



Long Lake Property Owners Association

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President's Corner



Greetings to all of you! My favorite time of the year is approaching. The planning that is part of the activity that we as board members undertake at this time of the year is exciting and allows us to get a head start on the season. We believe that this year on the lake will live up to the wonderful description of Iosco County Long Lake that appeared in the Riparian last fall. I hope all of you have been able to obtain a copy and have read the article. If you have not, we can provide information about how to get one.

Included in this newsletter are several features about events and topics that all of us have had the opportunity to enjoy; Run Like Hale 10K, Annual Boat Parade, The Golf Outing, and fishing!!! From the fishing report by Jeremy Kloska it seems that we have turned the corner and now have a great

fishing lake along with all of the other activities that we have developed and support. The information about the walleye plant and the real possibility of introducing pan fish and other species is really exciting. The board encourages contributions to the fish fund as part of your membership registration. We also encourage participation as a member of the fish committee. Let's keep this success going!!

We look forward to seeing all of you at the introductory meeting on May 25th. It is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. The other dates for membership meetings and featured events are listed in this newsletter. Have a great spring, summer, and fall.

Sincerely,

Ken DeBoer, President

LLPOA Dates for 2019

May 25 th	LLPOA Meeting	10:00 a.m.
June 29 th	LLPOA Meeting	10:00 a.m.
July 6 th	Boat Parade	11:00 a.m.
July 14 th	Golf Outing - Wicker Hills	12:00 p.m.
July 27 th	Run Like Hale 10K Run	8:00 a.m.
August 3 rd	LLPOA Meeting	10:00 a.m.
August 31 st	LLPOA Meeting	10:00 a.m.
September 7 th	Trash Pickup	

LLPOA meetings will be held at Eagle Pointe Plaza Township Office

Restorative Lake Sciences Report



In 2018 Long Lake was surveyed on June 2nd and a whole lake scan of bottom hardness and plant density was conducted. This survey indicated there were 16.7 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil and 33

acres of Curly-leaf Pondweed. These invasive weeds were treated on June 11, 2018 by PLM with oversight by RLS.

A follow-up survey was conducted on August 8, 2018. Five additional acres were found of each EWM and CLP and were treated on August 21 along with 6.3 acres of nuisance natives. This treatment was again accomplished by PLM with oversight from RLS.

This is a significant reduction from the 266 acres of EWM that were found and treated in 2012, the first year that RLS was on the lake. We have observed that native plants are filling in the void left by the treatment of EWM and in some locations becoming a nuisance to navigation. The positive aspect is this adds to the diversity of the lake.

Presently there are 28 native aquatic species in and around Long Lake which includes 21 submersed, 4 floating leaved and 3 emergent species.

The overall water quality of Long Lake remains relatively high with transparency of close to 16 feet, good oxygen levels in most of the water column and moderate amounts of phosphorous. Oxygen depletion near the bottom is of concern as it may cause increased release of phosphorus from the bottom sediments.

In 2019, aquatic vegetation surveys should be completed by early June with follow-up treatments occurring very soon thereafter. Water quality will continue to be monitored and graphed with historic data to determine trends.

RLS looks forward to joining the Long Lake Association at its annual Memorial Day meeting and another good year of protecting and advancing the scientific management of Long Lake.

Michael J. Solomon, Senior Hydrologist RLS

Fish Committee Report

Hello everyone. I hope you all had a great winter and are looking forward to spring as much as I am. It was a long cold winter on Long Lake with lots of snow and ice, and I know we are all ready for some sun and fun.

The 2018-19 ice fishing season was a very good one from all the reports I gathered over the winter. The ice was very thick this year due to the extremely cold temperatures we received in January and February. I fished our lake on numerous occasions and found the ice to be two feet thick in spots and very solid over the entire lake. During my ice fishing trips I was specifically targeting walleye, pike, and sometimes pan fish. We had good success every time out. We caught walleye every time out, released them all, caught some pike on tip ups near the weeds, and caught some bluegills and perch at times when fishing for those. The walleye we caught were in the 15-inch to 21-inch range. The pike varied in size from really small to over two feet.

