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Annual Member Meeting

Our annual member meeting will be held on Saturday, May 27 at 9:00 AM. We will meet at the A & H Senior Citizens Center. The address is 28315 County Road H. It's located just south of the intersection of County Roads A and H.

We will have reports from board members, a door prize drawing, discuss our activities for the upcoming season, and hear concerns and questions from our members. We hope to see everyone on May 27.

Annual Membership Dues

Annual dues this year will again be \$35.00 (\$15 membership, \$20 special fund). Dues can be paid at the member meeting, mailed to Tim Tamlyn at 6220 Arbor Ln, Excelsior, MN 55331. Checks should be made out to Long Lake Association. Dues can also be sent using the Venmo app. Tim's user ID is timtamlyn. You can also use the QR code below with your mobile phone's camera.



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<u>Click here</u> for a member contact information form. Please fill it out if you are a new member or need to make changes to your contact information. The form can be brought to the member meeting or emailed to timtamlyn@outlook.com.

We are encouraging members to provide an email address for sending newsletters or other association information to help reduce printing and postage cost.

Webb Lake Boating Ordinance

Please review Section IV No Wake Areas of the Webb Lake boating ordinance below as we head into another boating season:

No person shall operate a boat in the following area at a speed faster than "Slow – No Wake" as defined in 30.50(12), Wisconsin Statutes 1988, as "the speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control. Said "No Wake" areas are (1) All the lakes as listed between the hours of 5:00 PM to 10:00 AM.

This ordinance applies to Deer, Big Bear, Little Bear, Webb (Upper and lower), Des Moines, Long, Lucerne, Lily, Prinel, Nicaboyne, and Lost lakes.

Long Lake Association Pontoon Trailer

Please don't forget you can rent the association pontoon trailer for a \$25 donation. You can contact Mark Michel at 715-281-8953, <u>mfmichel71@gmail.com</u>, to schedule a time block. Using our trailer helps reduce the chance of zebra mussels or other aquatic invasive species from entering the lake as the trailer is only used for Long Lake.

The trailer uses a 2-inch ball. There is a box at the landing that contains a form that should be filled out. Donation checks can be made out to Long Lake Association. Donations can also be made using the Venmo app. The Venmo username is timtamlyn. Please indicate the payment is for the LLA trailer.

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Loon Platforms

We will be putting out the three loon platforms in early May.

Each year, loons and other waterbirds die from lead poisoning due to ingestion of lost lead fishing tackle, especially sinkers and jigs. Anglers can help reduce this problem by switching to non-lead tackle. LoonWatch provides a list of non-lead tackle suppliers <u>here</u>. Click <u>here</u> for the latest newsletter from LoonWatch. It's very informative.

Boat Parade and Ice Cream Social

This year's boat parade and ice cream social will be held on Saturday, July 1. The boat parade will start at 1:00 PM with the ice cream social immediately to follow. Pat and Trish Sheridan have offered to host the ice cream social again. Their Address is 29612 Long Lake Road.

The boat parade route will be the same as last year. Boats will meet halfway down the southeast shore by the Mulford residence and go clockwise around the lake and end at the ice cream social. Here's a map of the parade route. There will be first, second and third place prizes for the best decorated boats.



Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW)

The association has again received a grant from the Wisconsin DNR for conducting CBCW activities at the boat landing. We requested an amount of \$1,800 and have received an advance payment of \$450.

You can contact Mark Michel if interested in helping at the boat landing as either a paid or volunteer monitor. Mark can be reached at 715-281-8953 or <u>mfmichel71@gmail.com</u>.

Long Lake Fish Survey Results

Craig Roberts, Fisheries Biologist with the Wisconsin DNR Bureau of Fisheries Management conducted a lake survey last summer. Below are his observations:

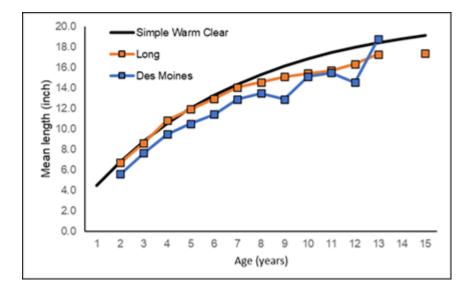
Largemouth Bass averaged 11.5 inches, similar to 2009 (11.9 inches) and above the 75th percentile for Simple-Warm Clear lakes. The Largemouth Bass catch rate increased from 52 fish/mile (2009) to 80 fish/mile. This rate is above the 50th percentile for Simple-Warm Clear lakes. Bluegill averaged 5.2 inches, lower than 2009 (6.2 inches), but also above the

Warm Clear lakes. Northern Pike, Black Crappie and Yellow Perch were caught at lower rates. One ten-inch walleye was collected at 10 inches.

Fish Species	Number	Min	Max	Average
Largemouth Bass	320	3.0	17.5	11.5
Bluegill	211	1.9	8.7	5.2
Walleye	1	10.0	10.0	
Northern Pike	11	18.0	24.0	21.7
Black Crappie	5	10.2	13.0	11.1
Hybrid Sunfish	4	4.4	8.7	6.9
Pumpkinseed	36	3.6	8.3	6.6
Rock Bass	9	5.4	9.7	7.2
Yellow Perch	10	2.8	5.9	3.8

Based on our aging data, bass are growing near average for Simple Warm-Clear Lakes for age 2 to age 8 fish. When compared to neighboring Des Moines Lake, bass growth is better for most ages. Age 2 to Age 8 bass grew up 1.7 inches faster than in 2009. Older ages grew similar or worse than 2009. Bluegill aging data was not finished in time for this summary.

Here is a summary of what DNR found based on my professional opinion as a DNR fisheries biologist. This late spring electrofishing survey is most valuable when assessing Largemouth Bass and Bluegill, which also appear to be the two most abundant species in Long Lake. Largemouth Bass numbers seemed to have increased since implementing a no-minimum length limit in 2012. At the same time, growth has improved for bass at most ages when compared to 2009. However, if lake residents want bigger bass, harvesting small bass should continue to be a goal for those who fish in the lake. Bluegill numbers increased while average size decreased. This change may be related to our survey timing as we sampled the lake 6/13. This is later than the typical bluegill spawning peak in our area. It also may reflect increased harvest since 2009. If this is the case, bluegill sizes should rebound quickly given the high number of bass to keep small bluegill numbers in check. One small walleye was collected suggesting a remnant population exists in Long Lake. However, past stockings (1999, 2001) did not show good survival results in DNR surveys. For this reason, future walleye stocking is not recommended. Northern Pike and Black Crappie are likely more abundant than this survey suggests. This is because of survey timing. These species spawn much earlier than when we surveyed and likely were







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