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2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ACTIVITIES AT CLUBHOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

MAY 2020

May 16 - Clean Up Day 9 a.m.
May 23 - LLAA Board Meeting 9 a.m.

JUNE 2020

June 20 - Membership Meeting - 9 a.m.

JULY 2020

July 11 - Fun Day Committee Meeting - 9 a.m.
July 31 - Fun Day Set Up - 9 a.m.

AUGUST 2020

Aug. 1 - FUN DAY - 11 a.m.
Aug. 2 - Fun Day Clean Up - 9 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sept. 5 - LLAA Annual Meeting - 9 a.m.
Sept. 7 - LLAA Golf Outing

OCTOBER 2020

Oct. 24 - Fall Clean Up - 9 a.m.
Oct. 24 - Board Meeting - 10 a.m. at Water's Edge

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Election Committee

The function of the election committee is to implement and supervise the procedures for absentee voting and the collection and counting of ballots during elections. Specifically, the committee will oversee the nomination procedures at the spring meeting (June 20, 2020), develop Absentee Ballots (election of board members only) to be distributed by the Secretary upon request, and develop procedures for annual meeting (September 5, 2020) voter validation, distribute ballots, and count ballots. The committee will develop contingency procedures as needed for COVID-19. As of today, two members have volunteered to participate on the election committee. I am looking for more members to serve on the committee. If interested, email Joe Heilmann at jheilmann11@msn.com.

Reminder – Per the new By-laws, all Board of Director position(s) nominations shall be accepted at the spring membership meeting only (June 20, 2020). There will be no additional nominations accepted at the annual meeting.

Spring Clean Up Day on May 16, 2020 at 9 am

It's that time of year again to get the pavilion and grounds ready for the summer. We are asking members to support your association and help out by signing up for a minimum of a one hour period. You can sign up for more than one period. Please email, Joe Heilmann at jheilmann11@msn.com with the time you will be at the pavilion and contact information. The tasks to accomplish are below:

Outside work

1. Pick up branches
2. Rake and blow all leaves from pavilions and parking area
3. Power wash tables and cement
4. Switch on power to pavilions
5. Clean cooking area on patio by shed
6. Put out marquis sign by road
7. Clean out shed

Inside work

1. Plug in hot water heater
2. Clean cabinets out, wash pots and pans
3. Wipe out freezers and refrigerators
4. Clean toilets, sinks, stock toilet paper and paper towels
5. Scrub shelves and counter tops and bar
6. Scrub floor

Lake Community Clean Up

submitted by LexAnn Hitchcock

As the snow melted around the lake, trash became visible on Hwy W and Lake Lucerne Drive. My family went on a mission and spent multiple days, 16 hours and walked 6.5 miles to Hwy. 8 collecting garbage. A total of 31 bags were collected along with many items that wouldn't fit in a bag. Great family time and good community service. Please pitch in and help keep our roads free of trash from careless people. If you are walking or biking or driving around the lake, take a bag with you. Together we can make a difference. To **all** of you that already do this, **THANK YOU!!**

Board member LexAnn Hitchcock cleans up along Highway W.



Photos, Events or News

Submitted by LexAnn Hitchcock

If you take or have existing photos that our lake community would enjoy, please submit them to our Facebook page. They can be approved to post. Nature, weather, boating, skiing, etc. Capture a special moment. Noteworthy news about our lake is great to post. Perhaps a little bit of history of our lake. Contact LexAnn Hitchcock with questions etc. at lexhitchcock@gmail.com or text 920-450-0573.

Building Rentals

Hosting a graduation, birthday, anniversary, reunion or wedding? Our clubhouse is available to rent out. Price is \$150.00 along with \$150.00 deposit. Please call, text or email Diane Braunreiter at 608-322-0995 or loonlover1@att.net. We will take reservations for dates but understand due to COVID 19 it might have to be postponed or canceled.

PRESIDENTS POINT OF VIEW

Submitted by: Rick Hermus

As I peer out the window at Lake Lucerne, I see snow and ice. LOTS of snow and ice. The Easter Sunday storm brought us back to the middle of March weather wise. But the forecast for next week is much brighter and more Spring-like. We may be looking at the third year in a row where "ice-out" arrives after the opening of the fishing season! Snowmobiling and maple syrup seasons are behind us. The new snowmobile trail into Waters Edge thru the Lake Association Clubhouse property was a welcome addition for Lake Lucerne snowmobilers and guests alike. And maple syrup season was very different with "shelter-in-place" and "social distancing" practices being adhered to. It is a much different world today.