I saw a social media post from someone fishing our lake who had caught a very large pike. I talked to several people from around the lake and to some people who don't live on the lake but fished it this winter. I heard from them they were catching lots of bluegills in the shallow waters and some walleye at the drop-offs. I received some pictures from one of our members showing a couple of really nice walleye that were caught in January. All and all, I observed a lot of people ice fishing the lake this year, and everyone I talked to was having fun. The majority had their kids out with them.



Fish Stocking Update: Year 1 of our private walleye fish stocking was a success. The stocking of 1000 healthy walleye took place on October 23rd. Every walleye that was planted appeared to be in good health and there were no dead fish observed after releasing them in the lake. The Michigan DNR recorded the walleye on their website as being an average length of 6.06 inches, but I can tell you the walleye that were released in to our lake were at least 7 inches and upwards of

10 inches. So we had a very nice batch of fish released. I was extremely pleased with the company that did the stocking, Stoney Creek Fisheries out of Grant MI. We will be using them again this year for our 2nd year of walleye stocking. There have been other requests from members about the possibility of stocking other kinds of fish. Stoney Creek Fisheries sells many different kinds of fish and they are willing to bring those for delivery as well. So think about maybe other kinds of fish you might want to see planted (crappie or perch), and we can discuss this more at upcoming meetings.

Fish Fund Donations: I love seeing how passionate our members are at the meetings about the fish in our lake and the excitement of planting fish. I'm sure you all are the same as me, you want to keep our lake as healthy as possible so our kids and grandkids can all enjoy the fishing for many years to come. That's where all of you come in. Stocking fish is a very effective way to increase the total population of our different species, but it comes with a cost. The association voted to plant walleye each year over a 3-year period, and we might plant other fish too. The committee would love to be able to do a private plant of walleye and potentially other species every year if possible. But we need you to make that happen. When you receive this newsletter your membership renewal will be attached to it and there is a spot for a Fish Fund donation. Please donate to the Fish Fund because your donations make these types of things possible. I promise you that I am working very hard to research all available options so Long Lake is a fabulous fishery for you.

Bass Disease: Last summer there were several northern lakes affected by a Largemouth Bass virus that killed off fish. The DNR has been looking in to the problem and working on solutions. I will update everyone on any new information at our first meeting in May.

Lastly, I just want to let anyone know if you are interested in being a part of the fish committee you are welcome. Our members work with me to update fishing reports from different areas of the lake so I can provide you all with the most recent information. There can never be enough people helping and relaying information, and I would love to work with you. So anyone

interested in being a part of this with me, just shoot me a call, text, or email, and I'll add you to our team. I will hopefully see all of you at our May meeting when I'll have some spring fishing updates to share.

Jeremy Kloska, Fish Committee Chair



Welcome New Property Owners

We hope you will enjoy your new home on the lake and getting to know some of your new neighbors and friends “up north”.

The Association holds four summer meetings on holiday weekends at Eagle Pointe Plaza in Hale, on Saturday mornings at 10:00 am. Join us this summer to hear about all the fun events on the lake; our golf outing, boat parade over the 4th of July holiday, and social activities. You can learn more about fishing on the lake, boating rules, water quality, and how to become more involved in our community.

Membership dues are only \$20.00 per year and include receiving a directory of members every 3-5 years. If you have questions, concerns, or simply want more information, go to the website for LLPOA at My Lake Town and enter Long Lake to get a login and password. You will be able to post pictures, add information, and share things about our lake online. Again, we wish you a warm welcome to the lake, and hope to see you soon!

Julie Rubicz, Zone Director Chair

Annual Boat Parade

Nate Vohwinkle

Saturday July 6th – 11:00 a.m.

Preparations are being made for the Long Lake Boat Parade. This year's event will be held on



July 6th at 11:00 a.m. The parade theme will be announced at the May & June membership meeting. As usual

prizes will be awarded after the parade.

This traditional event has been the highlight for many families over the years, and we cannot stress enough how much fun it is to get your boat ready and participate in the parade. The parade brings much joy not only to those who participate but to all the folks watching. So spend a little family bonding time and decorate your boat. It will provide lasting lake memories. All parade participants must register at the LLPOA meeting on June 29th. For more info please email Nate Vohwinkle at nate@geoi.com.

