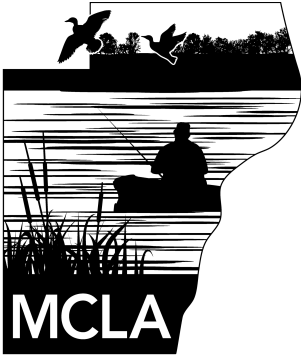




MANITOWOC COUNTY LAKES ASSOCIATION

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

General Membership Meeting

8-27-26 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

Lake Directors

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.

Noah Lottig, Research Scientist with UW, Madison Center for Limnology, based at Trout Lake Station, Vilas County. He focuses on understanding Wisconsin's lakes through long-term monitoring.

- Using Aqua Sens/Dock Sens IQ tm (real time lake temperature monitoring)
- Working at Trout Lake since 2009.
- Checking the weather every morning & can get information from anywhere using a web app on the phone.
- Sensor mounts on the lake dock or pipe.
- It's best to be in the main body of the lake, not a bay, in 3' to 5' of water with the sensor around 5" below the lake surface.
- The sensor can tell if an aerator goes off. The water temperature drops.
- In Wisconsin best installed after ice out and removed before the lake freezes.
- At this time, it is monitoring water temperature only but hoping to have it expand to oxygen, algae blooms or more. Current phosphorous monitors are not very good at this time.
- Sensors are currently in WI, MI & MN.
- Wisconsin currently 6-10 sensors throughout the state.
- Getting more lake sensors throughout the state should help to determine how lakes respond differently or similarly to weather events
- Sensor cost is \$150 to \$175. In addition, there is a \$240 per year subscription that allows unlimited number of users. There is a less expensive subscription, but it doesn't real time readings.
- Volume discounts are available.
- www.aquasens.io/
- www.noahlottig.com
- nrlottig@wisc.edu

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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 Dave Pozorski and carried.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

\$11,409.67 balance in general account

\$5,332.96 balance in grant account

- Replacement check for **\$145** to Kim Braun
- US Postal Service for P.O. Box **\$78**.
- **\$30** to Jerry Corfman who purchased Kwik Trip gift card for Peter Puleo, previous speaker, to help with travel from Whitewater.

Memberships:

Lake Association Group Memberships: 11

Website Ad Sponsors: 4 (All are paid)

Individual and Family Member Units: 64

Lifetime memberships: 3

Individual Donations: 17

Tim Henschel family made a memorial contribution.

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

- **Newsletter:** The 2026 newsletter is being printed and should be mailed soon. Submissions for the 2027 newsletter should be sent to Dave Pozorski. There is a photo contest for 2027. If pictures include people, please get their names and permission.
- **General discussion:**
 - If there are any last-minute lake stewardship nominations, they need to be in immediately.
 - Possible future speaker could be someone from the DNR to talk about aerator use and details of responsibilities.
 - Possible future speaker on aquatic weed specialist.
 - John Dubrow, past MCLA president, has kindly donated a see through kayak.
- **Future meetings:**
 - 10-17-26 annual meeting/banquet at Autumn Ridge Golf Course. Cedar Lake is the host.
 - 11-19-26 at Soil & Water room 300. Seven Rivers is planned as the speaker.
 - 2-25-27, 4-22-27, 6-24-27, 8-26-27 & 11-18-27 at Soil and Water room 300. The 2027 Annual Banquet is being hosted by Carstens Lake. It will be the 30th anniversary of MCLA. Tom Ward, past MCLA president, is planned as the guest speaker.

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Lake and Other Reports/Open Discussion

- **Bullhead Lake:** No Report.
- **Carsten's Lake:** Hosting the 2027 MCLA Annual Banquet.
- **Cedar Lake:** 2025 herbicide treatment for milfoil worked well. 2026 they found a small growth and divers are removing. They had a 10 ½' Secchi disk reading. Because of the dry weather, the lake started there well this year. This is the first time since 2014.
- **Cedar Lake/Sanitary District 1, Township of Schleswig:** No Report.
- **English Lake:** There was a big algae bloom in spring. The lake is looking at the possibility of purchasing a mechanical weed harvester and weed treatment possibilities. Celery grass and milfoil have been heavy. Crappie fishing has been good.
- **Gass Lake:** No Report.
- **Harpt Lake:** No Report.
- **Hartlaub Lake:** No Report.
- **Horseshoe Lake:** No Report.
- **Kasbaum Lake:** No Report.
- **Lake Michigan:** No Report.
- **Long Lake:** Very little milfoil. Water clarity has not been good. Less power boat traffic and more kayak traffic this year.
- **Pigeon Lake:** There was a large algae bloom. Having some milfoil being pulled. 13' Secchi disc reading and 77° surface water temperature.
- **Little Pigeon:** No Report.
- **Shoe Lake:** No Report.
- **Silver Lake:** The panfish winter kill was really bad. There has been very little fishing pressure but a few Northern have been caught. Jason, the fish biologist, is planning a fall fish survey before discussing future fish stocking opportunities. Aeration discussions are taking place. Water clarity has not been good but there are fewer weeds.
- **Spring Lake:** No Report.
- **Sy Lake:** No Report.
- **Tuma Lake:** No Report.
- **Twin Lake:** No Report.
- **Weyers Lake:** No Report
- **Wilke Lake:** The 2025 whole-lake milfoil treatment was successful.
- **Soil and Water**
Thank you for your help allowing the first time MCLA could have a remote speaker and presentation.
- **Manitowoc County Fish & Game**
They are waiting to hear what type of fish stocking could be done at Silver Lake. When researching the possibility of stocking bass, they found out that it may be cost prohibitive. They have a concern with small panfish taking over the Silver Lake.

Motion to adjourn made by Roger Vander Logt and 2nd by Dave Pozorski. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Umland,
MCLA Secretary