

Spring 2017 Newsletter

Long Lake Link

Long Lake Property Owners Association

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UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

June 7	First Turtle Races of the season! (1:00-3:30pm)	Downtown
June 17	Arts/Crafts/Music Outdoor Show (10am-2pm); Firemen's Sandwich Day/ Chamber's Pie Social (11am-1pm); Community Garage Sale	Downtown
June 14-Aug. 23	Turtle Races every Wednesday (1:00-3:30pm)	Downtown
June 24	Turtle Town Art Fair (9am-3pm) Book & Bake Sale (9am-2pm)	Salem Lutheran Church Library
July 2	Music in the Park w/Monroe Crossing (5-7pm)	Salem Lutheran Church (outdoors)
July 4	Celebrate Independence Day all day - parade, food & fun!	Downtown
July 7 & 8	Sinatra! (Josh Duffee and His Big Band @ 7:30pm)	Hackensack Community Building
July 9	Patriotic Celebration Service (10:30-11:30am)	Longville Bible Chapel
July 15	Summerfest Family Fun Day/Community Garage Sale (10am-2pm)	Downtown
June 23-24	11th Annual Moondance Jammin' Country Fest	Hwy. 200, Walker, MN
July 20-22	Moondance Jam	Hwy. 200, Walker, MN
August 5	Lions Corn & Sausage Feed (11am-2pm); Bake Sale (10am-1pm)	Downtown
August 6	"Fly-In/Drive-In" Pancake Breakfast (8am-noon)	Longville Municipal Airport
August 12	Northwoods Art & Book Festival (9am-3pm)	Hackensack
August 23	Last Turtle Races of the season...bummer! (1:00-3:30pm)	Downtown
August 26	11th Annual Hiking Fest (all day)	Itasca State Park
Sept. 2	Lions serving Hog Heaven (11am-2pm)	Docksider Parking Lot
Sept. 2-3	"Arts off 84" Art Crawl (9am-5pm) Lions serve lunch @ the Docksider (11am-noon)	Hwy. 84 from Pine River to Longville
Sept. 16	Oktoberfest (all day)	Downtown
October 7	5th Annual Moondance Harvest Moon Festival	Downtown Hwy. 200, Walker, MN

LLPOA MISSION

The purpose of this Association shall be to maintain and improve lake water quality and lake bed health, maintain and continue fish propagation and protect wildlife and its habitat.

It shall also provide education about many issues affecting lake property owners and users through the dissemination of information to Long Lake property owners and their families.

A Letter from Your President

Greetings Long Lakers!

Blue water has returned, along with the loons, blue skies and warmer temperatures. Yes, it's that time again, when the lake and everything in and around it wake up from a long winter nap. The ice that covered the lake has yielded to the sun, but not before doing considerable damage to many shorelines, including ours. The thawing and refreezing process was extraordinary over the last couple of months, causing the ice to expand into the shorelines in a way that I have not seen in the 17 years we have been on Long Lake. It created ice ridges over four feet high in places, lifting and moving boat lifts, docks and anything else in its way. The awesome power of nature never ceases to amaze me. The picture you see here is our shoreline, which was bulldozed and rolled up by the ice, reducing the width of our shoreline by over six feet. And we were the lucky ones, as some of our neighbors had even higher ridges and greater damage.

Recognizing that our dock was truly marooned and land-locked by an ice ridge, we quickly came to the realization that we could not repair this damage by hand without spending a good part of the summer doing it. So we got together with our neighbors who also had damage and hired a contractor to restore our shorelines. This, of course, required a shoreline alteration permit from Cass County which we applied for and received. Soon the work will be done and the image on the right will be a distant memory...which is just fine with me.



As most of you know, the Board of Directors and property owners have had a strong focus on aquatic invasive species prevention here on Long Lake, an effort that we will continue in 2017. Our legacy to future generations dictates that we must work together to stop the spread of AIS to assure that our lakes and rivers, our greatest natural asset, remain usable. Our key strategy is **"prevention through education."** We have learned from experts like Dr. Peter Sorensen, professor in Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology at the University of Minnesota, that eradicating AIS once it is in a lake is virtually impossible. The only practical solution is prevention. Accordingly, our combined efforts must be on education - education of our family members, friends, neighbors and visitors. It must be on educating and/or reminding fisherman and recreational boaters alike to "Clean, Drain and Dry" their boats, trailers, PWCs and gear before entering the lake. We do this through our signage program on the public access road and at the campgrounds, and by passing out fliers to property owners, and most importantly, by all of us working together to protect Long Lake.

