

A POTPOURRI OF THOUGHTS

I always liked the New Orleans term of French Heritage – Potpourri. The word in this context means an accumulation of Thoughts.

First off, I hope you didn't catch "the big blow" as we did at 4904 Knott Lane which resulted in a tree on the roof, my boat dock turned at a right angle, the craft off its mooring and only holding off its escape was a rope tie I had casually added before departing for a month. A little damage to the boat's structure and some dents on the steel roof – and I hope that's all. By the time you read this I'll be back for a look. Thanks to Friend Gary for taking care of the tree. Gary has a Masters Degree in wood cutting, splitting and storage!

Another thought – Invasive Species. Hey you all, we really do have a serious matter here that certain folk sort of just shrug off. There's a brochure out called The Forest County Association of Lakes PO Box 68, Pickeral, WI 54465 with a meeting on October 10 at T-Bobs in Laona at 4:30PM. Join up, I'm sure there are some thoughts or Invasives in store.

In the meantime, however, we can help by learning more about such as the Spring Water flea, milfoil and the like, and reacting by volunteering at the boat landing and keeping "dirty" boats out of our lake. Silver Lake keeps popping up with milfoil. When I lived in the Twin Cities the several lakes there had a real epidemic of milfoil. The problem still exists – tons of the stuff must be cut and removed from lakes like the large Lake Metonga. Whew, what a mess.

Let's see, what else is in our Pot. Hey, the lake is up – wasn't that what we wanted? Or, losing a beach a problem? Personally, I'll take the beach loss and go to the nice one at the boat landing. For you birders, those that excite are fun and great to have back, especially with the hummers leading the way.

Well folks, that's about all for now as Garrison Kieller is known to say, "Do good work and stay in touch". See you around. Oh, I almost forgot, I'm writing a Bio on Wisconsin's foremost Dixieland cornetist, Bob Schulz. He'll be at our cabin the week of July 13 and his band will be at the Mohican Casino in Gresham, WI the 17th and 18th of July (call me for details (913) 558-8931.

*Late News: Jack Kloss, board member, is hospitalized at Marshfield Hospital. We wish him well and a speedy recovery!!
Get well soon!*

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2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ACTIVITIES AT CLUBHOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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 - FCAL Fall Forum - 9:30 a.m. with
complimentary lunch

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 5 - LLAA Annual Meeting - 9 a.m.

Sept. 8 - LLAA Golf Outing - 12:30 p.m. - Nicolet CC
Cocktails & Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR AUCTION!

We are in need of items for the auction. The garage will be open Saturday mornings for you to bring items into the clubhouse. Now is the time to clean out your attics!

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CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 9:07 by President Larry Sommer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Welcome and introduction of Board Members, Vice President-LexAnn Hitchcock, Treasurer-Rick Hermus, Secretary-Cheryl Hermus, Board Members-Sara Austin, Jack Kloss, Wayne Daul and Judy Nelson. Attached is a list of Members present. Also introduced were guest speakers, Mike Preul, Mole Lake Fish Biologist, John Preuss, Invasive Species Coordinator and Todd Vesser, Boat Landing Coordinator.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Chuck Zwerg motioned to accept the agenda as printed. Jerry Vanselow seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 30, 2014, ANNUAL MEETING Tom Austin motioned to accept the minutes of the August 30, 2014 Annual Meeting. Carroll Halsted seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 25, 2015 BOARD MEETING Chuck Zwerg motioned to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2015 Board Meeting. Sharon Halsted seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT Rick Hermus presented a recap of the financial statements, which were included with the agenda for the meeting and are attached. Carroll Halsted motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. Seconded by Patty Orlovsky. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CBCW Program, Rick Hermus. Rick advised the members that the Lake Lucerne Advancement Association ("LLAA") will not be receiving grant funds for the CBCW program. LLAA will be moving forward with the CBCW program on their own with the help of our boat landing coordinator and Lake Lucerne residents. LLAA has received a \$3,000 donation from Mole Lake Tribe and have approached the Town of Lincoln for a donation towards the CBCW program. Rick thanked the members for their past help and encourages them to continue with volunteering at the boat landing and shoreline monitoring. Please keep track of your shoreline monitoring, give them to Rick and also when volunteering at the boat landing record your hours on the sheets in the shack, as the hours will be used when applying for the grant for next year. We want to continue to keep Lake Lucerne the beautiful lake that it is.

