



LONG LAKE NEWS

Fall 2020

New Long Lake Association Pontoon Trailer

Just a quick reminder your association has a pontoon trailer for use just in Long Lake. The cost for two hours is just \$25. You can call Mark Michel to reserve a time at 715-281-8953. The trailer requires a 2-inch ball.

New Board Members

Association members approved four new board members at the September 5 annual member meeting. They are Dave Foote, Mark Michel, Pam Van Beusekom, and Brad Zeller. They replaced retiring members Dave Bjarnason, Karen Larson, Mark Lind, and Bob Peterson.

Below is contact information for all your board members:

- Steve Hunnicutt, President: 651-380-0782, hunnicutts17@gmail.com
- Mark Michel, Vice President: 715-281-8953, mfmichel71@gmail.com
- Tim Tamlyn, Treasurer: 612-396-8680, tamtamlyn@outlook.com
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- Dave Foote, Director: 763-645-3984, barbdavefoote@me.com
- Pam Van Beusekom, Director: 651-600-6635, pamvanb@yahoo.com
- Brad Zeller, Director: 715-520-9651, bzeller@hamhwe.com

Association Board Meeting

The association board held its first meeting with our new board members on September 19. The board met outside (social distancing) around Steve's fire ring. Steve had a nice fire of scrap wood burning to ward off the morning chill.

Here's a few highlights from the good discussion members had about this crazy year and possible plans for 2021.

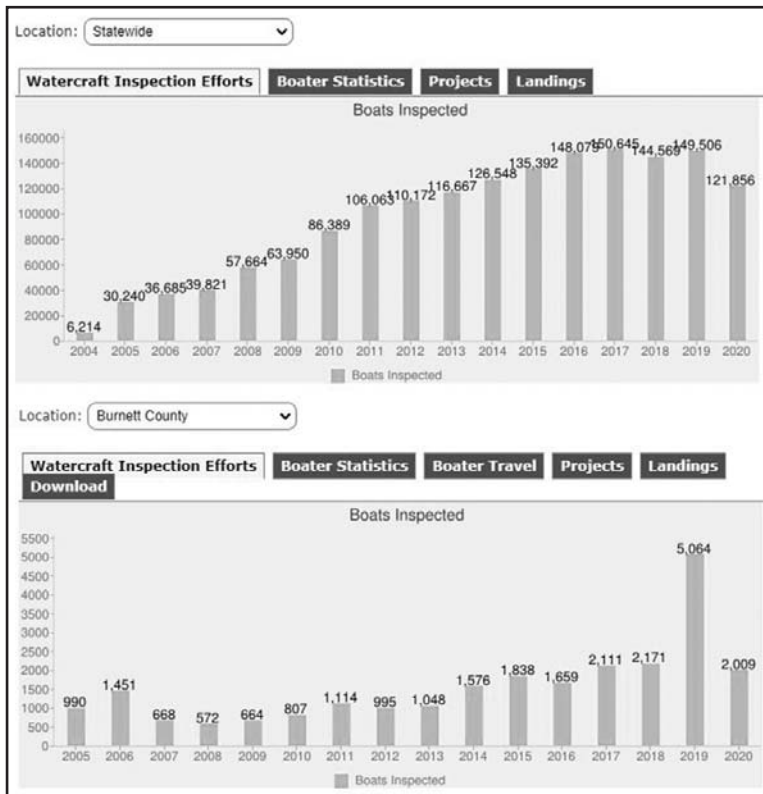
- Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) and boat landing. We had a total of 254 boat inspection volunteer hours at the landing this past season. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time. The board will apply for a CBCW grant again for next year. We will also consider hiring people to be boat inspectors at the landing in addition to volunteers. The cameras at the landing are currently off-line due to an internet bandwidth issue. Brad will investigate upgrading the WIFI router.
- Loon platforms. Dave Foote will take over management of setting and removing the platforms.

Dave Bjarnason will continue to monitor the platforms, loons and chicks, as well as submit the Loon Watch report.

- Communications. Tim will create a membership brochure for promoting the association. Tim and Malinda will investigate changing to a different internet hosting service for our website.
- Volunteer opportunities. There will be sign up sheets at the next member meeting for the various activities that the board would like to do next year. Opportunities include the Ice Cream Social, purple loosestrife removal, lake and road clean-up day, loon platforms, and boat inspectors.
- Liability insurance. Steve has received a quote of \$500 per year for \$1 million in coverage. This will be discussed with members at the next annual member meeting.

CBCW Spotlight

Clean Boats, Clean Waters includes teams of volunteers, paid staff from the Wisconsin DNR, Sea Grant, and some other organizations. Boat inspectors help perform boat and trailer checks, disseminate information, and educate boaters on how to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). The University of Wisconsin Extension (UWEX) conducts training for new boat inspectors and coordinates the volunteer efforts. The Wisconsin DNR maintains a statewide database, which contains tallies of information tracked at landings.



Statewide boat inspections had been increasing every year since 2004 and peaked in 2017 at 150,645. Since then inspections have declined slightly each year with a total this year of 121,856. This is 19% lower than 2017 and 18.5% lower than 2019.

In Burnett County, boat inspections peaked last year at 5,064. However, this year the number reported was only 2,179; a 57% decrease.

One could surmise that the decline probably had been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Zebra Mussel Update

Tom Boisvert, AIS Coordinator for Burnett County, recently reported to the county natural resources committee that zebra mussels are increasing in Big McKenzie and are now present in Lower McKenzie, but not near as many as in Big McKenzie. He said they found that mussels are not just attaching to hard surfaces but also plants.

Committee members said if Lower McKenzie gets inundated zebra mussels could make their way to the Namekagon River and into the Saint Croix River. Tom said the water between Namekagon and Lower McKenzie is very murky this time of the year and that is making it tough for any species to navigate those waters.

AIS Grant Award

The Wisconsin DNR has awarded Burnett County Land Services Department another aquatic invasive species (AIS) education, prevention, and planning grant. This grant will allow Burnett County to support staffing to conduct several AIS outreach, education, and control activities.

The grant supports a full-time AIS Coordinator (Tom Boisvert) and several seasonal interns. For a complete list of activities, you can contact Tom at (715) 349-2109 ext. 2613 or tboisvert@burnettcounty.org.

Crex Meadows State Wildlife Area



If you're looking for an outdoor place nearby to spend a day away from the cabin, you could consider the Crex Meadows State Wildlife Area.

Crex Meadows is located outside Grantsburg. It is a 30,000-acre property that is managed by the Wisconsin DNR-Bureau of Wildlife Management. It is a unique area with thousands of acres of restored wetland and brush prairie. Crex Meadows is home to over 280 species of birds, 720 species of plants, and a wide variety of reptiles, amphibians, and insects. And every species of mammal found in Wisconsin

has been seen at Crex Meadows, even moose and mountain lion.

Unfortunately, the wildlife education and visitor center will be closed until further notice. However, the Crex Meadows, Fish Lake, and Amsterdam Sloughs are still open for hiking and driving.

You can learn more about this unique area and download a PDF map at <https://www.crexmeadows.org>.

LLA Clothing Company

The holiday shopping season is just around the corner. Why not consider purchasing Long Lake inspired clothing for those on your list, as well as supporting your lake association. The store is located at <https://teespring.com/stores/lla-clothing-co>.



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Just a gentle reminder to submit your annual membership dues if you haven't yet. The cost is still \$35. Checks can be made out to Long Lake Association and mailed to Tim Tamlyn, 6220 Arbor Ln, Excelsior, MN 55331. Payment can also be made with Venmo. Tim's username is timtamlyn. Please indicate it is for LLA dues.

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