

Time Speeds By

Isn't it funny? We usually want time to speed ahead so that we can experience an event - generally something very special: an anniversary, a ball game, the Indy 500, a special date and on and on. For Jim, at the lake, it was retirement. Ann Landers used to write a column called "The Station", with all it's rambles until the final station was reached.

At this time of the year the station is called "spring." Beloved spring. No doubt it is the reason we look forward. Even though we (especially we older folks) don't want the speeding of time, we still can't wait for spring. Why? I suppose some might say, "why not?" Well, it goes further than that. At the lake, we want the first daffodil to appear. We look for the rhubarb to spring forth. Simple stuff. Then there is the serious work of making great maple syrup. Where's the Morels? Is the ice out? When is the day we can chase down the walleye? Have you ever done a wild turkey chase and don't kid yourself - those wild ones taste like turkeys used to taste before they became "Butterballs."

Anyway, "tis spring" with all it's pleasantries and when we're treated to the 70's, sun and blue skies of the past several days, ain't it grand?

So enjoy these wonders and reflections in the gifts we reserve with good attitudes toward our fellow human beings, forgiveness where necessary, and a great big smile for all those we meet & greet. Happy, happy spring!!

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and the Association desires to maintain
and improve its quality.*

Spring 2015

Lake Lucerne Advancement Association Newsletter

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ACTIVITIES AT CLUBHOUSE UNLESS
OTHERWISE NOTED

MAY

April 24 - LLAA Board Meeting - 9 a.m.

JUNE

June 6 - Membership Meeting/Pot Luck - 9 a.m.

June 13 - Meet Your Neighbor - 5-10:30 p.m.

JULY

July 11 - Fun Days Organizational Meeting - 9 a.m.

July 31 - Fun Day Set Up - 9 a.m.

AUGUST

Aug. 1 - Fun Day - 10 a.m.

Aug. 2 - Fun Day Clean Up - 9 a.m.

Aug. 29 - LLAA Annual Meeting - 9 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 8 - LLAA Golf Outing - 12:30 p.m. - Nicolet CC

Cocktails & Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

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In 2015, a comprehensive fish survey will be performed on Lake Lucerne. Survey work will primarily focus on gamefish populations but will also include some panfish work. Surveys will begin after ice-out and continue through fall. Survey results will be used to determine the structure and function of the fish community in Lake Lucerne and to provide information for the decision-making and the future management of fish populations in the lake. Results will be compared to previously performed surveys on Lake Lucerne; the last comprehensive fish survey was performed in 2011. Survey work will be performed by the Sokaogon Chippewa Community (SCC) and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) fisheries staffs with assistance from volunteers from the Lake Lucerne Advancement Association (LLAA). In addition, Lake Lucerne will be stocked with large fingerling walleye in fall 2015.

Project update:

Earlier this spring, a walleye adult population estimate was completed on Lake Lucerne using a combination of fyke netting and nighttime electrofishing and mark-recapture sampling protocols. The survey began immediately after ice-out (April 16) and was concluded on the night of April 23. Survey results indicate that the walleye population in Lake Lucerne is at a low level. The population estimate for walleye was 0.7 adult walleye/acre or 713 fish, which is a very similar level to 2006 and 2011 (0.6/acre for both). Long-term management goals for adult walleye in Lake Lucerne are 2-3 adults/acre. The largest walleye sampled was a 27.0-inch female. The most common-sized walleye sampled was a 15 inch male.

Other gamefish sampled during the survey included northern pike and smallmouth and largemouth bass. A population estimate was not performed on northern pike due to low catch. A total of 34 northern pike were sampled with a 33.3 inch female being the largest. Catch rates for smallmouth and largemouth bass were low as well, but all sampled bass were fin-clipped for bass population estimate to be completed later in the spring. Low catch rates for bass were expected as bass are not active early in the spring with cold water temperatures. Other fish species sampled included black crappie, black bullhead, rock bass, bluegill, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, and sucker.

Future work:

Between mid-May and mid-June, as water temperatures warm to desirable levels, a smallmouth and largemouth bass population estimate will be performed using a nighttime electrofishing and mark-recapture sampling protocols. A panfish survey will be performed in mid-late June using nighttime electrofishing. Two surveys targeting reproductive success of panfish and gamefish will be performed: mini-fyke net survey in late August and nighttime electrofishing in mid-September.

