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Member Meeting

The annual member meeting will be on Saturday, May 25 at 9:00 at Webb Lake Townhall. The address is 31000 Namekagon Road, at the corner of Hwy 77 and Namekagon Road. This year's guest speaker is Emily Moore, Burnett County Water Resources and AIS Coordinator. She will provide us with great information about invasive species like purple loosestrife and answer your questions.

There will be reports from board members, a door prize, and current Wisconsin boating regulation booklets. Click [here](#) for a PDF copy of the boating regulations. **We will also hand out our new laminated water safety information sheet.**

Annual member dues can be paid at the meeting. We hope to see you on May 25.

Boat Parade and Ice Cream Social

This year's boat parade and ice cream social will be held on Saturday, July 6. The boat parade will start at 1 pm at the same location as last year. There will be first, second and third place prizes for the best decorated boats. Click [here](#) for a map of the parade route. Let's see how creative you can be!

Pat and Trish Sheridan will host the Ice Cream Social. The address is 29612 Long Lake Road. Head to the south end of the lake immediately following the Boat Parade. There will be root beer floats and the opportunity to meet some of your Long Lake neighbors. Decorated boat prizes will be awarded at the social.

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 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 and Des Moines 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.

Watercraft Decontamination Station

We had a successful Zoom meeting with association members and Ryan Knox and Amy Juers from Des Moines Lake Association. Members voted and approved the association joining the Des Moines Lake Association in a 50-50 joint project to build and operate a new watercraft decontamination station at the boat landing. The plan is to have the station operational by spring 2025.

Please see the project PDF presentation by clicking [here](#). The presentation will provide more information about this important project to help strengthen our commitment to stopping the spread of aquatic invasive species, especially zebra mussels, into both lakes.

In addition to the environmental damage from zebra mussels, studies have shown that property values can be reduced by as much as \$20,000 for one hundred feet of shoreline once a lake has zebra mussels.

Annual Member Dues

The association board has approved an increase in the annual membership dues to \$50. The additional funds will help defray the operating expenses of the decontamination station. Dues can be paid at the member meeting, or mailed to Tim Tamlyn, 6220 Arbor Ln, Excelsior, MN 55331. Checks should be made out to Long Lake Association. Payment can also be made with the Venmo app. The user ID is timtamlyn. You can also use the QR code below with your mobile phone's camera. Please submit a membership form if you are a new member or your contact information has changed. Click [here](#) for the form.



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Loon Update

Long Lake was ice free 3/09/2024. This beats the most recent early ice off date of 3/23/2000.

Loons started arriving around April 3rd, with one loon in the north section. Lots of loons could be heard calling and chattering as they flew overhead upon arrival in our area. Glad to say that as of 4/11/2024 we now have the traditional loon pairs with 2 in each of the north, middle and south sections of Long Lake. The “couples” in each section seem to be settling in and we hope for a successful mating and chick hatching, growing into healthy young adults for this 2024 summer.

Nesting platforms will be placed in the usual areas in each of the 3 sections in early May.

Please visit loon.org “The Call of The Loon” to hear and learn about the different calls loons makes.

July 2023, I accepted the role of LoonWatch Ranger, that is a program of the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute at Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin. Many thanks continue to David Bjarnason, Long Lake property owner, who served as the Long Lake LoonWatch Ranger for about 20 years. I will be keeping records of the loon activity on Long Lake from spring arrival until fall departure. At the end of the season, I will mail in my monitoring forms to the LoonWatch Institute. If you have questions, loon information to share, or concerns about loon activity please email me any time: mcupnorth@yahoo.com.

Each spring there is a Loon Ranger Training Workshop for Loon Rangers held in various locations in Northern Wisconsin. I will be attending the workshop on May 5 at the Kemp Natural Resources Station in Woodruff, Wisconsin. I look forward to learning more about the LoonWatch program. Have a great, safe, fun summer and may you enjoy watching and listening to the beautiful Long Lake Loons.

Candy McMahan, LoonWatch Ranger

Purple Loosestrife Beetles

Mark and Jill Michel will raise purple loosestrife (*galerucella*) beetles at their property again. Mark will purchase a new netting tent enclosure. Des Moines Lake Association will help pay for the new tent.

Boat Landing Cameras

There will be five cameras at our boat landing this season, and Des Moines Lake Association will pay for one of the cameras.



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