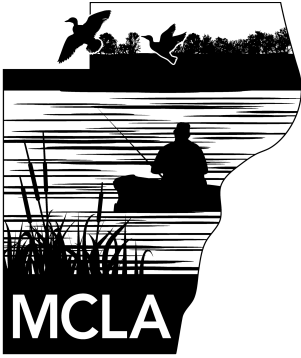




MANITOWOC COUNTY LAKES ASSOCIATION

"The Manitowoc County Lakes Association will protect and enhance the quality of area lakes and watersheds for the benefit of all."

General Membership Meeting

6-25-26 6:30 pm

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

2025-2026 Officers:

President: Jerry Corfman

Vice President: Maria Lynch

Treasurer: Marcia Salm

Secretary: Scott Umland

Press Sec: Roger Vander Logt

Past President:

Tom Ward

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Bullhead Lake

Ron Gerrits

Carstens Lake

Brian Robley

Cedar Lake

Mary Ann Waldbauer

Mike Strebe

English Lake

Kim Braun

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 Corfman, President.

Pete Puleo, Asst. Professor in the Dept. of Geography, Geology and Environmental Science at the UW-Whitewater. Results of Gass Lake Sediment Coring Project that took place June 2024.

- Presentation can be found on MCLA's website: [link](#)
- The project is trying to reconstruct the Eutrophication at Gass Lake in Newton, WI.
- Looking back 200 years and what it was like then.
- A sedimentation core was taken from the deepest spot in the lake using a PVC pipe approximately 3 ft long.
- Aquatic productivity and organic matter is measured to determine how they have changed.
- High resolution imagery, x-ray florescence and magnetic susceptibility were used to analyze the sediment.
- Carbon & Nitrogen are measured.
- Age of the sediment is determined by radio carbon and lead 210 pb dating.
- Two goals are 1) Identify where the sediment came from and changes.
2) Aquatic productivity and changes.
- In the 1880's there was some pollen information.
- Gass Lake was very eutrophic from 1876-1958
- Gass Lake has a mixed watershed.
- The study showed core history back to around 1850
- 1822-1874 not much sediment coming into the lake.
- 1874-1937 rock and minerals are washing into the lake.
- 1940-present not a lot of rock and minerals washing in.
- 1840-1874 the carbon and nitrogen ratio is low.
- 1874-1937 the carbon and nitrogen ratio is relatively low.
- 1937-2024 the carbon and nitrogen ratio is much higher.
- Changes could have occurred from logging activities changing to farming activities.
- Aerial photos more forest area from 1935 to 2024.
- There could be around 25 feet of sediment in the lake.
- CONCLUSION
 - Gass Lake received major episodic, rapid inputs of clastic sediments from 1873-1938 CE, likely from regional soil erosion increasing via deforestation and agricultural practices.
 - Modern aquatic productivity in Gass Lake appears high relative to pre-European settlement conditions but is likely lower than when agriculture dominated more of the watershed in the late 1800's and 1900's.

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Tara Wachowski, Education and Grants Manager in the Manitowoc County Soil and Water Department. Information on the 2026 Manitowoc County Fair Booth and opportunities for our membership to assist.

- They are looking for help staffing the booth during the fair.
- The theme this year is **SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR LAKE.**
- The fair is August 26-30 and as a volunteer you'll help screen well water for nitrates and/or help with kids' activities.
- The booth is in the Merchant Building.
- Wednesday-Saturday shifts are from 2:00 to 5:00 pm and 5:00 to 7:00 pm.
- Sunday shifts are from 12:00 to 2:00 pm and 2:00 to 5:00 pm.
- You'll receive a day pass to the fair the day you volunteer.
- Soil and water will provide training.
- Questions call 920-683-4183.
- Middle of August is the cutoff for signing up.

General Business Meeting

- **Secretary's Report:** Reading of the last meeting minutes waived. They are on the MCLA website. Motion to accept made by Randy Steinbruecker, 2nd by Dave Pozorski. The motion carried.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

\$11,267.67 balance in general account

\$5,332.96 balance in grant account

Recent payments made were \$1,000 to Manitowoc County Soil and Water for the learning and education trailer. \$25 for DFI annual Wisconsin Non-Profit. \$10 for water at the meetings. \$287.50 for 2026 MCLA membership mailing and donations.

Memberships:

Lake Association Group Memberships: 10

Website Ad Sponsors: 3 sponsors and waiting for payment from the 4th.

Individual and Family Member Units: 64

Lifetime memberships: 3

Individual Donors: 16

Motion to accept made by Dan Dufek, 2nd by Roger Vander Logt. The motion carried.