The Board of Directors will hold our first meeting on May 20th where we will discuss our focus for 2017 as dictated by the survey of the membership that we took at the Annual Meeting last August. In order of priority, you asked us to: 1) place and maintain marker buoys on the lake; 2) promote high water quality on the lake and continue the water testing program to monitor quality; 3) keep educating us all on AIS prevention and what each of us can do to help prevent it; 4) continue publishing the newsletter to keep members informed; and 5) promote water and boating safety on Long Lake. We will do our best to make progress on each of these initiatives throughout 2017.

As always, if you have specific subjects you would like the LLPOA Board to discuss at our upcoming meetings, please feel free to e-mail me at wayne@msireresults.com. The Board is here to represent your interests. We thank you for your continued support. Have a great summer!

Wayne Voigtschild



Funny, and true...

A man decides to take his wife camping up north for the first time. At every opportunity, he passes along his outdoor survival tips. One day, they got lost hiking in the deep woods. He tried the usual tactics to determine direction - moss on the trees (there was no moss) and direction of the sun (it was an overcast day). Just as his wife was beginning to panic, the man spotted a small cabin off in the distance. He pulled out his binoculars, studied the cabin, turned and led them straight back to their camp.

"That was amazing," his wife said. "How did you finally figure out which direction to go?"

"Simple," the man replied. "In this part of the country all TV satellite dishes point south."

Ranger Rick's Spring 2017 Fishing Report

Spring is here in a big way. The ice-out date on Long lake occurred on April 5th this year, as reported by Kit Arnquist. This is the third earliest ice-out date in over 50 years! Water temperatures are slowly warming up with the return of warmer daytime temperatures in the mid 50s. The ice may have gone out faster, but nighttime temperatures throughout April were below freezing. This slowed the crappie bite quite a bit; there were sporadic reports of some success, but generally it was slow. Those who did experience success were using jig-heads with minnows and fishing between 14-16 feet.



We have a new fish species inhabiting our waters this year. As you may remember, we did a survey in September 2016 to determine whether there was support among property owners for stocking rainbow trout in Long Lake. The results from the 245 responding voters was 173 (71%) in favor of stocking rainbow trout and 72 (29%) opposed. Based on the vote, the DNR stocked approximately 13,000 trout on December 1, 2016. These were all catchable fish averaging three fish per pound. Then again this spring, another 13,000 larger trout were stocked in Long Lake, these averaged two fish per pound.

Anglers will need a current Minnesota fishing or sports license with a trout stamp validation when fishing in designated trout streams, designated trout lakes, Lake Superior, or when possessing trout on waters that are not designated trout water. All trout in possession require a trout validation, unless received as a gift. Trout stamps are not required for children younger than 18 years old, adults who are 65 and older, people fishing with a 24-hour or 72-hour license, people who are exempt from fishing license requirements or those who receive a fishing license at no charge. The individual trout stamp validation is \$10.00. A pictorial stamp as shown on the right will add \$0.75 to the cost.



Rainbow trout tend to be active during the spring and fall when water temperatures are cooler, and you will often see them close to the surface. In early spring, they respond well to flies on the surface; trolling with small Rapalas, spinners and spoons are always a good bet according to

the DNR. They also bite on minnows, worms, crawlers and wax worms. Bottom line – we just need to get out there and fish to see what works best during different times of the year. Let us know what works for you. Remember, the limit is five, with no more than three being longer than 16 inches. Good luck and have fun!

Remembering...

