

The Lake Lucerne Advancement Association did not receive a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant for 2017. We did however receive a \$3,000 grant from the Mole Lake Sokaogon Community to assist with our lake efforts. A big thank you to the Mole Lake Tribe for their continued interest in Lake Lucerne and its health!

The Lake Lucerne Advancement Association Board of Directors did vote to use these funds to hire a Boat Landing Coordinator for 2017. Josh Moore will once again be coordinating volunteers and inputting the appropriate data into the SWIMS Program for WDNR use. Even though we are not funded by the WDNR, we will continue to share our data with them, in the hope that it contributes to the health and welfare of all lakes in Wisconsin, that we will receive a WDNR grant in 2018.

If you would like to volunteer for the Clean Boats Clean Waters boat inspections at the boat landing, please contact Josh at 920-493-7104.



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and the Association desires to maintain
and improve its quality.*

Lake Lucerne
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Newsletter
SPRING 2017

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ACTIVITIES AT CLUBHOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

JUNE

June 17 - Membership Meeting - 3 - 5 p.m.
& Meet Your Neighbor - 5 - 10:30 p.m.

JULY

July 15 - Fun Days Organizational Meeting - 9 a.m.

AUGUST

Aug.4 - Fun Day Set Up - 9 a.m.
Aug. 5 - FUN DAY - 10 a.m.
Aug. 6 - Fun Day Clean Up - 9 a.m.
Aug. 19 FCAL Fall Forum - 9 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 2 - LLAA Annual Meeting - 9 a.m.
Sept. 5 - LLAA Golf Outing - 1:30 p.m. -
Nicolet Country Club
Cocktails & Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Wow – What a difference a year makes! The water from Lake Lucerne is just starting to run out the creek on the west side near the Walter Ratty’s property. When visiting with Walter, he told me the water is about one inch high in the creek. He remembers many years ago, about 6 inches of water in the creek. If the lake goes up another five to six inches, he believes that would be the high water mark. At any rate, the lake level now is good news except perhaps for a few that put their docks in early. There has been several reports that dock sections and platforms have been floating loose on the lake! Beware!

In other news, the DNR delivered 11,000 6-9 inch lake trout on May 18th. Thanks to Rick Hermus and his brother, Jeff, for helping the DNR unload the fish. Thanks also to Greg Matske, DNR and Mike Preul of the Sokaogon Chippewa Community.

We welcome Josh Moore back as our boat landing coordinator. If you have a few free hours on a weekend and can give Josh a break, call him at 920-493-7104.

Greg Matske and Mike Preul have been invited to attend our meeting on June 17th at 3p.m. Items that will be discussed are the Bass situation on our lake and plans to add another 10,000 walleyes to the lake. Here is your chance to ask the experts any questions about our lake.

I hope many of you can make it to “Meet Your Neighbor” get together. Yes... It’s Father’s Day Weekend. Next year the party will be one week later. If you have guests please bring them along. Jack and Mike will be grilling chicken again. If you can, bring a dish to pass. Refreshments and the chicken are provided by the club.

Larry Sommer

Are You Current on Your Dues?

Check the address label on this newsletter. The top line shows the year you are paid up to. 9999 indicates you are a Lifetime Member. If it is blank, you are not currently a member.

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Why Not Join? Become a member today!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR ANNUAL DUES

NAME(S):

LAKE ADDRESS (FIRE # & ROAD):

MAILING ADDRESS:

IF NEW TO LAKE - FORMER OWNERS: (For record keeping purpose)

PHONE(S):

E-MAIL (optional):

Check all that apply: NEW RENEWAL

2017 - \$20 2018 - \$20 2019 - \$20 2020 - \$20 Lifetime - \$225 +Embroidered Cap

Make checks payable to: Lake Lucerne Advancement Association

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P.O. Box 517
Crandon, WI 54520

Building and Ground Maintenance

Submitted by Jack Kloss

First we want to thank everyone for showing up for our cleanup day. The association grounds look real good. We will need to clean the floors in the building before our first meeting. The large Association sign by the drive way needs to be scraped and stained. The small sign should be taken down. We will be putting sod down by the pavilion after the Jack Liethen flag pole memorial is finished. Hope to have all work done by July 1st . See you all at our first meeting.