Coronavirus 19 has brought an eerie silence to the Northwoods. Downtown Crandon is very quiet, and traffic minimal. Many permanent residents are doing their best to sponsor local business with take-out orders. But we are sharing the same disconnect with our friends and neighbors as everyone. **Please, stay safe and be healthy.** Adhere to the guidelines established, and protect your family. I know seasonal visitors are anxious to get up to the cabin for a respite; but please consider everyone's well being if doing so. The hardships of shelter in place are the only "cure" we currently have. Bitter medicine for sure.

The LLAA Board is looking at options for our May Board Meeting (probably some sort of virtual meeting,) and will be discussing options for the June Membership Meeting (if we are NOT able to gather.) According to our bylaws, nominations for Board positions are due in June. Elections Committee Chairman Joe Heilmann and his committee will develop a process to be utilized if shelter in place is still in effect. Membership remains a critical component of the election regardless of the procedure. A membership form is included in this newsletter for your use. The mailing label on this newsletter includes a date, which is when your dues are paid to (9999 is lifetime.) The Election Committee is also looking at options if we are still in lockdown and no Annual Meeting can be held in August!

We have many projects in the works (fish stocking, fish habitat, shoreline restoration, etc.) but all of these are taking a back seat during the pandemic. Obviously, they all pale in comparison!

In the interim, please be safe and healthy. The statistics have proven that no one is safe from the wrath of the Coronavirus. And through diligence and sacrifice, we will get through this together.

Regards Rick Hermus

Fun Day August 1st

submitted by LexAnn Hitchcock

We are still looking forward to hosting our annual event. With the June meeting in question, we are asking people to volunteer to help out by contacting committee heads for each area. Please hold on to auction items at this time. We will post on Facebook and website when you will be able to drop off items. This year is a challenge and sanitizing items will be very important. Please check for dates starting in June. Set up for Fun Day is Friday July 31st at 9am.

We need help in all areas of our event. Please volunteer for an hour or two, or maybe all day. Times are from 10:00 to 4:00. Come and have some fun!

Auction- Tim Turriff: Text or call 920-655-7309. Help needed setting items up on Friday and bringing items up to auctioneer.

Kitchen- Patty Orlovsky: Text or call 715-350-9454. Help with food sales in kitchen and cashiers.

Grillers- Mark Orlovsky: call or text 414-255-4271. Help grilling brats, hot dogs and hamburgers. Deep frying cheese curds and French fries.

Bar- Amy Coughlin: call, text 414-378-8373 or email awcoughlin26@gmail.com Help serving beverages.

Lucerne Raffle- (Boards) Mary Heilmann: text to 920-435-7753. Selling tickets for items purchased.

Fun Day Raffle- Jack Kloss/LexAnn Hitchcock: call or text 920-450-0573 or email lexhitchcock@gmail.com Help selling tickets on paddles for raffle. Putting tickets on paddles and taking in money.

Apparel- Joe Heilmann: text or call 612-991-3291 email jheilmann11@msn.com Help selling Lake Lucerne clothing and taking special orders.

Kids Games- Jodie Landgraf: text or call 262-748-5689 or email hddyena@aol.com Sell tickets, had out prizes and help run each game.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – 2019

Membership Committee – Sally Hickman, Chair

Social Committee – Lex Ann Hitchcock, Chair. Diane Braunreiter, Amy Coughlin, Sara Austin, Mary Van Grunsven, Cheryl Hermus

Finance Committee – Jack Kloss, Chair

Fishing and Water Quality Committee – Jim Zach, Chair Mary Heilmann, Verne Kamenick, Ed Mullaney, Dave Schlitz, Tim Sprink, Jeff Turiff, Tim Turiff, Pete Davison, Ryan Siggelkow, Jim Wienser, Mike Heim

Aquatic Plant, Algae Committee and Water Quality – Jim Wienser, Chair, Julie Veaser (to include invasive species efforts, boat land coordinator and buoys)

Election Committee – Joe Heilmann, Chair

Communication Committee – Patty Voigt, Chair. Kyle Wienser, Haily Romenesko, Michael Voigt.

OTHER COMMITTEES (Section 8.8)

Building and Grounds – Joe Heilmann, Chair

It is highly recommended by President Hermus that each Committee Chair invite numerous LLAA Members to assist in these efforts and to encourage participation in the duties as assigned.

Please share with President Hermus a list of the individual who join these Committees so a list can be created and shared with the remainder of the LLAA Board of Directors.

Seeking LLAA Volunteer To Act As Healthy Lakes Grant Coordinator for Lake Lucerne

Written by: Jim Zach, Chair LLAA Fishery & Water Quality Committee

Please consider volunteering to become LLAA's Healthy Lakes Grant Coordinator. The WI DNR created the Healthy Lakes Grant Program to encourage lake shore property owners to do several practices that will help preserve Lucerne's water quality. The LLAA Board voted to become a sponsoring organization with the DNR, which makes us eligible to participate in what has become a very successful program across the state.