Dennis Kringle, 63, passed away on Monday, April 10, 2017, after a courageous seven month battle with leukemia. Dennis is survived by his wife Vicki, and his children Tristi, Ryan, Brenda and Keeva. Dennis was preceded in death by his parents. Dennis was born on December 9, 1954 in St. Paul, MN to Karold and Gertrude Kringle. A visitation and service was held on Friday, April 14th, at Kessler & Maguire Funeral Home in St. Paul, MN. Dennis and Vicki have a home on Long Lake.

Willis "Chick" Laraway, 88, of New Ulm passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at the Oak Hills Living Center surrounded by his family. Funeral services and a celebration of Willis' life were held on Saturday, September 17, at the Minnesota Valley Funeral Home North Chapel in New Ulm with Deacon David Heise officiating. Willis was proudly laid to rest with his fellow veterans in the Minnesota State Veteran cemetery at Camp Ripley in Little Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, of 64 years; his children: Steve (Peggy) of St Cloud, Jane (John) Kerr of Monument, CO, Dean (Shirley) of New Ulm and Juli (Paul) Halverson of Shoreview; nine grandchildren; two great grandchildren; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and nieces and nephews. Willis was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Russell Laraway, and sister, June (Laraway) Hunerberg.

Willis was born in 1928 to Warren and Florence (Baysinger) Laraway in Hutchinson. He graduated from Stewart High School in 1946. After graduation, Willis entered the U.S. Navy where he was stationed in the Philippines. He loved his military service and was very proud to have served his country. To the very end he never missed a Veteran's Day parade, always enjoyed socializing with other veterans at any opportunity possible, and was most proud of displaying his "We Support our Troops" signs. After his military service, Willis attended St Cloud State University and Dunwoody Technical College where he graduated with a degree in Construction Management and Structural Engineering.

He married Mary Jane Dillon in Olivia, MN in 1952, and they moved to Minneapolis where he started his career working for Paper Calmenson & Co. In 1964, Willis and Mary and their family moved to New Ulm where he founded Laraway Roofing, Inc. New Ulm was the Laraway home for 27 years where he was proud to raise his family, run his business, develop life-long friendships and be active in civic projects. One of Willis' greatest joys was being a licensed private pilot where he logged over 7,200 hours in the sky. He and Mary loved going to fly-ins and visiting family all over the country.

In 1970, he purchased a cabin "up north" on Long Lake near Longville. He loved the cabin and the fact that it was, and still is, a gathering place for family and friends. He loved that it will always be remembered as the place where the best of times are had and memories are made. He believed in the preservation of the lake areas in northern MN and was one of the founding members of the Long Lake Property Owners Association where he served as a Board Member for many years. In retirement, Willis and Mary split their time between the cabin and Gold Canyon, AZ where they made many great friends. In Arizona, Willis joined an ATV riding club and over the years led many weekly rides into the desert and the Superstition Mountains with his 4-wheeling pals.

DNR Using Dogs to Sniff out Zebra Mussels, Protect Minnesota's Lakes & Rivers

DULUTH, Minn. — "Brady" looks like any other law enforcement officer of his rank — an eager, aggressive disposition, a long snout and wagging tail. But unlike most of his fellow K-9 officers, Brady doesn't search for illegal narcotics or bombs. The 6-year-old golden retriever mix sniffs for zebra mussels.

Brady's partner, Minnesota Conservation Officer Julie Siems, was showing off Brady's skills Thursday at the Pike Lake boat landing outside Duluth. Siems hid a rock encrusted with zebra mussels in the splashwell of a fishing boat. It took Brady one loop around the boat before he honed in on the spot. He jumped up on the boat, spotted the source of the smell and quickly sat down, waiting for his reward — a scratch on the ear and a chance to play with his tennis ball. "His reward is his ball. He works for the ball," Siems said, noting that Brady, once a rescue dog, also is trained to sniff out hidden firearms, ammunition and venison "so he doesn't get bored in the fall and winter."

The effort comes one week before Minnesota's walleye fishing opener, the unofficial start of the annual summer invasion of lakes and rivers. Brady is one of four zebra mussel-sniffing dogs now in the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' stable of resources in the ongoing, stepped-up effort to slow the spread of aquatic invasive species within the state. Brady and Siems patrol boat landings, especially near infested waterways. But they also staff DNR checkpoints throughout the summer where every boat and watercraft being towed on a roadway is pulled over and inspected.