THE LAKE LUCERNE SHUFFLE (EVERYONE IS DOING IT)

Submitted by: Wayne Daul

Well most everyone. Most are doing it on Saturday morning. What? You aren’t doing it? What is it? Why it’s the Saturday morning shuffle down to the dock in your waders with a handful of tools to “raise the dock again.” Yes, water levels are going up every week. And that’s a good thing! We are just about back to normal. Whoopee! So what’s going on with the fish on our lake?

Recently the DNR planted about 11,000 Lake Trout in our lake. This is part of the DNR’S Long Term Plan to maintain the Lake Trout in our lake. This will continue every few years as the budget allows. Below is a chart of recent stocking.

Year	Age Class	#Stocked	Mean Length
2005	Large Fingerling	6565	6.4”
2012	Yearling	7833	6.7”
2013	Yearling	5110	7.1”
2017	Yearling	11572	7.3”

Future stocking is planned for 2018, 2020, and 2022.

This fall’s plans are to stock about 10,240 walleye large fingerlings 7 to 7.5”. Again the DNR plans to continue stocking on odd numbered years as long as funding is available. So far walleye survival appears to be below expectations. Your association is working with the DNR to stock forage (Cisco) to provide more and better quality food to improvewalleye survival. We would provide funding for this as the DNR has no funding available. There are a lot of hoops to jump through to make this happen so it may not happen till next year.

Also at our membership meeting we will have on the agenda a discussion on building new cribs. There is a cost for this both in materials and permits so it will have to be voted on.

At the DNR spring meeting it was voted and passed to change the minimum from 14” to any size for bass. PLEASE NOTE, THIS GOES INTO EFFECT 2018.

We will also discuss at our membership meeting the placing of tagged Bass with a prize of about \$500.00 or \$1,000.00 if you catch one with a tag. We also plan on putting signs at the boat landing suggestion catch and cook bass to improve the balance of game fish in the lake. Our reasoning is walleye and bass are competing for the same forage, less bass means more forage for walleye.

Your comments on how to improve fishing on Lake Lucerne are always welcome. I can be reached at wayne651945@hotmail.com.

Make a Difference Around the Lake

Submitted by: LexAnn Hitchcock

Please help us out by keeping our roads, beaches and boat landing clean. Pick up garbage around your property, roads and the boat landing. Help maintain the beauty of our lake and surrounding areas. Keep a garbage bag in your car or take one with you while walking or biking or simply driving around the lake. Keep our lake safe, healthy and most of all beautiful. Every little bit helps!! Please leave driftwood and woody structures in the lake. They provide habitats for many animals and fish.

FUN DAY – August 5th – 2017

Submitted by: LexAnn Hitchcock

Make sure to mark your calendar for our annual Fun Day on August 5th starting at 9am. Set up is slated for Friday August 4th at 9am. We need many volunteers to set up the auction, kitchen, bar, paddlewheel, kids games, apparel, boards, cashiers, grilling etc. Sign-up sheets will be at the first meeting on June 17th. If you are unable to attend, please call LexAnn Hitchcock at 715-478-2233 or Jack Kloss at 715-478-3425 to sign up. Come and work a couple of hours and enjoy the festivities after! Again this year- we will be having different types of meat offered on the paddlewheel as well as many great prizes to choose from.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED: Clean out your cabins, houses, basements and garages! Items may be dropped off every Saturday at the clubhouse starting June 3rd. If a different time or day works better please call Larry Sommer at 715-478-5001, LexAnn Hitchcock 715-478-2233 or Jack Kloss 715-478-3425 to make arrangements. Please note that we don’t accept TVs, microwaves, computers or mattresses. The dump no longer accepts these and we will have to pay for their disposal. Hope to see all of you there for a great day on Lake Lucerne!