In early October 2015, Lake Lucerne will be stocked with approximately 10,000 large fingerling walleye. Lake Lucerne is a participant in the Wisconsin Walleye Initiative with stocking in odd-numbered years including 2013, 2015, and 2017. Stocked walleye will average 7 inches in length and be of excellent condition and quality. Walleye will be raised locally at the SCC – Mole Lake Fish Hatchery Pond Complex. The Tribe will also be responsible for stocking Roberts, Pickerel, and Crane Lakes in Forest County and Upper Post Lake in Langlade County. Visitors are welcome at the Tribal Fish Hatchery.

Please contact Michael Preul, SCC Fisheries Biologist, at 715-478-7621, or Greg Matzke, WDNR Fisheries Biologist, at 715-528-4400, ext. 122 with any project questions. Please contact Rick Hermus, LLAA Treasurer, at 920-851-0279 for information regarding project volunteer opportunities.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR ANNUAL DUES

NAME(S): _____

LAKE ADDRESS (FIRE # & ROAD): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

IF NEW TO LAKE - FORMER OWNERS: _____
(For record keeping purpose)

PHONE(S): _____

E-MAIL (optional): _____

Check all that apply: **NEW** **RENEWAL**

2015 - \$20 **2016 - \$20** **2017 - \$20** **Lifetime - \$225 + Embroidered Cap**

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What a beautiful spring so far! For you snow birds just returning to the northwoods, you missed several weeks of super warm weather. And the lake level? It is up! 8", 9" maybe 10". I believe the water level this spring is the highest it's been in about 10 years. This extra water should help launching water craft. Remember to back in straight and far enough to get to the "motor hole."

I'm sure you are aware our club buildings are completed and ready to be rented. \$150 rent and \$150 refundable deposit if cleaned. Contact Jack Kloss at 715-478-3425 or myself at 715-478-5001. The following dates are reserved: May 23 & 30; June 6 & 13; July 11; August 1, 8, 22 & 29; September 19.

I just received good news from Scott Agamaite with WPS. The survey mailed in April at this point indicate 162 "yes" for interest in natural gas and 17 "no". Scott indicated this is very positive and plans are to finalize some easements and complete the environmental study. If all continues positive, WPS plans to begin installations on April 2016.

Lake Lucerne is 1 of 48 in the state to be selected to study water temperature. Thanks to Neal Klemme for volunteering to oversee this project. (Note article from the DNR regarding that project in this newsletter.)

Last fall the membership voted to discontinue the personal lake signs. Plans are to remove them and have them available to anyone at the June 6th meeting. The board has received a quote for 3 aluminum 4'x4' signs in full color and installed for \$554 from Alpine Images in Crandon. The membership also approved this purchase and we hope to have them in place by the June meeting as well.

Thanks to everyone who provided articles for this newsletter.

I wish everyone a great summer on our beautiful lake and hope to see you at the association's meetings and the annual fundraiser on August 1.

Larry

**Winter Spear Fishing Report
Walleye Speared by All Chipewa Bands**

LAKE	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Butternut	46	86	87	780	292	622	456	491	302
Franklin	40	33	257	0	0	116	0	0	73
Jungle	45	173	117	60	99	103	59	0	0
Lucerne	64	73	64	101	22	56	58	5	60
Metonga	107	157	0	0	0	283	177	1086	681
Lily	119	136	50	207	152	71	133	137	112
Silver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Pine	28	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roberts	30	45	31	45	157	162	30	44	31
Stevens	28	12	81	23	0	0	0	0	20
Crane	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	37
Trump	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Kentuck-Vilas	906	707	947	1128	87	170	128	6	148
TOTALS	1413	1422	1673	2342	809	1583	1041	1769	1487

April 24, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Submitted by Cheryl Hermus

Attendance: Larry Sommer, President; LexAnn Hitchcock, Vice-President; Rick Hermus, Treasurer; Jack Kloss, Wayne Daul, Directors. **Absent:** Cheryl Hermus, Secretary; Judy Nelson and Sara Austin, Directors. In Cheryl's absence, LexAnn will take Minutes.

Meeting called to order by President, Larry Sommer at 9:30 a.m. Agenda was presented by President Larry Sommer. Motion made by Jack Kloss and seconded by Rick Hermus to accept Agenda. Motion carried

Spring 2015 Newsletter articles and deadline

A general discussion was held and due to Judy being unavailable it was decided that all articles for the newsletter are to be submitted directly to Larry Sommer by May 9, 2015. Articles to be submitted by Board Members as follows:

Calendar of 2015 Events

Larry – President's letter, Sparring Report

Rick – Grant status/Clean Boats Clean Waters

LexAnn – Spring Meeting, Meet Your Neighbor and Fun Days – Auction items!