Brady, a Minnesota DNR K-9 officer, detects zebra mussels in a boat at the Pike Lake boat landing north of Duluth, MN on Thursday morning, May 4, 2017. (Photos - Clint Austin/Forum News Service)



It's a violation of Minnesota law to move invasive species out of an infested lake, to move weeds that could carry invasive species or to move water from one lake or river to another. Boaters are required to drain their live wells, bait buckets and bilge (and remove their bilge plugs when on the road), as well as make sure no weeds are hanging from the trailer when they leave the landing. If Brady finds a hidden zebra mussel or two, Siems usually issues a warning to the violator, along with an educational speech and directions on how to sterilize the watercraft to kill the unwanted hitchhikers. "But if it's so obvious that I can see them, and the boat owner should have seen them, then we'll issue tickets," Siems said. The civil penalty can reach \$500, plus fines.

It's not just boats, but also docks that are moved, as well as trailers, diving equipment, fishing tackle and even waders that can carry unwanted species from lake to lake. Boats that have remained on an infested lake or river for 24 hours or more are the highest risk for transporting invaders. Some types of sailboats, pontoon boats and wake boats are especially troublesome because large areas that hold water are inaccessible, they are almost impossible to clean and dry.

Still, the ongoing effort to convince people to take appropriate steps is working, said Doug Jensen, aquatic invasive species expert for Minnesota Sea Grant. Despite having more than 10,000 lakes and tens of thousands of boats moving between lakes and rivers in Minnesota — the state has 800,000 registered watercraft, not including visitors from other states — only 2% of all waterways in the state are infested with zebra mussels, only 1% have spiny water fleas and about 5% have Eurasian water milfoil. The rest remain invasive-free, and the DNR and Minnesota Sea Grant want to keep it that way. They want boaters to know that it's not inevitable that all lakes and rivers will be infested, at least not anytime soon. "We know that a combination of regulations, enforcement, education and outreach are working," Jensen said. "So we keep up the message."

HOW TO STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

State law requires boaters to:
Clean aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species from watercraft.
Drain lake or river water and keep drain plugs out during transport.
Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash, not in the water.

It's also recommended that boaters:
Spray boat and trailer with high-pressure water.
Rinse boat and trailer with very hot water (120 degrees for two minutes, or 140 degrees for 10 seconds).
If hot or pressurized water isn't available, dry boat and equipment for at least five days before moving to a different water body.

More information is available at mndnr.gov/AIS

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A zebra mussel-encrusted rock was used during the demonstration with Brady. The golden retriever is one of four zebra mussel-sniffing dogs now in the Minnesota DNR's stable of resources in the ongoing, stepped-up effort to slow the spread of aquatic invasive species within the state.

Frosty's Ice Cream and Pizza Parlor...Longville's Diamond in The Rough

I'm pretty sure that many of you have stopped at Frosty's for a refreshing ice cream treat on a hot summer's day, right? Open from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm six days a week and 11:00 am to 7:00 pm on Sundays, the crew at Frosty's tirelessly serves what often appears as a never-ending line of customers. It's a happy place that has become an important part of "going to the cabin" for many families, a place described on Explore Minnesota's website as one of the "Must visit ice cream shops" in Minnesota. So how did a little gem like Frosty's come to be?

To answer that question, I talked with Greg and Dawn Gilsrud, the current owners of Frosty's. They filled me in on lots of interesting facts, but were a bit foggy on the origin of Frosty's and how it has survived over the years. To answer that question, Greg graciously provided me access to the title abstract, where I found a rich history of the store spanning over 40 years. With that information, plus interviews with past owners of Frosty's, families of past owners, Bill Hansen Jr. and Sr., and the Margaret Welch Memorial library, the history of Frosty's was revealed.