**Looking for people to help organize and set up the Auction on Aug. 4th. We need some strong individuals to help move bigger items being auctioned on Fun Day. Please call LexAnn Hitchcock at 715-478-2233 if you are interested. **

Stations to volunteer:

Kitchen- serving food, cashier

Auction- help set up on 4th, bring items up to auctioneer on Fun Day

Paddlewheel- sell tickets

Kid’s games- sell tickets, run game, hand out prizes

Boards- sell squares on boards, take in money

Bar- sell beverages

WINTER SPEAR FISHING REPORT

Walleye Speared by All Chipewa Bands

LAKE	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Butternut	86	87	780	292	622	456	491	302	336	171
Franklin	33	257	0	0	116	0	0	73	0	0
Jungle	173	117	60	99	103	59	0	0	0	0
Lucerne	73	64	101	22	56	58	5	60	82	37
Metonga	157	0	0	0	283	177	1086	681	866	496
Lily	136	50	207	152	71	133	137	112	142	88
Silver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Pine	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roberts	45	31	45	157	162	30	44	31	113	70
Stevens	12	81	23	0	0	0	0	20	38	0
Crane	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	37	7	39
Trump	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0
Kentuck-Vilas	707	947	1128	87	170	128	6	148	36	0
TOTALS	1422	1673	2342	809	1583	1041	1769	1487	1620	901

MEET SALLY HICKMAN

New Board Member



Bill and Sally Hickman are new full time residents on Lake Lucerne (migrating from Cincinnati, OH). Bill’s family has been on the lake since 1920’s.

Twenty years ago they were married on Lake Lucerne and have spent most vacation time on the Lake.

Sally is a retired CPA. Working in public accounting, health care and banking.

Retirement life is keeping them busy, enjoying nature, boating, long walks, and playing pickleball!

June 17th Meeting and 9th Annual Meet Your Neighbor

Submitted by: LexAnn Hitchcock

The general meeting will be starting at 3 p.m. Members will have an opportunity to sign up for volunteering for Fun Day. Many volunteers are needed to make our day a success. Please consider volunteering for a couple of hours for a shift at one of the stations for the event. Apparel will be for sale and members may pay their annual dues.

Come and kick off the summer!! Following the meeting at 3 p.m. All LLAA members and their friends or guests are invited to attend our 9th Annual Meet Your Neighbor. Main entrée this year is grilled chicken. Beverages will be provided. Social hour 5-5:30. If you wish to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert, it would be appreciated. As in the past, we will be collecting food items for the local food pantry NEWCAP and food and supplies for the Humane Society. Bring one item per person please. Monetary donations will be accepted also.

Food Items- canned goods, boxed dinners, soups, noodles, hygiene products, laundry soap, etc.

Animal donations- dry dog and cat food, treats, toys, towels, blankets, bleach, laundry soap, etc.

Contact LexAnn Hitchcock at 715-478-2233 or Jack Kloss at 715-478-3425 with any questions.

Myth #1

If it is pretty or beneficial it can't be a problem

Not true. Purple loosestrife is beautiful in bloom, but replaces other wetland plants. Reed canary grass was once widely planted to turn " worthless wetlands" into forage production areas for cattle. Now, a large percentage of the once biologically rich marshes and meadows in the state are largely blanketed by this one grass species that provides little useful wildlife habitat or forage.



Myth #2

All exotic species are spread by "natural" mechanisms such as birds and the wind.

Not true in a majority of cases. In fact, people are a major contributor to the spread of exotic species from purposely introducing carp to North America to unintentionally introducing zebra mussels via ballast water and transporting Eurasian water milfoil by recreational boaters and anglers.