Cheryl – Minutes of 2014 Fall Membership meeting, Mailing Labels

Wayne – Article for Volunteers for Fun Day Kid Games.

Jack – Building and Maintenance update

John Preuss – Phragmites update

Mike Preul – Fish Shocking Report

Dick Rippy – General Article

LLAA's Webcam Manager - Tim Lippert has resigned as Webcam Manager and recommends Andy Wienser to take over. Larry has discussed this with Andy and he said he would. Larry will contact Andy about taking the position.

Status of down spout/gutters and snow defenders. Down spout and snow defenders are completed. Total cost was \$465.

Future of the Clean Boat Clean Water Program (CBCW) was discussed. We did not receive a DNR CBCW Grant for 2015. Grant Coordinator Hermus noted that the competition is increasing and dollars are limited. There was no specific reason given beyond that. It was noted that we did receive a \$3,000 grant from the Mole Lake Tribe to be used for AIS Projects. Rick and Larry provided several options for the board to consider which would continue with a CBCW program at a reduced level. After much discussion, it was agreed to offer Todd Veaser the position at a reduced hourly rate of \$12/hour, with reduced weekly hours at 25, and less weeks (from 21 to 15), only operating from Labor Day to Memorial Day. The 25 hours will require that the landing be manned for 8 hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If no volunteers are available, Todd must be present on those days. The board will also seek other funding opportunities which would allow the program to expand to include additional weeks. It would be hoped that we could start when fishing opening in early May. If the program continues, the port-a-potty is necessary, but with no funding, it was suggested that we consider buying one, then we would only have to pay to service it occasionally. Jack will check on options. There will be no placemats, can coolers, phone or mileage reimbursement to reduce costs. Wayne Daul moved, Rick Hermus seconded the motion to continue with the CBCW Program with the new parameters as discussed. The motion carried.

Clean-up Day, May 9th, 2015 - A general discussion was held. The newsletter will not be out by May 9th, so it was decided to put the Clean-up Day notice on the marquis by the building only.

Label update (dues paid date) - Dues date will now appear on our labels. Cheryl will prepare an article for the Spring Newsletter explaining the new labels. Again, a huge "thank you" to Patty Orlovsky for her help!

Lake Signs Status - A general discussion was held regarding an example of new lake signs. It was decided to go with possibly 3 signs, aluminum and 4' x 4' each. A motion was made by Jack Kloss and seconded by LexAnn Hitchcock to go with sign example with website on bottom of 4' x 4' sign. Motion carried by majority vote, with Rick dissenting. The old signs will be taken down possibly before the Spring Membership Meeting and made available for members to remove their sign. No specific date was set to take them down.

Ski Club Donation - A letter was sent to Angie Schaefer regarding concerns of association and Rick met with her. A general discussion was held and it was decided to put on the agenda for the June 6th Membership Meeting.

Raffle License - Rick Hermus noted that the Raffle License was applied for and received for 2015.

FCAL requests use of building-September, 2015 - A general discussion was held and it was decided to let FCAL to use the building in September. Larry will be talking to them.

With no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Rick Hermus and seconded by Jack Kloss that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

June 6th Meeting and Potluck

Submitted by: LexAnn Hitchcock

The general meeting will be starting at 9 a.m. Members will have an opportunity to sign up for volunteering for Fun Day. Many volunteers are needed to make our day a success. Please consider volunteering for a couple of hours for a shift at one of the stations for the event. Following the meeting hot sandwiches will be served. Please bring a dish to pass, or a salad or dessert to share. Apparel will be for sale and members may pay their annual dues.

"7th Annual Meet your Neighbor"- New Date!!! June 13th

Submitted by: LexAnn Hitchcock

Date: Saturday, June 13th (rain or shine)

Time: Social Hour 5:00-6:00 Dinner: 6:00 and party till ?

Come and kick off the summer!! All LLAA members and their friends or guests are invited to attend. Main entrée this year is grilled chicken. Beverages will be provided. If you wish to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert, it would be appreciated. As in the past, we will be collecting food items for the local food pantry NEWCAP and food and supplies for the Humane Society. Bring one item per person please. Monetary donations will be accepted also.

Food Items- canned goods, boxed dinners, soups, noodles, hygiene products, laundry soap, etc.

Animal donations- dry dog and cat food, treats, toys, towels, blankets, bleach, laundry soap, etc.

Contact LexAnn Hitchcock 715-478-2233 or Jack Kloss 715-478-3425 with any questions.

Make a Difference Oh Ya!!!