Ironically, it appears to have all started at Nyvall's Tavern, which was located on the corner of Hwy 84 and Main Street where Lori's Luv's store is today. Russ Nyvall was the founder of Longville's iconic turtle races which he started in order to attract business to the area. As it grew in popularity, he recognized the opportunity to provide refreshments to the people gathering to watch the races. He added a 12x12 concession stand at the end of his tavern which he called Nyvall's Tea Room. There he successfully sold soft drinks, tea, candy and ice cream for the next ten years until he sold the concessions business to Jack and Phyllis Tabaka in 1975. The small concessions building was moved to Frosty's current location in October 1975, where it operated selling candy, pizza and ice cream for the next five years. The Tabakas sold the business to Larry Larson in 1980, who then removed the old building and built a new one that resembled a garage sitting on cement blocks. Larry sold the business to Henry and Carol Moe who operated it under the name The Ice Cream and Pizza Parlor.

In February 1981, tragedy struck. The Chevrolet dealership, where Tabaka's grocery store now sits, caught fire and all the buildings from the car dealership to The Ice Cream and Pizza Parlor burned down. Henry Moe rebuilt the store, which is the current Frosty's building, and re-opened it in June 1981 under the name "Yum Yum Shop." The Moe family operated the Yum Yum Shop until 1983 when it was sold to Stan and Jari Jones. The Jones operated the Yum Yum Shop for three years and then sold it to Mike and Judy Crosby. The Crosbys operated it until October 1990 when it was sold once again, this time to Eldon Tharp. Eldon renamed the store Frosty's, which he operated for three years before selling it to James and Lois Garner of Longville. The Garners operated Frosty's for the next ten years and finally sold it to the current owners, Greg and Dawn Gilsrud in May 2004. Whew...what a long history!



**Frosty's owners
Dawn & Greg Gilsrud**

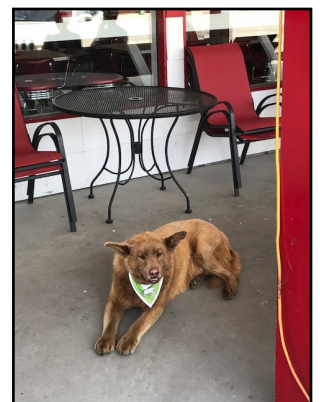
While the road may have been rough for a little ice cream shop in Longville, MN, it has endured through the years because of one common theme – offering quality ice cream and fast service in a family-oriented environment. This little store serves over 40,000 pounds of ice cream in just four months - that's 9,000 gallons of ice cream per season! They offer 34 flavors, so there should be a flavor to satisfy almost everyone. Surprisingly, the highest volume flavor is vanilla, since it is the basic ingredient of sundaes and malts, followed by cotton candy, chocolate peanut butter and peppermint bonbon. Frosty's is also a good place to eat, offering a variety of foods on their menu. Pizza is a family favorite of ours, as well as for many others, evidenced by the fact that they serve over 2,000 pizzas in four months.

Frosty's is truly a gem in the small town of Longville, contributing economically to the area in a variety of ways - by pulling in over 7,000 tourists per season, providing summer jobs for ten to twelve kids, and of course, paying taxes. But it's more than that, Frosty's has become an important part of our family's overall experience here in lake country, and probably a part of yours too.

I would like to thank the following people for their contributions to this article:
Greg & Dawn Gilsrud, Jim & Lois Garner, Bill Hansen, Jr., Bill Hansen, Sr., Dan & Joleen Tharp, and Cheryl Martin, librarian at the Margaret Welch Memorial Library.

Wayne Voigtschild

Guess who was visiting Frosty's the day we were there to take pictures? None other than Longville's very own mascot, Bruno. What better advertisement than Bruno to attract business!



Update on AIS Efforts on Long Lake

Reported by Wayne Voigtschild

The second annual Aquatic Invaders Summit was held in St Cloud, MN on October 5th and 6th, 2016. Russ Peters, Zone One Director, and I attended on behalf of the Long Lake Property Owners Association. It was an opportunity for lake associations, local, county, state and federal government representatives, lake improvement districts, service providers, angling and conservation groups, Chambers of Commerce, boat manufacturers, water service providers and others to meet and form partnerships to discuss preventing and slowing the spread of AIS in Minnesota waters.

Preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species continues to be the number one issue impacting the lakes and rivers throughout the U.S. As an example, quagga mussels and zebra mussels have spread to 29 states by hitching rides on boats moving between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins. The primary aquatic invasive species we must contend with include Eurasian milfoil, zebra and quagga mussels, spiny water flea, and now, starry stonewort; over 500 bodies of water in Minnesota have been infected by one or more of these. These invaders have the potential to severely impact Minnesota's \$2.8 billion angling economy. According to the National Wildlife Federation, once these invasive species become established in a water body they are virtually impossible to fully eradicate.

SCIENTISTS HAVE CONCLUDED THAT PREVENTION IS THE ONLY KNOWN PRACTICAL APPROACH TO ADDRESSING AIS!

During the meeting, we attended numerous sessions on AIS prevention, lake assessment procedures, early detection and monitoring, understanding the pathways of infestation and closing them, enforcement of AIS rules, motivating action and changing behaviors, the economic impact of AIS and more. We had the opportunity to observe a zebra mussel sniffing dog in action - this amazing dog detected zebra mussels on a boat in just seconds (see the article on Brady, the zebra mussel sniffing golden retriever, in this issue of the newsletter). We learned that we are on the right path with our focus on educating boaters, fishermen, campers, property owners, and family, friends and guests of property owners on this issue. We will continue those efforts in 2017 and beyond to do what we can to educate everyone using the lake about the dangers of AIS. ***We need everyone's help on this.***

During the meeting, I spent some time with the AIS Coordinator for Cass County, who herself was a former Level I and Level II inspector for the Minnesota DNR. With Long Lake now being a trout lake, many of us have concerns that this may increase the number of fishermen coming to the lake. If this does happen, it naturally increases the probability of a careless fisherman transferring AIS from their boat and trailer to Long Lake. **I am pleased to report that the county has agreed to fund an inspector on our public boat landing a minimum of one day every weekend this summer, and will make a sincere effort to staff the boat landing on busy holiday weekends.** Additional initiatives planned are: 1) to continue our focus on increasing membership in the Association so the message of AIS prevention reaches every property owner; 2) develop additional brochures on the subject of AIS to inform and educate Long Lake property owners on ways to assist us in our prevention efforts; and 3) put an additional, high-visibility banner on AIS prevention at the public boat landing.



How old are Minnesota cabin owners? The answer might surprise you.

Dave Orrick/St. Paul Pioneer Press, February 25, 2017

ST. PAUL - Minnesota lake home and cabin owners, that oh-so-Minnesota demographic, are getting older. And not any richer. And their health care costs are rising. Which might prove troublesome for the cherished natural resources - namely our lakes - that lakefront property owners are at the forefront of protecting. Those are among the findings of a study released Friday by Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, an environmental-advocacy group that often focuses on issues relevant to lake property owners associations. The group called the findings a "disturbing trend" because of the uncertainty it could create over the future of both seasonal property ownership and environmental stewardship.

"Simultaneously as owners and the state both struggle to protect the healthy lakes in Minnesota while working to restore the 40% of waters that are degraded, very hard decisions are coming in the short term," said Jeff Forester, the group's executive director. "Minnesota is about to experience the largest intergenerational transfer of shoreline property in our history. Yet, the next generation will no doubt be stressed to pay for their medical bills and maintain the properties that will come into their ownership in the next decade."

The group surveyed some 300 Minnesotans between August and September, paralleling surveys conducted in 2005 and 1999. Those surveyed included property owners who use their cabins only seasonally, and those who use lake homes as their primary residence. Here are two of the most surprising findings:

Average age: The average age of lake home and cabin property owners is 68. That's up from 62 years old in 2005, and 58 in 1999.

Average income: The average household income of lake home and cabin property owners is \$58,000. That's pretty much unchanged since the previous two surveys.

Long Lake Property Owners Association - 27th Annual Meeting Minutes August 13, 2016

Date: August 13, 2016

Location: Salem Lutheran Church

Meeting called to order at 9:36 am by President Wayne Voigtschild

Presiding: Wayne Voigtschild, President

Introduction of current Officers and Zone Directors – Wayne introduced the Officers and Zone Directors

Review the objectives of the Association – “A good defense is the only defense.” Our major objective is to improve the quality of the lake, practice safety, fight AIS (not only on our lake, but nationwide).