- **General discussion:**

- The newsletter deadline of 7-1-26 is fast approaching. Get the information to Dave Pozorski in a word formatted document.
- The goal is to have it mailed by the end of July.
- It appears that this issue could be around 14 pages.
- MCLA is looking for a newsletter sponsor. Cost is \$500.
- MCLA is planning to have a newsletter cover contest for the 2027 newsletter. Information on this will be in the 2026 newsletter.
- Work is being done to have all or as many as possible past newsletters on the MCLA website.
- Lake Stewardship Awards are due by the 8/27/26 meeting.
- Trying to get back on track with the executive committee terms. Vice President and Treasurer: 2 year term starting 10-17-26. President and Secretary: 1 year term starting 10-17-26 and changing to 2 year term starting at the annual meeting in 2027. Jerry Corfman has agreed to stay on as President through 2029. Marcia Salm has agreed to stay on as Treasurer and Scott Umland has agreed to stay on as Secretary. MCLA is looking for a new Vice President as Maria Lynch is stepping down. Thank you for your contributions, Maria.
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- **Future meetings:**

10-17-26 annual meeting/banquet at Autumn Ridge Golf Course with Cedar Lake being the host.

8/27/26 & 11/19/26 at Room 300 in the Soil and Water Building. Possible 2/25/27, 4/22/27, 6/24/27, 8/26/27 & 11/18/27 at Room 300 in the Soil and Water Building.

Carstens Lake is hosting the 2027 annual meeting/banquet. They would like a co-host. This will be the 30-year anniversary of MCLA. Tom Ward has been contacted as the guest speaker for the 2027 banquet.

Lake and Other Reports/Open Discussion

- **Bullhead Lake:** Waiting for the report from Ontera for the phosphorus loading. There is a lot of algae. The fishing pier gets a lot of use.
- **Carsten's Lake:** They had a 6' Secchi disk reading. The phosphorus reduction project is going slow. A Poseidon pellet bag was shown.
- **Cedar Lake:** On 3/11/26 the township passed a wake enhancement ordinance. On 4/7/26 the township received a letter of intent to sue. As a request of the township attorney, the township has suspended the enforcement of the ordinance. The feeling is that the letter may be an intimidation letter. No suit has ever been won. The majority of the lake residents would like to see the ordinance and enforcement in place. They had a 10' Secchi Disk reading.
- **Cedar Lake/Sanitary District 1, Township of Schleswig:** No Report
- **English Lake:** They now have wake boating. Wisconsin wilderness Alliance can help them with getting an ordinance in place. The hybrid milfoil is a problem.
- **Gass Lake:** 10' Secchi Disk reading. This is the best in 5 years. It typically gets worse in July. There has been a lot of fishing and kayaking activities.
- **Harpt Lake:** 8 to 12 inches Secchi Disk reading. This is the worse ever. New parking area project has not started yet.
- **Hartlaub Lake:** No Report.
- **Horseshoe Lake:** Low activity; water clarity is good.
- **Kasbaum Lake:** No Report
- **Lake Michigan:** No Report
- **Long Lake:** Lake quality is OK. Persistent milfoil appearing and will likely be a big issue again this

year. Long Lake Advancement Association meeting is 6/28/26 at the Town of Rockland. Jason Breeggemann will speak on the 2025 fish survey results. LLAA will be reviewing a proposed 2026 stewardship award.

- **Pigeon Lake:** The town of Liberty has passed an enhanced wake ordinance. They have residents with the boats and they have taken the position not to use the feature. Ontera was out and found very little milfoil. The 2016 treatment was successful. 14' Secchi Disk reading. Fishermen are catching walleye.
- **Little Pigeon:** No Report
- **Shoe Lake:** No Report
- **Silver Lake:** Very little fishing. There may be some northern being caught. They are working with fisheries about the possibility of stocking bass. They are thinking about the possibility of aerating. 8/17/26 the WDNR is attending the Silver Lake District meeting.
- **Spring Lake:** No Report
- **Sy Lake:** No Report
- **Tuma Lake:** 12 to 14' Secchi Disk reading. Good fishing activity.
- **Twin Lake:** No Report
- **Weyers Lake:** No Report
- **Wilke Lake:** Last Secchi Disk reading was 10' to 12'. They expect the June reading to be around 6' from past history. Boat land area was excavated to repair the damage caused by power loading boats. The WLAA is having a rummage sale over the weekend. It appears that the milfoil treatment in 2026 has worked well.
- **Soil and Water**
No additional report.
- **Manitowoc County Fish and Game**
No Report

Motion to adjourn made by Gene Weyer; 2nd by Dan Dufek. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Umland,
MCLA Secretary