Submitted by: LexAnn Hitchcock

Please help us out by keeping our roads, beaches and boat landing clean. Pick up garbage around your property, roads and the boat landing. Help maintain the beauty of our lake and surrounding areas. Keep a garbage bag in your car or take one with you while walking or biking or simply driving around the lake. Keep our lake safe, healthy and most of all beautiful. Every little bit helps! Please leave driftwood and woody structures in the lake. They provide habitats for many animals and fish.

Fun Day – August 1st – 2015

Submitted by: LexAnn Hitchcock

Make sure to mark your calendar for our annual Fun Day on August 1st starting at 10 a.m. Workers please arrive at 9 a.m. Set up is slated for Friday, July 31st at 9 a.m. We need many volunteers to set up the auction, kitchen, bar, paddlewheel, kids games, apparel, boards, cashiers, grilling, etc. Sign-up sheets will be at the first meeting on June 6th. If you are unable to attend, please call LexAnn Hitchcock at 715-478-2233 or Jack Kloss at 715-478-3425 to sign up. Come and work a couple of hours and enjoy the festivities after! New this year- we will be having different types of meat offered on the paddlewheel as well as many great prizes to choose from.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED: Clean out your cabins, houses, basements and garages! Items may be dropped off every Saturday at the clubhouse starting June 6th. If a different time or day works better please call Larry Sommer at 715-478-5001, LexAnn Hitchcock 715-478-2233 or Jack Kloss 715-478-3425 to make arrangements. Please note that we don't accept TVs, microwaves, computers or mattresses. Hope to see all of you there for a great day on Lake Lucerne!

Building And Ground Maintenance

Submitted by Jack Kloss

By the time you receive your newsletter we will have had our spring clean-up and the building and grounds will be ready for our summer meetings and festivities! We will be doing the electrical work in the new pavilion soon and have volunteers lined-up to do this work. Having these volunteers will keep the cost down for the Association and we thank them for their time and hard work. The rain gutters and snow defenders have been installed on the new pavilion, which completes all of the work to be done on the buildings. We have come a long way in the past twenty years. Now it is time to all enjoy it and hope our future members enjoy it as well. Hope to see you all at our June meeting.

MAILING LABEL UPDATE

Submitted by Cheryl Hermus

In the past, many Lake Lucerne Advancement Association Members were confused about the status of their membership. After thinking about this issue, and investigating what other groups did to improve the communication with their members regarding dues status, a very simple yet effective plan was put into place with this issue. When you received this newsletter, there will be some important information included on the mailing label. It is the year to which your membership dues have been paid! The date is reflected by printing the year your dues were last paid on the mailing label. As you pay for additional years of membership, the date will automatically change with subsequent issues of the Newsletter to reflect this status. No more guessing if your dues are paid for the current year! If you are a Lifetime Member, there will be a number 9999 printed on your label denoting Lifetime Membership.

If you are not a member of the Lake Lucerne Advancement Association, but receive a complimentary copy of our newsletter (friends of the lake, DNR affiliates, non-lake residents living within ½ mile of the lake, etc.), there will be no additional information printed on your mailing label. It will appear as it has in the past. This simple process will easily help you keep track of your dues status. And, as the only person who has access to our mailing list is our secretary, the information is not shared (we do not sell our mailing list). Also, because the newsletter is sent through the U. S. Mail, the only other person to see the date is your mailman. Not that the information is critical or secret, but other organizations who utilize this method are very pleased with the simplicity and accuracy.

CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATER AIS GRANT NOT AWARDED LAKE LUCERNE RECEIVED \$3,000 GRANT FROM MOLE LAKE TRIBE

Submitted by Rick J. Hermus, Grant Coordinator

After several years of successful grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Lake Lucerne Advancement Association did NOT receive a Clean Boat/Clean Water Aquatic Invasive Species Grant for 2015.

Apparently, there are many more lakes in Wisconsin applying for these grants, with tremendous competition for the available resources. There are other lakes around us that are first-time grant recipients in 2015, with much lower dollar values. Our past grants averaged around \$9,500.

On the positive side, Lake Lucerne did receive a \$3,000 grant from the Mole Lake Tribe (Sokaogon Chippewa Community) to be used for Aquatic Invasive Species monitoring. The Lake Lucerne Advancement Association is pleased to be working with Mike Preul, the fish biologist with the Mole Lake Tribe, on our fish surveys and population estimates (please see separate article in this newsletter). As some of you may know, Mike was instrumental in securing much higher walleye stocking resources for Lake Lucerne, and continues to closely monitor the walleye population through fyke netting and electrofishing surveys. The partnership we have built with the Mole Lake Tribe is offering many rewards for Lake Lucerne.

