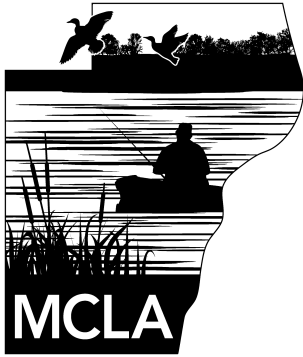




MANITOWOC COUNTY LAKES ASSOCIATION

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

General Membership Meeting

4-17-25 6:30 pm

Room 300, Soil & Water Conservation Building
4219 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54245

2024-2025 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 Hubbart

Spring Lake

vacant

Wilke Lake

Fred Ruszkiewicz

MEETING MINUTES:

- Called to order by Jerry Corman, President.

Presentation of \$200 to Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative

- Jerry Corfman on behalf of MCLA presented a check to Ryan Sullivan, a representative of Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative.
- Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative is a little over a year old and they were very thankful for MCLA support.
- Ryan talked about cost sharing for properties.
- Ryan talked briefly about what Seven Rivers is about and what they are doing.
- Mitigating erosion and runoff and doing the best they can for soil and water.
- Ryan talked about pollinator strips. Manitowoc County Soil and Water has a perennial mix for sale. The cost is \$16 and should cover 1,000 square feet.

Program by Manitowoc County Soil and Water – Eric Oppermann and David Wetenkamp

- Gave an update of what they have been doing.
- Showed a video of the Between the Lake Demo Farm.
- Their website is BLTdemofarm.org
- They are doing what they can to keep manure on the fields and not in the water.
- Cover crops and no till practices are very common.
- Grass waterways are another common practice. When they are completed they should last at least 15 years. 6 have recently been done by Carstens Lake and another by Hartlaub Lake
- Harvestable Buffer is a new practice. A buffer was installed on Silver Creek.
- Wetland restoration and prairie strips are being done. One was done by the Pine Creek watershed. Two were done on CTH Q and they are looking at completing one by the Cedar Lake boat landing area.
- Lakes phosphorus monitoring and charting is continuing. It was a little higher in 2024 due to the wet conditions in June of 2024.
- Healthy Lakes and Rivers has a great program for private buffer strips. Check the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource's website. Cost sharing of up to \$1,000 may be available.

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General Business Meeting

- **Secretary's Report** - Reading of the last meeting minutes waived. They are on the MCLA website. Motion to accept made by Jerry Gospodarek and seconded by Vince Miller and carried.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - \$11,721.29 balance in general account**
 - \$9,856.15 balance in grant account**
- o Marcia explained the expenditures, along with the membership size, number of banner advertisers and member donations.
- o Motion to accept made by Dan Dufek and seconded by Roger Vander Logt and carried.
- **Maria Lynch, vice president of MCLA, attended the Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention.**
 - o Maria explained that there was very helpful information provided. Much of which can be seen on their website.
 - o Some of the discussion topics were: Invasive Species, Walleye Stocking Practices, Wake Boats, Shoreline Preservation and Dams, Networking and Farmer Connection with the Land.
- **MCLA Hazardous Wake Resolution**
 - o Jerry Corfman, MCLA President, explained the term non-binding resolution. He also briefly explained the reasoning behind the resolution.
 - o Jerry explained the voting process. 1 vote per paid member and 1 vote per paid organization member.
 - o Motion was made by Dave Pozorski to postpone the vote on the resolution to the 6/26/25 meeting. This will allow local organization representatives time to take it to their groups for a decision on how to vote. The motion was seconded by Cindy Leitner. After discussion, the motion was put to vote and carried and the vote will be postponed to 6/26/25.

4/17/2025

Hazardous Wake Size Resolution Resolution 2025 - #1

The Manitowoc County Lakes Association propose that the following non-binding resolution be adopted to communicate our concern regarding the adverse side effects to Manitowoc County's lakes created by the use of boats creating hazardous wake sizes.

