

## LLLPRD Autumn 2001

LOWER LONG LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT OFFICERS:  
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Commissioner Pat Andress 967-2518 and 723-9157 Commissioner Jim Dahl 568-3225  
Commissioner Brian Kent 967-2182

### Message From the Chairman

In a time when our entire nation is faced with some very pressing issues that affect us all, the issues affecting our lake may seem inconsequential. While many of us are planning our winter vacations to other locations, my thoughts remain on what will happen in the "hibernation" under all that ice this winter. The winter's ice provides a protective skin for the water, and in addition it offers somewhat of a respite for our waters to rejuvenate from the rigors of our warm, active summers.

There is a tangible change on the horizon with sale of Camp Chippewa Bay to the Secluded Land Company that is set to close in December. Although negotiations for portions of the land continue between the Secluded Land Company, private parties and the State of Wisconsin, the development company continues its preliminary plan for a 99-lot development. I had the opportunity to review the project plans with the developer recently, and if the project moves forward, we have to embrace the notion that we will be a larger group with additional influx of ideas and definitions of good water quality.

Our recently completed watershed study provides conclusions by some mathematically complex modeling, and it shows we are responsible for a portion of the phosphorous that ends up in our lake. We could argue about how much we actually contribute as waterfront property owners, but we should come to terms with the fact that we *do* contribute and take action as responsible constituents where we can. I

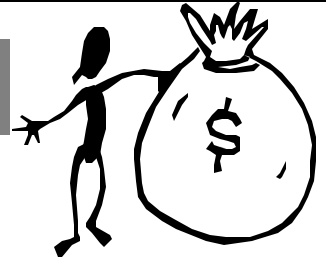
think our district needs to focus more energy on minimizing this impact through water monitoring, education, and in some cases, a good old neighborly helping hand.

More than anything, my wish for our water is that we all think about what we do and how it affects the lake. Water quality means many different things to each of us. It is a reflection of how we enjoy the water. To some it means the quality of the fishing, to others it is the clarity of the water, and to many it represents the serenity it offers as a quiet haven away from the normal noises and stresses of life. However we judge water quality, we must all decide what actions we are willing to take to protect the value it provides us. How we choose to conduct ourselves as riparian owners has a large effect.

As I enter my 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a Commissioner, I feel that I much better understand the issues that effect our lake. Unfortunately, it also feels like I have much to learn. It is difficult to find solutions that we can all live with. The hardest parts are the compromises required to make Long Lake a great place for *all* of us to enjoy. I can't do this alone. If you have any questions or suggestions about how we can better manage our lawn fertilization, septic systems, normal runoff and construction erosion management, or any water affecting activity, please contact me. Together we can continue to provide what the lake needs to maintain those characteristics that we find of value in "Our Lake."

# Foundation News

- Wally Schulenberg



Our efforts to protect and preserve undeveloped lake frontage property have resulted in the acquisition of five parcels of land totaling an area over one hundred acres with approximately thirty-five hundred feet of frontage. We are indebted to the donors of these properties: the Csongedi Family, the Playter Family, the Schulenberg Family and Pat Kelly who donated two separate parcels. Our thanks also go to those many responders to our annual solicitation for funds. These monetary donations are primarily dedicated to land acquisition with a small portion used for administrative costs.

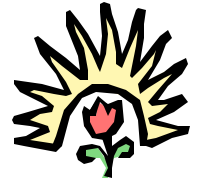
This year we developed a new brochure designed to inform lake property members, the general public and those organizations we may apply to for grants. Jan Frase

led our successful effort to obtain grant funds from Chippewa County, which helped us acquire the Playter property. We have now applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a grant to repay the County and recover the expenditure of our foundation funds. The State has informed us our request has been approved and only the necessary paperwork must still be completed before we receive the grant funds.

We appeal to those property owners who support our efforts and have undeveloped lake frontage to contact us. Working together we can continue to enjoy the beauty of Lower Long Lake.

## SHORELAND RESTORATION

-PAT ANDRESS AND SUSANNE FROM  
CLEAR CREEK NURSERY IN BRUCE, WI



Have you thought about starting a small area of native plants to enhance the natural beauty of your Long Lake property? There are practical advantages to doing this. When they are established, native plants require little care, and mowing area is reduced. The long root system of native plants helps to protect land from erosion, and they offer a variety of colors, textures, shapes and forms. Some native plants are attractive to butterflies, and birds enjoy berries and seeds.

Susanne at Clear Creek Nursery (nine miles north of Bruce on Hwy 40) is knowledgeable and enthusiastic about shoreline restoration. Although she does not claim to be an expert, she is certain to get you started.

Susanne's interest has always been in native plants, and her recommendation is to stay with them along shorelines and within the 35-foot buffer zone. They have adapted to local conditions, and local wildlife has already adapted to them. Make a separate flowerbed some distance away, or use containers around your cabin to grow and enjoy any "exotics" that please you.

