MANITOWOC COUNTY LAKES ASSOCIATION

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

General Membership Meeting

6/27/2024 6:30pm
Room 300, Soil & Water Conservation Building
4219 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54245

2023-2024 Officers:
President: Jerry Corfman
Vice President: Maria Lynch
Treasurer: Marcia Salm
Secretary: Scott Umland
Press Sec: Roger Vander Logt

Past President:
Tom Ward

Lake Directors

Bullhead Lake
Ron Gerrits

Carstens Lake
Brian Robley

Cedar Lake
Cynthia Jetzer
alt: Phil Knauf

English Lake
Kim Skattebo

Gass Lake
Richard Blashka

Harpt and Tuma Lakes
Dan Dufek

Hartlaub Lake
Gene Weyer

Horseshoe Lake
vacant

Lake Michigan
John S. Durbrow

Long Lake
Chuck Kiehn

Pigeon Lake
Jerry Gospodarek

Silver Lake
Brett Hubbartt

Spring Lake
vacant

Wilke Lake
Fred Ruszkiewicz

MEETING MINUTES:

- Called to order by Jerry Corfman, President.

Program: LT Mike Polich – Manitowoc County Boat Patrol

- 2023 the boat patrol had around 250 hours and wrote 26 citations.
- They are paid but officials must volunteer for the boat patrol.
- PFD violations is the most common. Must be coast guard approved and must be the appropriate size.
- Registration violations was the next most common.
- Boat patrol has an 18' Boston Whaler and a 16 1/2' Alumna Craft.
- 920-683-4201 is the non-emergency phone number.
- Other concern areas of boating were battery protection, fire extinguishers and lanyards for jet skis and other boats faster than no wake.

Program: Dave Pozorski (2000 President of MCLA) – Silver Lake & Silver Lake Park

- Silver Lake Park has a history of many public gatherings.
- 2001 a goal was set to remove the rough fish from Silver Lake.
- Muck was also hauled away and the muck contained many foreign objects.
- 1/17/02 MCLA was voted to lead a committee for the project.
- Silver Lake Park Restoration was organized in April 2002with 21 committee members.
- Goal was to create a place for young and old to enjoy.
- Total park plan project cost was $185,000.
- It took many years to raise the money.
- Around $200,000 was raised over 10 years and there was never an administrative charge.
- Trees were removed and new trees planted. Benches were installed. 3 handicap accessible piers were added. Rain gardens were installed and a $35,000 bridge.

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING:

- **Secretary's Report** - Reading of the last meeting minutes waived. They are on the MCLA website. Motion to accept made by Bob De Rouche and second by Gus Gospodarek, carried.
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - $11,781.15 balance in general account
  - $10,972.53 balance in grant account
  - 71 members individual or family units, 13 lakes or donations, 8 other donations and 4 website banner ads.
  - Motion to accept made by Dave Pozorski and second by Maria Lynch, carried.

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- **Enhanced Wake Size Discussion (Not for Voting)**

  Be it resolved that the Manitowoc County Lakes Association (MCLA) supports at a minimum a wake enhancing boat restriction preventing the intentional generation of enhanced wakes within 500 feet from shoreline or island or from any boat, swimmer, or other water user on a lake and in waters less than 20 feet in depth. Be it also resolved that although this resolution is intended for Manitowoc County lakes, MCLA recommends that enhanced wake sizes only be allowed on State of Wisconsin lakes that are 500 acres in size or larger. For the purpose of this resolution a wake enhancing boat means a motorboat that has one or more ballast tanks, ballast bags or other devices or design features used to increase the size of the motorboat's wake. These enhanced wakes are generally created at speeds of 15 miles per hour or less. Note that the intent of this resolution does not prohibit the use of wake enhancing boats on Manitowoc County lakes; it only prohibits the creation of the enhanced wake sizes by said boats via the methods stated above.
  Respectfully, Jerry Corfman, President – Manitowoc County Lakes Association. (copy attached)

- Discussion took place on what other lakes, townships and organization are doing on this issue.
- Boat ballasts cannot be completely emptied and invasive species can be transported.
- Jerry Corfman would like to get a group together to discuss and put a final resolution together.
- Sending resolutions can be good to get legislators attention.

- **Newsletter -** Newsletter is filled. Normally 8 pages and this year will be 12 pages or possibly more. English Lake expressed concern that their article would not be published. Dave Pozorski/Jerry Corfman will investigate whether newsletter can be expanded slightly to accommodate additional articles.

- **Future 2024 Meetings**
  - 8/29/24 QR Code discussion for each boat landing.
  - 9/29/24 is the annual meeting. Sponsor is Pigeon Lake and it will be held at Autumn Ridge Golf Course. This is hosted by Pigeon Lake and English Lake. Doors open at 4:30 pm for a social, 6:00 buffet meal and 7:00 meeting. Cost should be $20 per person and they are looking for door prizes. Shannon Davis-Foust, aquatic biologist, is the intended speaker.
  - 11/21/24 is the last meeting of the year. Guest speaker is open for suggestions.

Due to time concerns with the agenda, voluntary lake reports were omitted from the agenda but if something wanted to be submitted by a lake it could be done so in the open discussion time.

LAKE and OTHER REPORTS/OPEN DISCUSSION:

- **Bullhead Lake:** No report.
- **Carsten's Lake:** No report.
- **Cedar Lake:** Water level is close to imposing a no wake. The milfoil has come back.
- **English Lake:** No report.
- **Gass Lake:** No report.
- **Harpt Lake:** No report.
- **Hartlaub Lake:** No report.
- **Horseshoe Lake:** No report.
- **Kasbaum Lake:** No report.
- **Lake Michigan:** No report.
- **Long Lake:** No report.
- **Pigeon Lake:** No report.
- **Little Pigeon:** No report.
- **Shoe Lake:** No report.
- **Silver Lake:** No report.
- **Spring Lake:** No report.
- **Sy Lake:** No report.
- **Tuma Lake:** No report.
- **Twin Lake:** No report.
- **Weyers Lake:** No report.
- **Wilke Lake:** No report.
- **Soil and Water:** QR Code poster or stickers are available at park and planning and can be posted at boat landings. They provide check in and check out along with boat cleaning descriptions. Soil & Water along with a committee is starting to put together a new 10 year plan. Community Survey is available to be completed. (copy attached).
- **Manitowoc County Fish & Game:** No report.

Motion was made by Dave Pozorski and seconded by Kim Skattebo to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Umland, MCLA Secretary