Because of the grant from the Mole Lake Tribe, the Lake Lucerne Advancement Association Board has decided to continue with the Clean Boat/Clean Water inspections at the boat landing and shoreline monitoring in the same manner as we have in the past. Although we will not have funding for some of the peripheral projects that the previous grant allowed for, the board believes boat inspections will continue to add value to our lake by reducing the opportunities for invasive species to enter our waterway. Also, you, the members, have found several invasive species along our shorelines over the past several years during your shoreline monitoring, which were all eradicated by the Wisconsin DNR staff before they could flourish. You have been very successful, and we can continue with that success.

Todd Veaser will continue as the Boat Landing Coordinator with a reduced role that fits our current grant budget. Based on the scaled back parameters and your continued support, the program can continue to be successful. Please contact Todd via email at veesert@gmail.com to volunteer. Also, please send your shoreline monitoring hours to Grant Coordinator Rick Hermus at rchermus@yahoo.com.

And finally, the Lake Lucerne Board is seeking other sources of funding for the program that will allow the Clean Boat/Clean Water program to include more of the parameters that the past WDNR grants allowed. Hopefully we will have more information by the June Membership Meeting.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TO WORK AT FUN DAYS KIDS' GAMES!

Please contact Renee Daul at 920-660-8080 to sign up!

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Submitted by Cheryl A. Hermus, Secretary

Lake Lucerne Advancement Association - Annual Meeting - August 30, 2014, 9:00 A.M.

AGENDA

Members attending this meeting are asked to sign the "sign in sheet." Attendance at this meeting counts as hours toward our Lake Grant.

9:00 A.M. Breakfast provided by the Lake Association with help from members bringing a dish to pass. THANK YOU!

9:30 A.M. Call to Order. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcome and introductions by President Larry Sommer.

1. Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2014 Spring Meeting, Secretary Cheryl Hermus.
 2. Approval of Minutes from August 25, 2014 Board Meeting, Secretary Cheryl Hermus.
 3. Approval of Treasurer's Report, Treasurer Rick Hermus and Audit Report prepared by Jim Hammond
 4. Program:
 - a. Mike Preul, Mole Lake Fish Biologist "DNR Walleye Initiative," Questions and Answers.
 5. Committee Reports:
 - a. 2014 Grant, Rick Hermus
 - b. Golf Outing, Dick Hosler and Steve Bunda
 6. Old Business: None
 7. New Business:
 - a. Increase Lifetime Membership to \$225 (includes a hat with logo and Lifetime Member embroidered on it)
 - b. Sign in right-of-way at intersection of Cty Rd. W and Hwy. 8
 - c. Lake Signs
 - d. Fall Newsletter – Articles to Judy Nelson by October 10, 2014
 - e. Consider applying for 2015 Clean Water/Clean Boat Grant
 - f. Donation request from Crandon Water Ski Club
 8. Elections: The following officers and board members terms are up for election:
 - Vice President – LexAnnHitchcock
 - Treasurer – Rick Hermus
 - Board Member – Judy Nelson
 - Board Member – Jack Kloss
- Adjournment

Temperature Loggers in Lake Lucerne –

Why are we doing this and what do we hope to learn? Submitted by Gretchen Hansen D.N.R.

Temperature is a major ecological factor in lakes, influencing nutrient cycling, algal blooms, and the growth rates, reproduction, distribution, and survival of fishes. Understanding how water temperature varies over space and time is critical for management of Wisconsin's water resources, yet very few temperature monitoring programs for lakes exist at the frequency required for most applications. For example, quantifying components of critical thermal habitat for fish, such as early season temperature variability, requires daily measurements and can be all but impossible using manually collected temperature observations. Automated sensors deployed in lakes continuously over the open water (ice-free) season can provide accurate, continuous, consistent water temperature data invaluable for meeting many monitoring and management objectives. To this end, we have deployed temperature loggers and required equipment to collect continuous water temperature data at the surface of 48 lakes throughout the state. These lakes span a gradient of location, size, and productivity so we can identify temperature patterns in different lake types. The majority of these lakes (31) are monitored by citizen volunteers, with an additional 17 lakes monitored by UW-Steven's Point students. Sensors were deployed as soon as possible following ice-out, and volunteers will ensure the loggers remains in place throughout the ice-free season and collect them in the fall for data retrieval. The data collected as a part of this project will be imported into the statewide monitoring database. Additionally, temperature data will be used as a vital component for ongoing efforts to model current and future lake thermal profiles throughout the state in order to prioritize management of fish and water quality. For more information contact gretchen.hansen@wisconsin.gov or 608-221-6330.

