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We wish everyone a happy, prosperous, and safe new year!

Our mission for this year continues to be to protect and enhance the lake and shoreline, monitor waterfowl habitat, and improve fishing. To maintain the beauty of Long Lake through education, cooperative funding, and sharing of knowledge, skills, and resources.

The association board will meet this spring to determine the association goals for this year.

Please let us know if your contact information has changed since the last member meeting. Updates can be sent to Tim Tamlyn at timtamlyn@outlook.com or 612-396-8680.

Watercraft Safety letter

The association recently emailed or mailed a letter to all Long Lake property owners. The letter describes a narrowly avoided boating accident this past summer. There has never been a serious accident on Long Lake, and we want to keep it that way. Safety on

The association is asking for your ideas to help enhance water safety on Long Lake. Please read the letter if you haven't yet and consider submitting ideas. You can click a link in the email for an online form, or if you received a mailed letter, it includes a stamped, self-addressed envelope. And you can always send your ideas to any board member.

Loon Watch Update

David Bjarnason relinquished his Loon Ranger responsibilities for Long Lake at the 2023 annual member meeting. Please thank Dave for his many dedicated years of monitoring and reporting on the loon population each year.

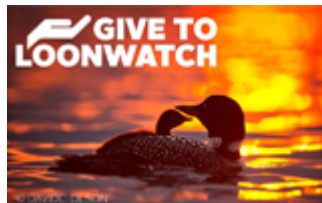
Candy McMahon, a full-time resident on Long Lake, accepted the role of Loon Ranger for Long Lake last July. She plans to share lots of information about the program and her role as a Loon Ranger on the Long Lake Facebook page, in this newsletter, and at member meetings. Below is her report for 2023:

“I completed all the information I gathered for the Loon Watch Monitoring since I began monitoring in July 2023. I made copies for my records, mailed the packet 10/24/2023 to Erica Lemoine at the Loon Watch office in Ashland, WI.

It was a very interesting loon season for Long Lake. No chicks thrived to young adults; the one chick that hatched in the north section disappeared on day two after hatching. The mate to the north section pair disappeared in August and was never seen again. We searched the shorelines, watched, and looked with binoculars but did not see that mate again.

The middle section pair (no chicks) took off in late August, the north and south section loons (no chicks hatched) took off in late September/very early October.

Hoping for a much better season in 2024!”



Clean Boat Clean Waters (CBCW) Program Update for 2023

We had a good turnout in 2023 for both paid and volunteer boat inspectors for monitoring the boat landing. The CBCW program is an important Wisconsin DNR sponsored program to help alleviate the spread of aquatic invasive species in Wisconsin lakes. Boat inspectors help perform boat and trailer checks, hand out informational

Last year, the following association members performed 227 hours of boat inspections: Chris Franken, Beth Ihry, Amy Juers, Jim Koren, Brian and Amy Laven, John McMahon, Mark Michel, Phil and Pam Miller, Bob Peterson, Jim and Jeanine Sundberg.

Please thank them next time you see them for their efforts in helping to keep invasive species out of Long Lake.

The CBCW grant reimbursement request in the amount of \$1,350 for last year was submitted to the Wisconsin DNR in November.

For several years now, our association vice-president, Mark Michel, has been doing a great job managing the program for our lake. If you are interested in getting involved this year in either a paid or volunteer capacity, please contact Mark at 715-281-8953 or email mfmichel71@gmail.com.



Wake Boat Information

Your association wants to keep members abreast of the latest Wisconsin news regarding wake boats. It is important to remember that the association is not advocating a pro or con position on wake boats.

Wisconsin is advocating for a state law to prohibit wake-enhanced boating on lakes smaller than 1,500 acres and within 700 feet of shore. Such a statute would allow wake boat activity on an estimated 77 lakes in Wisconsin.

Long Lake is 251 acres. It is long and narrow with the widest part about 1,700 feet. The deepest part is about 40 feet deep, with most of the lake less than 20 feet deep.

about them is available [here](#).

In addition to state level activity, The Burnett County Lakes and Rivers Association (BCLRA) along with Rooney, Fish, and McKenzie Lake associations is promoting a new ordinance for Scott Township. The ordinance would prohibit wake boats from wake-surfing or using wake enhancements. Wake boats could still be used for other activities like water skiing, tubing, and fishing. The ordinance would not include Long Lake unless it was also approved by Webb Lake Township, because 60% of Long Lake is not in Scott Township.

Don't Be on Thin Ice

Please be alert for possible hazardous conditions like thin ice if you go out on the lake this winter due to the mild winter weather. You can consider making sure someone knows you're out on the lake and where you'll be, stay on marked trails, and you could even consider carrying a personal flotation device.

Township Fire Number Signs

Please remember to keep your township fire number sign clearly visible throughout the year.



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