Golf Outing

Sunday July 14th - 12:00 p.m.



The event will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 14th at the Wicker Hills Golf Club.

The format will be an 18-hole scramble. Bring your own foursome or one will be assembled for you. Prizes will be awarded for both men and women in the categories of closest to the pin, closest to the white line, and the longest drive.

There will be a potluck at the conclusion of the event, so bring a dish to pass.

Faith Dobson and Linda Lopez have volunteered to coordinate the golf event again this year. You may sign up at the May LLPOA meeting or at Wicker Hills beginning in May. contact:

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Linda lindylu11@yahoo.com

Seventh Annual Run Like Hale 10K

Saturday July 27th, 2019



Summer will be here before you know it, and with that brings the 7th Annual Run Like Hale Race! The date and time for this year's event is July 27th, 2019, at 8 a.m. Locations will remain the same, with start and finish at the Long Lake boat launch on Kokosing Road.

Jenifer Pfaff, Janeen Clark and Tina Gamino continue as the three co-race directors. With shared responsibility, the three hope to grow the race with more participants, sponsors and volunteers, and to increase fundraising efforts for

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

The 2018 Run Like Hale fundraising efforts yielded more than \$3,000, which was donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This wonderful organization supports research for a cure, along with support for patients and their families.

The "0.0" feature added last year was a hit and will be an option again for this year's race. This option recognizes participants that make a monetary donation, but who choose not to run or walk. "0.0" participants receive a t-shirt, a koozie, and a 0.0-mile sticker. What better way to support this amazing event without having to put your stride into it!

It is also with great pleasure that we will continue this year's race with the chip timing/tags for the most accurate race results.

Stay tune for more exciting news and reminders as we near the summer months on beautiful Long Lake. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces at starting line!

Sign up early before the price increase on July 4th!

Janeen Clark, Co-Chair Run Like Hale

Long Lake Featured in the Michigan Riparian Magazine

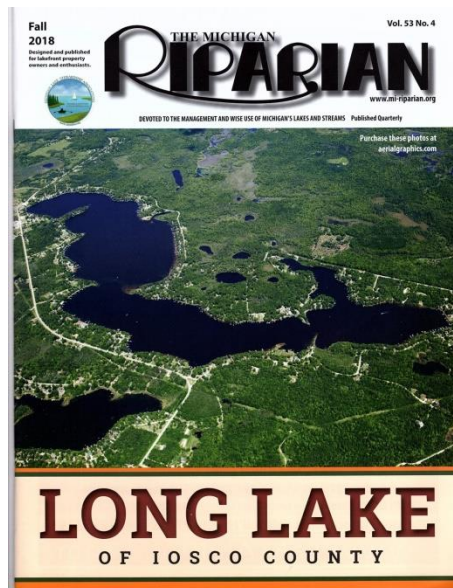
The Fall 2018 volume of *Michigan Riparian* featured our beautiful lake on its cover and highlighted Long Lake in a 13-page article! 😊

Having sent inquiries and articles to the magazine for two years with no response, I was shocked in mid-September when I was contacted by the magazine's editor stating they were featuring Long Lake in their next issue, and that the issue would be published within two weeks! Needless to say, there was a flurry of activity over a two-day span.

The cover is beautiful, and the editor included significant portions of an article Jim LaBerge and I wrote several years ago for the LLPOA Membership Directory entitled "From Yesteryear to the Present."

We hope the membership will be pleased with the results.

As a bonus for paying LLPOA membership dues this year, each 2019 due's paying family will receive a free issue. Magazines will be distributed at the May membership meeting. Zone directors will be distributing them if you are unable to attend the meeting.



Maureen Hearn, LLPOA Secretary

New LLPOA Website

LLPOA is transitioning to ISADEX a new website platform in June.

John Lesich has been communicating with Tim Miller of ISADEX and the first site design platform has been prepared. We anticipate that the new design will be more user-friendly, will streamline the user experience, and be more efficient on the administrative side.

In the meantime, options may not be available on the old LLPOA website. We apologize for any inconveniences, but look forward to the new design.



Ken DeBoer, President
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Lynn Tyll, Treasurer