Meet Your Neighbor, LexAnn Hitchcock. LexAnn advised members there is a new date this year for Meet Your Neighbor. It is Saturday, June 13, 2015. Bring your families and any guests. Everyone is welcome! The evening will start at 5:00 with dinner at 6:00. Grilled Chicken and beverages will be provided by LLAA and members are asked to bring a dish to pass. There will be donation boxes for Forest County Humane Society, NEWCAP and Animal Resource Fund. Please donate whatever you can.

Fun Days, LexAnn Hitchcock. Fun Days is scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2015. Sheets were passed around for volunteers to sign up to help. Something new this year, meat will be an item on the paddle wheel along with the other donations received. Boards this year will consist of a Kayak, paddle board, patio set and grill. Any suggestions for Fun Days, please feel free to contact any board member. Still looking for items for the auction. Please no TV's, computers or mattresses.

At this point in the meeting Sara Austin asked if we could break and have the members in attendance introduced themselves.

OLD BUSINESS

Signs, Larry Sommer. Larry reported that all signs are down with the exception of Hemlock Lane. Hemlock Lane Reparians will be responsible for maintaining this sign. The signs that were taken down will be available after the meeting if anyone would like to take theirs. They will also be available for the next two weeks. If any questions, please feel free to contact Larry Sommer. With the signs now down, the Association has the 6x6 green treated posts, which held the signs up available for sale. If anyone is interested please contact Larry Sommer.

A sample of the new sign was on display. There will be three (3) signs, one for West Shore Drive, East Shore Drive and County Road W/Lake Lucerne Drive. The cost for all three signs is \$500, which includes installment.

Ski Club Donation, Rick Hermus. Rick met with Angie Schaefer of the Ski Club regarding concerns LLAA Members had with the Ski Club and the 2013/2014 requests for a donation to the ski club. A general discussion was held as to whether or not the \$1000.00 (\$500 for 2013 and \$500 for 2014) requested by the ski club be disbursed to the club. It was decided that the donation should be disbursed. A motion was made by Jeff Spitzer that the \$1,000 funds be disbursed to the ski club, seconded by Steve Bunda. Motion carried by majority vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Change date of Annual Meeting. Larry Sommer informed members that the Annual Meeting is September 5, 2015, not August 29, 2015.

Port-a-Potty. A port-a-potty has been purchased by the LLAA for the boat landing from Geiter Septic Plumbing out of Wabeno. The cost of the port-a-potty was \$425, which includes pumping and chemicals.

Golf Outing. Mark Orlovsky informed members that the golf outing is scheduled for September 8, 2015 at Nicolet Golf Course. Mark will have details for the July newsletter.

Todd Vesser, Boat Landing Coordinator. Todd thanked all who volunteered last year. Things are going well, but still looking for volunteers this year! So please volunteer again this year. Keep our lake safe and clean.

PROGRAMS

Mike Preul, SCC Fisheries Biologist. Mike opened his program with an update on the DNR Walleye Initiative Program and then moved the discussion to questions and answers. Anyone interested in seeing the ponds at Mole Lake, please feel free to contact Mike at 715-478-7261.

John Preuss, Invasive Species Coordinator. John opened his program on invasive species and the progress in treating the sites where Phragmites have been found in the lake. Discussion was then moved to questions and answers. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Meet Your Neighbor submitted by LexAnn Hitchcock

We had a great turnout for the 7th Annual Meet Your Neighbor. The food was excellent. Thank you to Mike Baeb and Jack Kloss for the yummy chicken and thank you to all of the people who brought side dishes and desserts. A big thanks to all who donated canned goods, monetary donations and items for the Humane Society. Two new families on the lake attended the event. Hope to see everyone next year.

