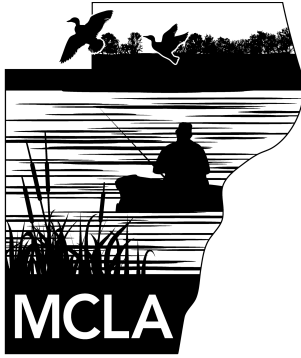




MANITOWOC COUNTY LAKES ASSOCIATION

"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

8-27-26 6:00 pm

Autumn Ridge Golf Course
Valders, WI

2026-2027 Officers:

President: Jerry Corfman

Vice President: Mike Mallmann

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
Mary Ann Waldbauer
Mike Strebe

English Lake
Kim Braun

Gass Lake
Richard Blashka

Harpt and Tuma Lakes
Dan Dufek

Hartlaub Lake
Gene Weyer

Horseshoe Lake
Matt Piper

Lake Michigan
John S. Durbrow

Long Lake
Jeff Ray

Pigeon Lake
Randy Steinbruecker

Silver Lake
Brett Hubbart

Spring Lake
vacant

Wilke Lake
Fred Ruskiewicz

MEETING MINUTES:

- Annual Banquet hosted by Cedar Lake Improvement Association & Town of Schleswig Sanitary District #1
- Called to order by Jerry Corfman, President
- Dinner Prayer by Jane Umland

PRESENTATION:

Valerie O' Connor, Glacierland Resource Conservation & Development & Jason Miller, Door County Invasive Species Team

- Valerie handles Manitowoc & Kewaunee Counties.
- Glacierland partners with federal, state and local groups.
- Jason is part of a countywide organization.
- They concentrate on educating people on how to take care of invasive species.
- Spiny Water Flea is an invasive that they are concerned with in the Great Lakes.
- Jason gave a definition of what was and what wasn't an invasive species.
- Valerie explained the NR40 invasive species rule as one that causes or likely causes economic or environmental harm. *Restrictive* species is already established, like phragmites. *Prohibited* species is one that is not in the state yet or very small presence.
- Invasive species can create economic impacts to fishing, agriculture and land values.
- Jason explained that there are intentional invasive species like buckthorn and unintentional species like zebra mussels.
- Cleaning boats and equipment is very important.
- Starry Stonewort is an invasive. It is part of the Charales Family. It was found in 1978 and in 2014 in Door County. It is currently in Lake Michigan but none of the inland waters. It has not been found in Manitowoc Cty. It can grow up to 7' tall in a broad range of areas. It likes calcium. Only the male plants have been found so far. If you squeeze it, it squishes.
- Spiny Water Flea is another invasive. It is a microscopic zooplankton. It is not a suitable food source for small fish. It is native to Europe and was found in Lake Ontario in 1982. It is now in all of the Great Lakes, Bay of Green Bay and Lake Winnebago. They are very hardy and the eggs can resist drying and freezing. They can even survive fish digestion. Cleaning boats and ballasts can help stop the spreading.
- Early detection is the best way to contain & slow the spread of invasive species.
- Cedar Lake and Silver Lake have been tested and no Spiny Water Fleas have been found.
- Chemical treatments can help slow the spread of Starry Stonewort
- Inspect, remove and drain live wells and ballasts.
- Report any findings even if you are not sure.
- Drying for 5 days or cleaning with a bleach or chlorine solution is important.

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GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Voting process was explained by Jerry Corfman

- **Secretary's Report:** Reading of the last meeting minutes waived. They are on the MCLA website. Motion to accept by Roger Vander Logt, 2nd by Randy Steinbruecker and carried.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

\$10,756.67	balance in general account
\$5,332.96	balance in grant account

Memberships:

Lake Association Group Memberships: 12

Website Sponsors: 4

Lifetime memberships: 3

Individual Donations: 20

Motion to accept made by Dave Pozorski, 2nd by Roger Vander Logt and carried.

- **General Discussion:**

- The lake representatives and water monitors were acknowledged and thanked.
- A Lake Stewardship award was awarded to Chuck Kiehn. He was nominated by the Long Lake Advancement Committee. They stated that the lake's long-term health is better because of him.
- David Wetenkamp and his team at the Soil and Water were also nominated for a Stewardship award. David was unable to be present, and it will be awarded at the November general membership meeting.
- Election of officers was held. Voting took place for Mike Mallmann as Vice President and Marcia Salm as Treasurer. They were both voted in for a 2-year term. Voting took place for Jerry Corfman as President and Scott Umland as Secretary. They were both voted in for a 1-year term.
- The next general membership meeting is 11/19/26 in room 300 of the Manitowoc County Soil and Water building. 7 Rivers Soil Coop is to be the guest speaker.
- Next year's annual banquet will be the 30th anniversary of MCLA. It is being hosted by Carstens Lake and Tom Ward is to be the guest speaker.
- There will be a picture contest for the cover of the 2027 newsletter. A free individual membership and \$20 gift certificate will be awarded to the winner.
- Door prizes were given.

LAKE AND OTHER REPORTS/OPEN DISCUSSION

None

Motion to adjourn by Roger Vander Logt and 2nd by Dave Pozorski. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Umland,
MCLA Secretary