Be it resolved that the Manitowoc County Lakes Association (MCLA) supports at a minimum a "hazardous wake" restriction preventing the intentional generation of hazardous wakes within 500 feet from any shoreline or any other water user on a lake or river 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 hazardous wakes only be allowed on State of Wisconsin lakes that are 500 acres in size or larger to provide adequate space for the safety of all water users and mitigate any possible environmental impacts created by generation of these hazardous wakes.

For the purpose of this resolution a hazardous wake means a boat wake the height of which is intentionally amplified through the use of added ballast, boat design features or other operational procedures that are 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 with the boat operating in a continual bow up position.

Note that the intent of this resolution does not prohibit the use of any type of boat on Manitowoc County lakes; it only prohibits the creation of the hazardous wake sizes by said boats via the methods stated above.

Also, because each and every waterbody may have its own unique properties the MCLA resolution recognizes that in order to protect a specific waterbody, local municipalities shall have the right to enact or maintain local ordinances that are more restrictive than any statewide minimum that may be enacted.

Additionally, in order to aid in the prevention of invasive species, boats that move from lake to lake must safely decontaminate or remove residual onboard water prior to entering another waterbody.

Respectfully,
Jerry Corfman
President – Manitowoc County Lakes Association

- **Future meetings:**
 - o 6-26-25 Room 300 of Soil and Water building, 8-28-25, 10-11-25 annual banquet at Viking Bow and Gun, and 11-20-25
- **Lake directors, please get their articles together for the newsletter.**

Lake and other reports/open discussion

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bullhead Lake: No Report- Carsten's Lake: Resuming phosphorus reduction project hasn't begun in 2025 yet. Ice out was on 3-15-25, Secchi disk reading was 4' and water testing has been completed.- Cedar Lake: Water level is high this year. There should be around 6" to 12" of space between the water and the pier.- Cedar Lake Sanitary District: They may have to restrict fast boating if the water level comes up anymore. They had a 16 ½' Secchi disk reading. Clean boats, clean water grant was received in the amount of \$2,500. A \$97,000 whole lake milfoil treatment is going forward this year. Fishing regulation changes were on the spring hearing this year. Working on the fish sticks program. There was talk that DNR wardens may be able to enforce local ordinances, but they have limited resources.- English Lake: High water sign had to be put up this spring. Ontera grant was received.- Gass Lake: No Report- Harpt Lake: 5 clumps of fish sticks have been installed. Planted 2,600 perch. Larrabee Sportmans Club is looking to purchase 3.6 acres on the lake to help with parking, safety and bathrooms. The cost is \$60,000 and Manitowoc County Fish and Game is willing to contribute \$30,000 and Larrabee will contribute \$30,000. A motion was made by Cindy Leitner to support the Manitowoc County Fish and Game decision to contribute to the purchase. This was seconded by Scott Otterson and the motion carried.- Hartlaub Lake: No Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Horseshoe Lake: No Report- Kasbaum Lake: No Report- Lake Michigan: No Report- Long Lake: No Report- Pigeon Lake: Water is clearing up. Rumor has it that a 4 ½ lb bass was caught and released. On 5-10-25 there will be a golf outing at Autumn Ridge to help raise money for their walleye stocking program.- Little Pigeon: No Report- Shoe Lake: No Report- Silver Lake: Water is clearing up. 49 degrees water temperature. Everything looks nice at this time and the creek is clear.- Spring Lake: No Report- Sy Lake: No Report- Tuma Lake: No Report- Twin Lake: No Report- Weyers Lake: No Report- Wilke Lake: There has been boating already and even some water skiing. Ice out water testing has been completed.- Soil and Water: Nothing additional from their presentation.- Manitowoc County Fish & Game: No Report |
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Motion to adjourn made by Dave Pozorski and seconded by Maria Lynch and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Umland,
MCLA Secretary