Water Safety on Long Lake – We all must be courteous and have respect for the fishermen, swimmers, etc. Several of the owners had concerns about jet skiers and recreational boaters going too fast and too close to the fisherman and swimmers. We must educate our lake owners and guests. There has been an increase in recreational activity on Long Lake. There was a person that cut their foot from a glass bottle at the Narrows; we need to clean up after ourselves. Also, there were concerns regarding safe swimming by the Narrows; kids swimming under water from one side to the other, where boats cannot visually see them. It would be nice if the sheriff could put a “No Wake Zone” buoy by the Narrows. The DNR offers a watercraft online video course on boating safety that is highly recommended by all who operate watercraft.

Report on water quality – Mark, Bob and Jerry checked the water clarity which was 28 feet this year, which has improved from last year’s 21 feet. Once you get AIS, you will never get rid of it. No cure, the only prevention is awareness.

Treasurer and Secretary reports: Currently, 70% of the property owners are members of the Association. Check with your lake neighbors and ask them if they are members, and if not, talk to them about joining.

Aquatic Invasive Species report: Actions being taken by the Association to prevent infestation: **The focus is on education – knowing what to do.** Additional efforts to prevent AIS: Applying for grants to assist all of us in educating property owners and their guests. There is a good video: “Minnesota Traditions – Living with AIS” at <https://vimeo.com/116985788>. Participation in AIS-related meetings in the Twin Cities to stay current on what is being done to fight it, newsletter articles and improve communications.

Discussed the grant we received from the Minnesota DNR for AIS public awareness:

Permanent signs are installed along boat landing road (quick reading)

Large sign at the boat landing (get their attention; advice on what to do)

AIS prevention signs now installed at boat landings at Camp O’ My Dreams and Deer Trail Resort and Campground

Letter prepared by the DNR for resort/campground visitors (given to all visitors by the resorts)

Brochure on AIS prepared by the DNR has been delivered to all property owners on Long Lake

Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers brochure prepared by the DNR was delivered to all property owners on Long Lake to share with family and guests.

Publishing articles in the Long Lake Link

Pursuing grant dollars from the state to assist us with AIS prevention

Pursuing grant dollars to provide AIS inspection at the public boat landing during fishing opener and busy holiday weekends

Guest Speakers:

Brick Fevold, Research Consultant with CSRA; BS and Masters in Wildlife Ecology – “Life History Strategies of Top Avian Predators: The Loon, Osprey and Eagle.”

Goal is to provide stimulating knowledge and raise questions.

Bald Eagle: “A bird with bad morals,” Benjamin Franklin quote. North American distribution species. Its habitat is to live in tall trees, live by water, abundant prey with low disturbance and adaptable. They have been changing their prey diet to include more dead animals. Clutch size 1-3 eggs (dull white color), egg length 2.3 – 3.3 inches. Incubation period is 34-36 days. Asynchronous hatching. Nesting period is 56-98 days. Average adult weight is 10-14 lbs., and males are considerably smaller than females. Survival documented up to 38 years or more. In 2007, Minnesota population estimated to be over 2300 pairs, which is second only to Alaska. Eagles return to lifelong pair bonding of a decade or so.

Osprey: Habitat requirements are tall branchless structures, water, and abundant prey with low disturbance. Uses artificial versus natural nesting platforms. Clutch size is usually 3-4 eggs, which are incubated for 30-35 days. Young osprey fledges 40-45 days after hatching. The young do not return to the breeding grounds until they are two years old.

Loon: There are more loons in Minnesota - estimated 4600 pairs of loons, or 52% of the breeding population - than in all of the U.S. states, except Alaska. Utilizes both natural and artificial nesting platforms. Requires water clarity. Male loons arrive first before the females come to join them, sometimes before frost is out of the ground. Eggs are camouflaged and hatching takes 28 days. Chicks can hatch one day apart which causes them to be different sizes. By 10-11 weeks old, loon chicks fly and catch most of their own food. Loons migrate to the panhandle in Florida in the winter and come back every year to the same lake. At the last meeting, Bob Alley said the last time he tried to do a count he saw maybe 18 adults; Meg reported seeing three chicks.