The grants provide 75% reimbursement of up to \$1000 for each of 4 practices, including native plantings near the shoreline, water run-off diversions, rock infiltration systems, and rain gardens. Property owners with geese problems can deter geese by establishing native plantings so geese in the water can't readily see or walk up to the lawns they like to eat. This works especially well if neighbors work together to coordinate their plantings.

The grant coordinator will:

1. Collect participation pledges from the interested landowner prior to grant applications.
2. Apply for the Healthy Lakes grant representing LLAA.
3. Collect the signed landowner contracts stating they agree to continue their practices for 10
4. Provide information to landowners regarding landscapers or nurseries to complete project work and provide advice (information sources are available from the DNR, UW Extension, and Forest County).
5. Collect and maintain before and after photos.
6. Collect invoices from landowners and submit them for grant reimbursement.
7. Act as the liaison for the LLAA and property owners with the DNR regarding the grants.

While there will be learning curve, the DNR staff who presented to our general membership last June and our Forest County Conservationist will be available to help with advice. Once you understand this program, and word gets out to landowners who see projects being completed around the lake, the grant program will be selling itself to our members. The Coordinator will have an opportunity to meet and help landowners accomplish worthwhile projects, and you are welcome to participate in the grant program yourself.

You are welcome to contact me at or 715-572-4646.

Spring 2020 Fishery and Water Quality Committee Update

Submitted by: Jim Zach, Chair F&WQ Committee

As a result of our LLAA bylaws changes, the Fish Habitat Committee is now the Fishery & Water Quality Committee. It has new membership that also includes: Pete Davison, Mike Heim, Tim Sprink, Mary Heilmann, Dave Schlitz, Jeff Turiff, Tim Turiff, Verne Kamenick, Ed Mullaney, Ryan Siggelkow, and Jim Wienser.

This Committee shall represent LLAA "at WI DNR hearings and local meetings relating to in-lake water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and water levels. It shall offer proposals to the Board regarding water quality monitoring and ecological management of the fishery." If you have any questions or suggestions relating to our committee's responsibilities, please contact me. Please read the accompanying newsletter article regarding the Healthy Lakes Grant program.

Status of our fish stick project:

This winter's ice conditions were not conducive to have worked on this project. In addition, we need the following information from LLAA members to proceed:

1. Do you have a site along the shore where you would like to host a fish stick? We are especially looking for sites along the southern quarter of Lucerne that have a more gradually sloping lake bed, although we can consider sites elsewhere that are more than a thousand feet apart from each other.

2. Would you be willing to volunteer your labor to help with moving trees across the ice from the Novak family's island (Antony) to sites where fish sticks will be created?

3. Do you have equipment that you are willing to operate to assist with dragging, winching, and cabling trees close to the shoreline where the fish sticks will be secured with the help of DNR staff in the spring? Tractors, and vehicles with winches, are needed.

Please let me know if you would like to help. Once we can determine the scope of our project, we will submit a proposal for a DNR permit. We then plan next steps — and hope for a colder winter and less COVID.

Last summer, WI DNR aquatic ecology staff completed a detailed shoreline habitat survey of Lucerne. They did find that Lucerne is low in coarse woody debris (CWD) in our near-shore environment compared to other lakes. The presence of CWD supports the biological web of life that supports a healthy fishery. This project partners with DNR fishery staff to help restore what has been diminished by decades of lakeshore development that resulted in fewer trees falling into Lucerne.

If you would like more information about this project, please refer to the LLAA website, and click on "Fish Habitat Committee" tabs on the lower left side of the LLAA webpage. You can also contact me at 715-572-4646.

Fish Stocking Plans for Lake Lucerne

The next planned stocking will be large fingerling Walleye in fall, 2021 according to Greg Matzke, DNR Fishery Biologist. Cisco and Lake Trout stocking are possibilities if sources of those fish become available during 2020 or 2021.

New Boat Landing Coordinator

Julie Veaser is the new contractor for Clean Boats/Clean Waters program at the boat landing. This position involves the inspection of boats and trailers prior to entering the waters of Lake Lucerne to prevent invasive species from entering the lake. She previously worked at Roberts Lake boat landing for the past 2 ½ years and enjoys educating people on invasive species. All COVID-19 Preparedness guidelines will be followed at the boat landing. To contact Julie call 715-616-1208 or email her at julie.veaser65@gmail.com

Membership Committee is Looking for Members

The purpose of the committee is member retention and recruiting new members. If interested contact **Sally Hickman at (715)478-2982.**