<div>PAGE 4</div> <div>MINUTES - Lake Lucerne Advancement Association Board Meeting</div> <div>Saturday, May 20, 2017, 9:00 a.m. Submitted by Diane Braunreiter, Secretary</div>	<div>MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED</div> <div>PAGE 5</div>
<div>In attendance were; Larry Sommer, President Diane Braunreiter, Secretary, Rick Hermus, Treasurer, LexAnn Hitchcock, Vice President, and Board Members, Marc Blazich, Wayne Daul, and Jack Kloss. Board Member Sally Hickman was absent.</div>	
<div>LexAnn moved to accept the agenda. Rick seconded the motion. All were in favor to accept it as printed. Larry announced that Sally will be the coordinator for the newsletter.</div>	<div>WEBSITE</div> <div>Larry said that our website is up-to-date and looks good, but we don’t have a web-cam anymore. Marc said that Andy Wienser is working on getting the camera operational at Water’s Edge. Mark was told that if Andy needs any money, he should let us know. We will continue to pay \$35 a month to Michelle Gobert to maintain our website.</div>
<div>NEWSLETTER</div> <div>It was discussed who would submit articles and all were told to submit their articles to Sally and the Pioneer. Our goal is to get together on June 8th or 9th to mail the newsletters out.</div>	<div>CLEAN-UP DAY</div> <div>It was discussed to move Clean-up Day to a later weekend to avoid Mother’s Day Weekend and also to combine the day with our board meeting. It was decided to make clean-up day May 19, 2018, followed by board meeting at 11:00 a.m. Rick moved to accept this date; LexAnn seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.</div>
<div>MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING</div> <div>It was determined that 3 board members would definitely not be present for this meeting/get-together on June 17th, which is Father’s Day – Rick Hermus, Diane Braunreiter, Marc Blazich – and possibly not Wayne. Since the meeting has already been posted in the last newsletter, the date cannot be changed. The meeting will still be held, but since there is not a quorum, no decisions can be made at the meeting. We discussed making this meeting one week later in the future. We decided to serve chicken and to plan for about 50 people attending. The meeting will be from 3-5 p.m., and “Meet Your Neighbor” at 5 p.m. Diane will ask Sally if she would take minutes.</div>	<div>TREASURER’S REPORT</div> <div>Rick reported that we have a \$32,000 balance in our account. Mark moved to adjourn. Rick seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.</div>
<div>LIETHEN MEMORIAL</div> <div>Larry showed us pictures of a stone planter that he is proposing. We are going to keep the flag we have, but get a new flagpole. We decided that we will save \$200 delivery fee on the flagpole by picking it up with Wayne’s trailer, but we will have the stones delivered for a cost of \$125. The cost for the flat pole is \$967, and the cost of the stone is \$681, but should be a little less because the part in the middle which will not show will be cement blocks instead. We will put patio blocks under the whole thing to keep it level and stable. The quote for a 6’’x6’’ curved brass plaque is going to be compared to a flat one from another company. Larry is going to get a quote for a flat plaque and then a decision will be made. We discussed that, in the future, some curved benches could be placed around the flagpole planter as additional memorials. We discussed doing the work ourselves, and Rick suggested that we hire someone experienced in stonework to oversee the project. Larry is going to call Gary Vanderloop to see if he is interested. We tentatively set a date of June 12th to prepare area and put up flagpole, take delivery of stone on the 13th, and start assembling on the 14th. The whole project has to be completed by July 4th weekend because that is when the Liethen family is going to have a ceremony there. LexAnn made a motion to purchase the flagpole and stone blocks and further investigate the rest. Jack seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.</div>	<div>MINUTES - Lake Lucerne Advancement Association Annual Meeting</div> <div>Saturday, Sept. 3, 2016. Submitted by Diane Braunreiter, Secretary</div> <div>The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Larry Sommer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry thanked all who prepared and served breakfast. All board members present and introduced: LexAnn Hitchcock (vice-president), Jack Kloss, Judy Nelson, Diane Braunreiter (secretary), Rick Hermus (treasurer), Wayne Daul, and Marc Blazich.</div> <div>Approval June 18, 2016 minutes - Eric Anderson moved to accept minutes. Tom Braunreiter seconded. Motion carried.</div> <div>Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes - Pat Becker moved to accept minutes. Tom Braunreiter seconded. Motion carried.</div> <div>Treasurer’s Report - Rick Hermus read his report. Web Bladorn moved to accept report. Pat Orlovsky seconded. Motion carried.</div> <div>2017 Budget - After Rick went over the budget, Wayne asked that some of allotted stocking money be used for his walleye proposals. Marc moved to accept budget. Motion carried.</div> <div>Fun Days - LexAnn Hitchcock gave report. She thanked all who worked and came. Jack Kloss thanked all the people who worked the paddle wheel. He said they made an impressive \$1000 in an hour. Jack said he would like more ticket sellers for next year.</div> <div>Wayne Daul gave a report called “Where are the Walleyes” - followed by a discussion. Regarding eating bass, one concern was the parasites that bass have are not too appetizing. Another concern was about attracting more people by having tournaments. A question was asked about why walleye spearing is still allowed. Answer was that that is part of the state’s gaming covenant. Larry explained that we have to work with Mole Lake as partners.</div>