Doug Schultz, DNR Fisheries Area Supervisor – “A Review of Past Fish Stocking Results and the Proposed New Stocking Program for Long Lake.” You can contact Doug at Doug.w.schultz@state.mn.us or 218-547-1683.

Long Lake is not a good walleye lake and the DNR is pulling the plug on walleye/perch stocking because our lake is too clear. They survive in “dirtier” waters. Our lake is made up of sunfish, bass, cisco and crappies. Bass and panfish in moderate abundance and reported to be good-sized. Black crappies are stable and good-sized. Bluegills up to 10” in size; largemouth bass up to 16” in size. Pike are improving. The DNR recommends stocking rainbow trout in Long Lake because of the water conditions. We have a two tier (story) lake with warmer waters on the top and colder body of water at the bottom. There are only three other lakes nearby that are much smaller lakes that have rainbow trout. Rainbow trout will not reproduce in lakes and their life span is 3-4 years. The DNR would stock 10” long rainbows (maximum length is 18-20”) at 25 fish per acre. It would not cost the Association for the stocking. There would be a 3-year evaluation period and then reviewed. They’re known to be a good eating fish. Next spring is the earliest to begin this study. We agreed that we will let the DNR know if we want to proceed with the rainbow trout stocking after taking a survey by all Association members by mid-September. There was conversation regarding pros and cons of this proposal. We would be one of the largest lakes to have rainbow trout, but the lake activity may increase by the enticement of being known to be a rainbow trout lake.

General Discussion/New Business: John DeLorbe, who is on the Longville Park Board, requested that Long Lake property owners make a donation to enhance the city park.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am with Wayne thanking everyone for attending the Long Lake 27th Annual Meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Richmond

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2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Saturday, May 20th @ 10:00 am
 Saturday, June 17th @ 10:00 am
 Saturday, July 23rd @ 10:00 am
 Saturday, August 13th @ 9:30 am **
 Saturday, September 10th @ 10:00 am (?)

** Annual meeting begins at 9:30 am; doors open at 9:00 am

Meetings are held at Salem Lutheran Church in Longville.



RECYCLE,

REDUCE,

REUSE!

2017 BOAT PARADE!!



Wanna have fun like these guys did last year? Then join the annual 4th of July boat parade this summer. You can dress up and decorate your boat, or just cruise around the lake honking and waving at the spectators on shore.

Because the 4th of July lands on a Tuesday this year, we sent out a survey asking for everyone's input on which day to hold the parade. The overwhelming response was to go with Sunday, July 2nd. That way, at least those who don't have a four-day weekend or aren't going to be at the lake all week, can participate the weekend before.

Boaters should meet at the Narrows at 4:00 pm on Sunday, July 2nd. This year the parade will start out heading SOUTH!

LLPOA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

We will continue to run the "Join the LLPOA" membership campaign. We want to reach property owners that haven't joined the Association yet, or those who may not even know the LLPOA exists. We are hoping that we can enlist the help of our current LLPOA members in this campaign by asking them to talk to their neighbors and find out if they are members already or not. Share with them what we are doing to keep aquatic invasive species out of the lake, how we are managing the lake's water quality and how we are working to protect local wildlife and its habitat - and then encourage them to join. We need everyone's help!

In order to reach as many people as we can, we will continue to send out paper copies of the Link to those owners who are not on our e-mail list.

It saves the Association a lot of printing and postage costs when we send the Link by e-mail, so please consider adding yourselves to our newsletter e-mail list; plus you'll receive the added bonus of getting the Link in color! We never use your e-mail for anything other than Association news. If you would like to begin receiving the Link by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Meg Voigtschild at meg@msireresults.com.

PLEASE NOTE:

The membership/dues form (for new members or those members who need to update their information) is included in this newsletter. Send the form, along with your 2017 annual dues of \$25.00 to LLPOA, PO Box 292, Longville, MN 56655.

Feel free to contact Meg to check on the status of your dues. Call 612-805-5995 or e-mail meg@msireresults.com.

