

The LLAA Lake Ecology Committee
Submitted by Jim Zach MD, Co-Chair Lake Lucerne Ecology Committee

The Lake Lucerne Advancement Association has had an active Fishery & Water Quality Committee for a few years. In the bylaws, there is an Aquatic Plant, Algae, & Water Quality Committee that had not formed. Last fall there was discussion initiated by the LLAA Board to combine these committees into a single entity.

Through last winter and summer, discussions with LLAA members has resulted in a group of people coming together to create a combined committee. To avoid becoming known as the “Really Long Name” or “Alphabet Soup” Committee, we have elected to rename as the Lake Ecology Committee. This change was approved by the LLAA Board at its October 29th meeting.

Ecology refers to the study of organisms and their interrelationship to their habitat, which encompasses our committee’s work. It isn’t easy to find individuals with expertise across all areas of concern, but we do have individuals with expertise in a variety areas who want to work together for the wellbeing of the lake. In addition to long histories with Lake Lucerne, backgrounds include experience in fishery, water monitoring, aquatic plants and algae, public health, medicine, and finance as well as interest in continuing the F&WQ committee’s prior work in this expanded role.

The Lake Ecology’s Committee mission:

The Lake Ecology Committee shall represent the LLAA at local, regional, and state WDNR meetings and communicate with WDNR and area Tribal staff relating to Lake Lucerne's fishery and habitat, fish stocking, aquatic plants, algae, and aquatic invasive species (AIS). Additional responsibilities include lake monitoring, water quality issues, and lake water levels.

The committee shall offer science-based proposals to the LLAA Board regarding ecological management of fish and wildlife habitat, aquatic plants and algae, AIS, water quality, and shore-land habitat.

The Lake Ecology Committee may also be delegated responsibility to implement such plans.

The Lake Ecology Committee consolidates the Fishery & Water Quality Committee and the Aquatic Plant, Algae, & Water Quality Committee.

Membership:

Co-chairs: Neale Klemme and Jim Zach

Members: Becca Klemme, Maren Klich, Mike Heim, David Schlitz, Ryan Siggelkow, and Matt Steeno.

LLAA Board rep: Jim Wienser

Committee interests: Water quality monitoring, investigate declining Secchi disc results (decreasing water clarity), creation of additional fish sticks, assisting the WDNR and Mole Lake Fisheries where we can with fish stocking and population surveys, monitoring for aquatic invasive species and algae, investigate funding and capacity to do a new Lake Management Plan (last done 2005), and investigate video monitoring systems as an adjunct for our Clean Boats Clean Water monitoring at our boat landing.

Questions? Contact a member or Jim Zach.

"It Takes (more than) a Village..."

Submitted by Pete Davison

OK, someone a long while ago coined that phrase, but it is a great lead-in.

Boat landing monitors, a very large fish stick project, checking water quality, Meet Your Neighbor events, a Fun Day with auction, food games, educational presentations, planting thousands of fish, July Boat Parade. Oh, and donations to the Crandon Water Shows, Mole Lake Fish Hatchery, partnering to help Lake Metonga fund raise, etc. etc.

A partial list to be sure, what do they have in common? These activities are all made possible by the efforts of our Lake Lucerne Advancement Association. Dedicated volunteers and supporters of this organization make these events happen, and become the positive successes that they are.

Those who attend meetings, people who cook, clean, build, Board members, all are responsible for making the Association a model organization. The land, building, kitchen, pavilions are more examples of the fruits of cooperation and hard work over many years.

The fact that there even is that long-lived Association and meeting place is itself a testament. Many residents and friends have given freely and unselfishly of their time to preserve the quality and surrounding area of the lake we love.

The availability of a space to meet, to gather, to even rent for celebrations and parties is due to those who clean, prepare, and maintain that space. Spring and fall clean-ups would not happen without those generous and willing hands.

They seek no praise or glory, but they surely deserve our gratitude and thanks for their efforts.

So, if YOU want to help prevent invasives from becoming a burden, if you desire to meet and shake hands with your new or old neighbors, perhaps monitor water clarity, or raise funds for walleye fingerlings---there are opportunities. The welcome mat is always out, and the time spent benefits all who care about our lake, and value the people who enjoy being here.


That Village? We are all a part of it. We all have something to offer. The rewards are that we can play a part in something bigger than our individual selves and perhaps protect a truly special resource. What a benefit----to have fun while helping Lucerne remain a treasure long after our brief time spent in her waters.

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From The Past

a brochure advertising Wilke's Resort. The resort was located at the end of Portwood Lane and was constructed around 1946. A number of cottages can still be seen on the west side of Lake Lucerne. The property later become "Rocky Reef" resort.


Good Fishing



Lake Lucerne offers excellent fishing for wall-eyed pike, bass, northern pike and panfish and is one of the few lakes in Wisconsin with lake trout. Thousands of adult rainbow trout were planted in Lucerne in 1956 by the state conservation department which offers the sportsman another type of fishing. Jiggling for whitefish is really catching on and is giving anglers many thrills and a new style of angling. Those suffering from hay fever, asthma and bronchitis often find relief in this high altitude, with its warm days and cool nights and pure air and water. Tavern to accommodate our customers. Resort open through entire fishing, bird and deer hunting seasons. A one-fourth down payment must be made on all reservations.

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R. F. D. 1, Box 56 Crandon, Wis.

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The rates for our cabins start at \$28 and run up to \$45 per week. All cabins but one have two bedrooms, flush toilets, and Frigidaires.

These prices include electric lights, wood or oil heat, gas, and boat.

Weeks start Saturday noons.



We know your vacation would be a happy and restful one at our resort, and we will welcome you most heartily and do everything we can to make you comfortable.

Comfortable Accommodations

All our cabins are built directly on the shores of beautiful Lake Lucerne, and far enough apart to permit privacy.

These cabins consist of large screened porch, large living room and kitchen combined, with one or two bedrooms, most have flush toilets.

The cooking is done on Skelgas stoves but there is a wood burning stove and oil heat for heating on cool evenings.



All beds have innerspring mattresses, enough pillows and blankets. There is a cot in every cabin.

We make a small charge for linens.

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