

## PRESIDENTS POINT OF VIEW

(In the New Normal Format!)

*Submitted by: Rick Hermus*

As I write this, several new phrases are ingrained in my conscious. “Social distancing”, “new normal” and “COVID-19” are entrenched in today’s vocabulary. They continue to challenge our everyday lives in ways unimaginable six short months ago. And who would have thought that wearing a mask in public would be in-vogue! Your Lake Lucerne Advancement Association Board of Directors continues to challenge themselves on the best path forward for Lake Lucerne, our valued members, and your families. On behalf of the LLAA Board of Directors, please, stay safe and be healthy!

At our June 20th Meeting, based on the current COVID-19 crisis, and the events surrounding our nation and the world, the Board, after much discussion and debate, voted to cancel the 2020 Annual Meeting. This tough decision was not taken lightly, and several factors influenced that decision. First and foremost, at the June Meeting, the only individuals nominated for positions on your Board of Directors were the incumbents (see article in this newsletter.) This negates the need for an election at the Annual Meeting (it also negates the need for the first-time-ever absentee voting.) Next, the Board is not aware of any “pending issues” which have been brought forward by members which need immediate action. Also, with many State and Federal organizations still not allowing employees to be present at large gatherings, we do not have access to speakers to present at our Annual Meeting. And finally, it is our main concern to safeguard our members health and welfare. Humans are social creatures, and we are all suffering from the lack of contact with our friends and neighbors. But we, members of the LLAA, are very fortunate to have Lake Lucerne as a venue for release, relaxation, open spaces to roam and natural beauty. Boating on a sunny day, the evening song of the loons, the almost daily bald eagle “flyovers”, the occasional walleye (and I do mean occasional) and the sweet smell of the campfire continue to remind us of better times ahead.

The Annual Golf Outing is still up in the air. Chairman Mark Orlovsky is unable to organize the event this year. The Knott Lane Open has been cancelled. If someone wishes to quickly organize an outing for this year, please contact Social Committee Chair Lex Ann Hitchcock. If not, like most other social events, we will look forward to next year.

As the LLAA Board discussed Fun Days, a huge topic was the financial challenge of our local businesses, who have supported us so well in the past. They are now being confronted with social distancing guidelines. If social distancing is being practiced in your household (as it is in ours) carry out is still a viable option to sponsor our local business establishments. Now, more than ever, they need our support.

We apologize for the late installation of the buoys on the south end of the lake. New buoys were ordered to replace the old set, which are in very poor shape. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has apparently affected the shipping industry. In an agreement with the Town of Lincoln, the Town has agreed to purchase the new buoys, and the LLAA will continue to maintain them. The LLAA Board has decided to remove the buoys each winter to greatly extend their life.

The Social Committee is attempting to organize a “social distancing social” (another new term for our vocabulary.) Please see the article in this newsletter regarding the drive-thru social being planned for August 1st! Bring your friends and family for lunch, and let someone else do the dishes!

A big shout-out to those members and their families who are working on the front lines during this pandemic. God Bless You! America will prevail, as we always do, because of the strength and caring of our citizens. See you on the lake!

## 2020 LLAA Board Elections

*Submitted by: Rick Hermus*

As you may be aware, the new LLAA Bylaws have drastically changed how we now conduct our Elections. Nominations are now being accepted at the June Membership Meeting, with voting still taking place at the Annual Meeting. Also, absentee ballots are now allowed.

In our first year of this new system, the only nominations received at the June Meeting were for the incumbents. We did allow for emailed and US mail submission of nominations due to the current pandemic, but the Election Committee received none. And nominations are no longer accepted at the Annual Meeting. Thus, the following incumbents will receive a unanimous vote for re-election at the next Board Meeting:

Board Member – Jack Kloss

Board Member – Jim Wienser

Treasurer – Sally Hickman

Vice-President – LexAnn Hitchcock

Congratulations to these Board Members and Officers on their re-election, and thank you for your dedication and hard work for the betterment of Lake Lucerne!

## Fun Day 2020

*Submitted by LexAnn Hitchcock*

On the Downside: Due to COVID-19, the Social Committee and Board agreed to cancel our Annual Fun Day on August 1st for the 2020 season. We will continue to take auction items for next year. We are NO longer accepting sofas and/or sleeper sofas. All items should be in good condition to auction or sell. No electronics or microwaves will be accepted. A complete list of non-acceptable Items is posted on garage. Looking forward to next year! Stay healthy.

On the Upside: We will be hosting a Drive - Thru Brat and Hot Dog Fry on Saturday, August 1st, 11am to 3pm. At the LLAA building. We will be practicing social distancing, proper hygiene and host the event according to health recommendations.

