-25-Jason-Breeggemann-MCLA-Meeting-presentation.pdf>

Glacierland: Valerie O'Connor, Valerie@glacierlandrcd.org, 920-465-3006 & **Izabelle Krieger**, Izabelle@glacierlandrcd.org, 920-353-3257

- UWGB student inspected 234 boats, contacted 424 people and put in 120.5 hours at Long Lake. She also inspected 219 boats, contacted 423 people and put in 96.5 hours at Lake Michigan. Most inspections were done on the weekend and she surpassed the 200 required hours.
- 2026 grant applications deadline is 11/15/25.
- They also monitored Bullhead, Cedar, Harpt, Horseshoe and Silver Lakes. 156 boats inspected, 274 people contacted and 257 hours monitored.
- Cedar Lake has their own clean boats clean water inspections. They surpassed the 200 hours.
- August 9 was the Aquatic Invasive Species Snapshot Day. They were at Weyers, Gass, Hartlaub and Silver Lakes along with the Little Manitowoc River. A Faucet Snail may have been found in Weyers Lake. It wasn't fully identified and they are keeping an eye on that.
- Drain campaign and landscaping blitz is a full week in July.
- Phragmites control is still going on at participating townships in the county.
- A person can navigate to <https://www.glacierlandrcd.org/phragmites-control-project> to see and report new phragmites locations.
- There are projects at Manitowoc Bluff, Silver Creek Park, Point Creek, Fisher Creek, Centerville Creek/Hika Park, North Point Bluff, Amsterdam Dunes and Valley Creek Corridor, enhancing Lake Michigan coastal & riparian habitats for migratory birds.
- They currently have nearly 1,000 acres of grazier land in the county participating with Glacierland

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General Business Meeting

- **Secretary's Report** - Reading of the last meeting minutes waived. They are on the MCLA website. Motion to accept by Roger Vander Logt, 2nd by Gene Weyer and carried.

- **Treasurer's Report**

\$11,260.29	balance in general account
\$9,856.15	balance in grant account
- \$1,500	paid to Glacierland for clean boats clean water program
- \$72	paid to US Postal Service for P.O. Box annual fee
- \$32	paid to US Postal Service for 2 additional box keys

2025 Membership consists of:

- 63 individual and family units paid memberships
- 14 Lake Associations
- 4 Website Banner Ads
- 17 Donations

Motion to accept by Roger Vander Logt, 2nd by Vince Miller and carried. Jerry Corfman stated that there may be a time that the general and grant accounts will be merged future.

- **General discussion:**

- Nominations are open for the stewardship awards. Get ahold of Jerry Corfman if there a person that you want nominated.
- Dave Pozorski spoke up on his disappointment in the complexity of the fishing regulations in Manitowoc County. Scott Umland spoke that it could be good due to the unique features of the individual lakes. Roger Vander Logt spoke that Jason Breeggemann is doing a great job and the fisheries management is better than it has been in the past.
- Field tilling was briefly discussed and is part of the land and water plan.
- MCLA Annual Meeting and Banquet is taking place on Saturday 10/11/25 at Viking Bow and Gun Club located at 13431 Rusch Road, Valders, WI 54245. The social time begins at 4:00 pm with a cash bar. The Buffet dinner begins at 5:30 pm. The dinner is being catered in from Altona Supper Club. The guest speaker is Phil De Castro, Meteorologist at WLUK-TV Fox 11 Green Bay. The annual meeting, election of officers, awards, 50/50 raffle and door prizes will follow the speaker. Please inform Kim Braun regarding a door prize commitment. Her contact information is below. The cost is \$20 per person and that can be paid at the door. PLEASE make your RSVP by Friday 10/3/25. RSVP can be made by contacting Kim Braun at kimskattebo@icloud.com or by phone or text at 920-973-2390. This is organized and hosted by the English Lake Association in conjunction with Manitowoc County Lakes Association.

- **Newsletter Update:**

- Dave Pozorski has around 12 pages for the newsletter this year. He is still waiting for a couple lake reports. Please email the report in a word format. The newsletter should be done and mailed before the MCLA annual meeting and banquet. To help with the newsletter mailing list, please send any known property changes to Jerry Corfman.

- **Future meetings:**

- 10-11-25 annual banquet at Viking Bow and Gun and 11-20-25. The 2026 meeting dates are 2/26/26, 4/23/26, 6/25/26, 8/27/26 and 11/19/26. The 2026 Annual Banquet is to be determined.

Lake and other reports

- **Bullhead Lake:** They are looking for a Lake District representative. The lake had a fish survey in spring. They struggle with high phosphorus and working with Onterra from De Pere investigating an alum treatment.
- **Carsten's Lake:** 2 ½" Secchi Disk reading. Stantec project is currently waiting for WDNR approval of the metal to be used in the filtration bags. A memorial bench has been put at the boat landing in memory of the long-term resident John Karbon Jr.
- **Cedar Lake:** A whole lake milfoil treatment was done this year. It has appeared to work and native weeds have come back. Their weed cutting hours are way down. 9/10/25 the town board is having a meeting on the wake boating.
- **Cedar Lake/Sanitary District 1, Township of Schleswig:** No Report
- **English Lake:** No Report
- **Gass Lake:** No Report
- **Harpt Lake:** No Report
- **Hartlaub Lake:** Things are quiet. 5" or less Secchi disk reading. Water quality is not good. There has been a lot of kayaking on the lake.
- **Horseshoe Lake:** They are working a lake management plan. Water quality is pretty good but they are listed as an impaired lake due to the 2 story fishery. It is 2 story due to having deep water and shallow water fish in the lake.
- **Kasbaum Lake:** No Report
- **Lake Michigan:** No Report
- **Long Lake:** They had a successful shoreline cleanup in spring. 20 boats took place in the 7/4/25 boat parade. The milfoil is bad. There is lots of boat traffic including kayaking. Fishing pressure is high. A new member Jeff Ray was introduced.
- **Pigeon Lake:** No Report
- **Little Pigeon:** No Report
- **Shoe Lake:** No Report
- **Silver Lake:** They have lots of weeds. Boating has slowed. Fishing has been active. Had a question regarding the removal of a tree that was blown into the lake. It was suggested to reach out to WDNR.
- **Spring Lake:** No Report
- **Sy Lake:** No Report
- **Tuma Lake:** No Report
- **Twin Lake:** No Report
- **Weyers Lake:** No Report
- **Wilke Lake:** On 5/19/25 the lake had a whole lake treatment for milfoil. They believe that there may still be some milfoil. Native weeds have come back.
- **Soil and Water:** For the past year and a half they have been working with a local advisory committee on a 10-year soil and water plan. The Cedar Lake sediment basin is still in the works. Grants and landowner approval are pending. Surface water education grant and a mobile learning lab is being looked into. The cost for the mobile lab could be \$25,000 to \$30,000. There have been organizations already donating to the mobile lab. They have been working with Bullhead Lake and Horseshoe Lake on items pertaining to those lakes. Livestock facilities licensing is being done. Helping farms to be more proactive with land management plans and 5-year nutrient management plans. There are setback and area rules and regulations with farm expansions. Adjacent property owners are to be notified with any expansions. A discussion to place that road traffic also increases and needs to be considered when an expansion takes place. Manitowoc County has the most licensed farms in the state of Wisconsin.
- **Manitowoc County Fish & Game:** There are videos on their website pertaining to wake boating including underwater cameras

Motion to adjourn made by Gene Weyer and 2nd by Dave Pozorski and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Umland,
MCLA Secretary