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 & Annual Banquet
9/29/2024 4:00 Social, 5:30pm Dinner & Meeting
Autumn Ridge Golf Course Banquet Hall
1 Straight Dr., Valders, WI 54245

MEETING MINUTES:

Called to order by Jerry Corfman, President 5:30pm

Special Thank You to Pigeon Lake and English Lake for hosting the annual banquet.

Prayer before meal by Jane Umland.

General Business Meeting

Secretary's Report
Reading of the last meeting minutes waived. They are on the MCLA website.
Motion to accept made by Gus Gospadarek and second by Brian Robley, carried

Treasurer's Report
$8,911.57 balance in general account
$10,281.15 balance in grant account
75 members (individual or family units), 13 lake association or districts
9 donations and 4 website banner ads.

Motion to accept made by Dave Pozorski and second by Kim Skattebo, carried.

Program/Speaker:

Shannon Davis-Foust, President, Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter, discussing "sowing wellness," the art of landscaping for water quality and community well-being.

- Shannon has a Ph.D in aquatic ecology from UW Milwaukee and has widespread interests in native and invasive species, habitat restoration and reconnecting people with nature. She presently teaches courses at UW-Oshkosh in biology and environmental studies.
- Native plants are important. They help birds, bees and all species stay connected.
- A couple of good books are: Noah's Garden by Sara Stein & Bring Nature Home by Douglas W. Tallamy
- Without native plants we lose native insects.
- The number of birds are down and they need a lot of caterpillars to feed their young.
- American garden is a life or death situation, healing the earth one yard at a time.
- Wildlife plantings create easier care, reduces water, fertilizer, chemicals, invasive species and creates wildlife corridor.
- Many native plants have large and deep root systems.
- Around 50% of the wetlands have been lost over the years.

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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 Leitner
Mike Strebe

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
Randy Steinbruecker

Silver Lake
Brett Hubbartt

Spring Lake
vacant

Wilke Lake
Fred Ruszkiewicz

- Rain barrels, rain gardens and native shoreline plants are important.
- Rain garden is an area of landscape planted with native plants and wildflowers. Size can vary.
- Basin is commonly 6” to 12” deep. Choose plants that can handle wet, dry and height.
- Pick at least 6 different species and they may vary by the type of soil and sun.
- Milkweed can be a good choice to add to a rain garden.
- Use sedges with native grasses.
- Rain barrels can be used in connection with rain gardens.
- Rain gardens can help prevent algae blooms.
- Monarch butterfly may be put on the endangered species list.
- www.prairienursery.com is a good website.
- Ground/site preparation is a key to success.
- Tilling is a good tool for ground/site preparation.
- Using cardboard on the ground can help prevent the weeds from coming.
- Lawn and grasses are hard to keep out of prairie or rain gardens.
- Leave leaves under plants and trees to help kill grasses.
- Leaves also help support winterizing for bees and other good insects.
- Creating a rain garden creates good family time spent together.

Stewardship Awards

Fricke Printing —nominated by Dave Pozorski, for 21 years of above and beyond service with printing and addresses.
Jerry (Gus) Gospodarek —nominated by Maria Lynch, for his many years of service to multiple items at Pigeon Lake.

Election of Officers

It was announced that the current officers are willing to serve another one year term.

Jerry Corfman	Maria Lynch	Marcia Salm	Scott Umland
President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary

There were 3 requests for nominations from the floor and no nominations.

Newsletter – no report.

Future Meetings

- 11/21/24 is the last meeting of the year. Room 300 of Manitowoc County Soil and Water Building at 6:30 pm. Discussion of wake enhancing boats.
- 02/27/25 (In Planning)
- 04/17/25 (In Planning)

Miscellaneous

- President Jerry Corfman made the suggestion to create a nominating committee to help with the rotation of officers.
- English Lake volunteered to host the 2025 Annual Banquet. Pigeon Lake is willing to cohost.
- 50/50 raffle winner was Pam Corfman. ($510 of proceeds split between winner, MCLA, Pigeon and English Lake Association.)
- Audience was thanked for gathering a generous amount of door prize donations, so many that every attendee received a door prize.

Motion was made by Dave Pozorski and seconded by Scott Umland to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Umland, MCLA Secretary