## LLAA BRAT DRIVE-THRU

Instead of Fun Day, the LLAA Social Committee is sponsoring a Brat and Hotdog drive-thru fundraiser. It’s on the same day as our usual Fun Day. You can either drive up for a take-and-go or you can stay and socialize at picnic tables. Either way, it’s for a good cause, and you don’t have to cook for your family and company. Along with the brat or hotdog, you get a bag of chips and pre-packaged condiments. If you want to eat on the grounds, just bring your own beverages. Hope to see you all there!

Saturday, August 1, 2020

11 am – 3 pm

Hotdog with chips - \$2.50

Brat with chips - \$4.00

Water - \$1.00

## Summer 2020 Fishery and Water Quality Committee Update

*Submitted by: Jim Zach MD, Chair F&WQ Committee*

### Fish Stick Project

I am preparing the application to be submitted to the WI DNR for our fish stick project permit. The application can take 3-4 months to work its way through the DNR, we will likely have a response this autumn. We have worked closely with DNR Fishery Biologist Greg Matzke, and he is one of several reviewers. Once we have our permit, we can order supplies such as anchors and cables and hope for suitable ice conditions. A couple challenges at this point include the recent warmer winters with heavy snow on thin ice followed by rain-on-snow and now COVID 19. A permit remains open for 5 years, and is renewable. If we get suitable ice conditions for the Novak family to access the island for tree cutting, and for our committee to remove and position trees, we’ll probably have one winter to accomplish what we can. We are still looking for potential fish stick host sites, volunteer labor for connecting trees to tractors and cabling, additional tractors and operators, and vehicles with winches such as tractors or UTVs to position clusters of trees at the fish stick sites. DNR Fishery staff will help with final positioning, cabling, and anchoring the following spring.

If you would like more information about this project, please refer to the LLAA website ([www.lakelucernewi.com](http://www.lakelucernewi.com)) under the Fish Habitat Committee tab. You are also welcome to contact me at 715-572-4646 or [jzach@wi-net.com](mailto:jzach@wi-net.com)

### Lake Level

One of the charges of the F&WQ committee is lake water level issues. Our lake water level was quite low for several years due to prolonged drought. The water level has risen since then, and has continued to rise due to heavier precipitation. There is a long history of multi-year cycles of rising and falling levels, however now there is an additional factor. County W was redone several years ago and a new Swamp Creek culvert was placed about 9” higher than it should have been, when the lake level was low. Some preliminary engineering survey work by Trout Unlimited has confirmed this. The Lincoln Town Board recognizes this and has spent many months working toward a solution. It has been recommended to remove the two culverts under Harbor Lane to allow the stream to flow freely. The study will continue to analyze results by the WI DNR and Trout Unlimited to determine the next step.

There is a relationship between surface water level and surrounding ground water. Climate change predictions include for our annual precipitation to increase and for heavier precipitation events. I am interested in learning from lake property owners if the current high lake level is creating any problems for shorelines or basements. I am offering to collect comments and pass on to the Town of Lincoln and County Highway Department, it would be useful to know approximately where you are on the lake. You are also welcome to contact me at 715-572-4646 or [jzach@wi-net.com](mailto:jzach@wi-net.com)

## ARE YOU CURRENT ON YOUR DUES?

Your address label is updated to show the year you are paid up to. If it is blank it means you are not a member. Lifetime members will have 9999. Email [pattyvoigt38@gmail.com](mailto:pattyvoigt38@gmail.com) for address changes.

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## Why Not Join? Become a member today!

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

2020 - \$20  2021 - \$20  2022 - \$20  Lifetime - \$225 + Embroidered Cap

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and the Association desires to maintain  
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# 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ACTIVITIES AT CLUBHOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

### AUGUST 2020

Aug 1 - NEW - BRAT DRIVE THRU - NEW  
11a.m. to 3p.m.

Aug. 1 - FUN DAY - 11 a.m.- CANCELLED

### SEPTEMBER 2020

Sept. 7 - LLAA Golf Outing - PENDING

### OCTOBER 2020

Oct. 24 - Fall Clean Up - 9 a.m.

Oct. 24 - Board Meeting - 10 a.m. at Water's Edge

### CLUBHOUSE RENTAL

*Submitted by Diane Braunreiter*

So far, we have 4 rentals of the clubhouse for this season - July 18, July 26, August 29, and September 12. If anyone is interested in renting the clubhouse facilities, please call Diane Braunreiter 608-322-0995. The cost is \$150, plus \$150 deposit (returned upon clean-up). Renters are signing a covid 19 waiver, acknowledging that the lake association is not liable if a guest contracts the virus.

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