<div>BANNERS FOR FUNDAY</div> <div>LexAnn proposed that we purchase some banners from amazon.com for \$100 each. The banners would say Lake Lucerne Fun Days & Auction. It was decided to get 3 – one for each driveway and one to put at the corner of Hwys. W & 8. Rick made a motion to get the 3 banners. Wayne seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.</div>	<div>Golf Outing - Mark Orlovsky said that everything is ready for this Tuesday, Sept. 6th. There are 9 teams registered.</div>
<div>NEW MARQUEE</div> <div>LexAnn proposed getting a new marquee sign because the one we have is in bad condition. It was discussed that the ones sold now might not be as large, don’t have wheels, don’t have space to personalize (our name on top). It was decided that at our next meeting, LexAnn will come with pictures of a possible new marquee, dimensions, and costs, so we can make a better decision. It was pointed out that our permanent wooden sign needs to be painted, so that will be taken care of.</div>	<div>Old Business - None</div> <div>New Business - Larry presented a plaque to Jack Kloss for 50 years of service to the Lake Lucerne Advancement Association. Jack thanked everyone, talked briefly about what the very first LLAA meeting was like, and how far we’ve come since then. Val Blazich gave wooden signs she made to 3 people who have done a lot for our association – Jack Kloss, LexAnn Hitchcock, and Tim Turriff. The signs said “Lake Lucerne” and had compass readings for the end of their piers .</div>
<div>BOAT LANDING COORDINATOR</div> <div>Josh Moore is going to be the coordinator again, along with his family helping. We decided that we will not pay for hours worked during the week, like we sometimes did last year. We will pay only for Friday, Saturday and Sunday (from Memorial weekend until Labor Day weekend). This is spelled out in his contract, but Josh will be told that this will be enforced in the future. We discussed that he might like to have a back-up person. Diane suggested Nathan Bauknecht. Marc knows him well and will ask him if he is interested. If he is, we will give Josh his name and number to contact him. Josh will be at the June meeting, and we suggested that he ask for names and numbers of any volunteers to help as needed.</div>	<div>Election procedure Update – Larry read the board’s proposal.</div> <div>Vern Kamenick suggested we have our own boat washing equipment. Larry gave several drawbacks, explaining that, when needed, we suggest that people take their boat to the car wash or to Lake Metonga’s boat wash. Rick said that another problem was that we don’t own the boat landing. The DNR owns it. It was pointed out that Lake Metonga has a full time camp manager and a well. Tom Braunreiter said our biggest concern is getting volunteers to monitor the boat landing. Larry asked for a raise of hands of those interested in pursuing this. Larry said we will investigate the possibility of boat washing equipment and report back in the Spring. Kurt Landgraf spoke up and said he wants us to pursue absentee voting. Rick said that the subject has to be introduced at our Spring meeting because it would involve changing our bi-laws.</div>
<div>LAKE MAP UPDATE</div> <div>Rick is going to find out what we paid to have the maps printed in 2012. Larry will call about what the current price will be to print 100 maps. Diane and Larry will work on updating the names on the map.</div>	<div>CBCW Grant for 2017 - This year we got the \$4,000 by submitting the short form. Rick suggests we apply for long form. Patty Orlovsky moved that we do this. Jim Zach seconded. Motion carried.</div>
<div>CLUBHOUSE RENTAL</div> <div>Our clubhouse is rented out once this season – July 29th. All board members were given rental agreements to be filled out if we’re approached to rent the clubhouse.</div>	<div>Jim Zack brought up the subject of electronic disposal at the landfill. Larry suggested interested people go to town board meeting on Sept. 12th or call Pam Labine at the Forest County Courthouse.</div> <div>Clubhouse Rental - Should the board members get a break? Half price? Bill Hickman moved that board members pay only half price to rent clubhouse. Tom Braunreiter seconded it. Motion carried.</div> <div>ELECTIONS - Vice President. Vern Kamenick moved to nominate LexAnn Hitchcock. Jo Marlega seconded. Motion carried to re-elect LexAnn.</div> <div>Treasurer. Wayne nominated Rick for re-election. Jeff Spritzer seconded. Motion to re-elect Rick carried.</div> <div>Board member – Jack Kloss. Norm moved to nominate Jack. Jerry Vanslow seconded. Motion carried.</div> <div>Board member – Judy Nelson. Jim Nelson nominated Sally Hickman. Susan Zach seconded. His wife nominated Paul Bostrom. Kurt Landsgraf seconded. Bill Hickman moved to close nominations. After voting, Sally Hickman won.</div> <div>There being no further business, Bill Hickman moved we adjourn; Wayne Daul seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.</div>