Fun Day August 1st submitted by LexAnn Hitchcock

Just a reminder about Fun Day...

Set up: Friday July 31st at 9am

Event: Sat Aug. 1st at 10am

Clean Up: Sunday August 2nd at 9am

We still need volunteers!!!! 1 or 2 people to help with apparel sales, 3 or 4 people to help sell tickets for the paddlewheel, also 2 or 3 people to be floaters -(fill in for a person for about 10 minutes so they can get a short break) Please call LexAnn Hitchcock at 715-478-2233 if you can help.

Sign Boards

The old white sign boards with black lettering are being replaced with updated signage. The old boards have been available for pick up at the club house this summer. They are sitting on the picnic tables and will be destroyed after August 1 (Fun Days). So please pick yours up if interested.

Clean Boats – Clean Waters submitted by Rick Hermus

As you may be aware, we did NOT receive a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Clean Boats-Clean Waters Grant for 2015. However, the membership asked that we continue with the program in a sincere effort to keep Lake Lucerne free of invasive species.

Please consider volunteering for a 4 or 8 hour shift at the Public Boat Landing when you have some time. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Todd Veaser at veesert@gmail.com. Or call Todd at 715-616-1197. Any day or time would be greatly appreciated.

We are also asking members to please continue with shoreline monitoring. In the past few years, lake residents have found and reported several pockets of invasive species on our lake! Because of the early detection by you, the lake residents, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is able to remove the plants in the fall of the year to avoid infestations. If the infestations get too large (like the Eurasian milfoil in Lake Metonga), then the Lake Association is required to address the problem, which becomes very costly. Through your efforts, we have avoided that cost, and the DNR staff has addressed the small issues quickly and effectively! It is through these efforts that we continue to keep our pristine lake free of invasive species.

Building and Ground Maintenance submitted by Jack Kloss

We just finished another project on our new pavilion. All of the electrical has been installed. A big thank you to Gene Goldschmidt, who was our lead electrician, along with Tom Braunreiter, Larry Sommer, and myself. Gene also wired our Assn. Bldg. thirteen years ago -- how time flies. What a big help he has been. We will be power washing both pavilions and picnic tables for Fun Days. Also, grass has to be cut and trimmed. Hope to see you all at our Fun Days on Aug. 1st!

The LoonWatch Program submitted by Sara Austin

Imagine a northern lake without the haunting calls and awe-inspiring presence of the Common Loon. It's a disturbing thought, but in some places, it's happening. Air and water pollution, loss of habitat, and increasing recreational activities on lakes all pose serious threats to loons across North America, and in some cases are responsible for loons and loon music disappearing from traditional nesting lakes.

LoonWatch, a program of the Northland College Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute, protects common loons and their aquatic habitats through education, monitoring, and research. On neighboring Jungle Lake, Pat Schultz has been a "Loon Ranger" for 15 years, counting adult loons, nesting pairs, and chicks in 6 observations May - July. After 2 more observations in August, she completes a short survey with her data. Currently, Lake Lucerne does not report on loon activity. If you are interested in collecting data on these unique birds, there was a training session offered at Hunt Hill Audubon Center on Saturday, May 9 from 1-4pm, and the Mercer Community Center on Saturday, May 30 from 9a.m - Noon. Since it's too late for these sessions, consider that Northland College in Ashland, WI also hosts the North American Loon Symposium each October. Hopefully we can fully participate in this program next year.

LoonWatch, its Advisory Council, and volunteers are all working toward common goals of loon conservation and protection. For more information about the program, contact the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute at Northland College, (715) 682-1220, or email loonwatch@northland.edu. Survey data by county and lake is available on their website: loonwatch.org.