If you think about shoreline restoration, start out small and expand from there. A good timetable would be: site preparation during the spring and summer months and planting of perennials in small pots or plugs in August through September. Early spring would be a very good time for planting trees and shrubs because they are available as bare roots then.

There are "how-to" instructional guides available that explain every step of the process and also list suitable plants.

One of them is the "Shoreline Restoration Guide" available at Rusk County Land and Water Conservation Department, 311 East Miner Ave., Suite S115, Ladysmith, WI 54848, ph: 715-532-2162. Another source of very good information is the web site of Leaning Pine Native Landscapes Company, [www.restoreshore.com](http://www.restoreshore.com). There you can find several documents for downloading and links to other web sites. Also contact the Chippewa County Land and Water Conservation Department (ph: 715-726-7920) to find programs available that help fund restoration projects.

It is important to gather as much information as you can and talk to people who have practical experience. This kind of restoration is rather new and we are all learning together as we go along.

Clear Creek Nursery offers a small selection of native perennials, grasses, shrubs and trees, which can be expanded depending on requests. Their season starts with a one-week "Bare Root Sale" (April 20<sup>th</sup> - April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002) where shrubs and trees will be 25 % off the regular price. They also carry the lake friendly, phosphorus-free fertilizer, Renaissance (6-0-6) and would be happy to custom grow certain plants to an affordable price (with at least three months advance notice).

Susanne can be contacted at 868-6081, or at the Clear Creek Nursery website, [www.clearcreeknursery.com](http://www.clearcreeknursery.com) where a listing of plants will be updated by January.

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Happy Thanksgiving  
From the LLLPRD



# LLLPRD Annual Meeting Minutes July 28, 2001



**Present:** Jan Frase – Chair, Wayne Sauls – Secretary Treasurer, Guy Wood, Brian Kent, and Jim Dahl – Commissioners, and 34 constituents

**Call to Order:** 9:10 a.m. by Jan Frase at the Sampson Town Hall.

**Minutes:** July 2000 annual meeting minutes are approved as published in Fall, 2000 newsletter.

**Chairman's Report:** Jan Frase reports the attendance of herself and commissioner Guy Wood at the WAL convention. Jan Frase also introduces and welcomes Commissioner Brain Kent as our new commissioner from the Sampson Town Board.

**Treasurer's Report:** Wayne Sauls announces that the books were audited by Jake Farrell. He also reports on the year's expenses and the District's checking account balance. Included in the minutes is an outline of proposed expenditures [as published in the Spring 2001 newsletter]. Also presented at the annual meeting is a financial outlook statement created to further simplify the expected checkbook balance due to the incorporation of grant money associated with the Watershed Study. A recommendation is made by the Treasurer to levy a tax of \$2000.00 to cover proposed budget expenses. A motion is made by

Connie Hinnerichs and seconded by John Kiley that the budget and levy be approved. There are no objections.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Lower Long Lake Foundation, Inc:** Wally Schulenberg presents a report for the Foundation and recommends the re-election of himself and Rich Kracum to directorship of the Foundation. A motion is made and seconded from the floor and both are re-elected as directors with no

objections. Mr. Schulenberg reports that donations from Csongedi, Playter, and Kelly bring the total assessed land value and frontage held by the Foundation to \$388,000.00 and 3,500 feet.

## **Fish and Water Quality**

**Committee:** Lou Frase reports that the lake now has data collected directly on Phosphorous, as well as Secchi disc readings. A number of bluegill were transplanted this past year, and hopefully that will have an effect on the population. Lou also remarked that bass spawning structures like the one on display have been set in the lake at various places. Observations have been made that they are very successful structures to attract spawning smallmouth bass.

**Lake Property Committee:** Pat Andress makes the report in the absence of Kurt Lothe. A display created by Kurt is available for view in the back of the assembly. Pat reports that Kurt held one pontoon boat meeting this past year.

**Publicity Committee:** Lesley Sauls reports that there are 172 property owners to whom she distributes her news letters. Lesley also motions that the \$25.00 usually spent on an appreciation plaque for the outgoing commissioner be instead used as a donation to the Foundation on behalf of the outgoing commissioner with a certificate of appreciation to be given to the commissioner. All present vote in favor with no objections.

**CVORA:** Lenny Seyberth reports that the Chippewa Valley Outdoor Resource Alliance consists of 19 different groups including ours, and that our district maintains membership. He explains that many of the goals and ideals that the Alliance maintains are very similar to

the ideals of our district. Our District is reported as the only inland lake protection district affiliated with the Alliance. Lenny explains that the Alliance conducts fund raising events through various functions and educational workshops on multiple subjects.

## **Election of Officers:**

Constituents Pat Andress and Dave Larson have been nominated for commissioner. Both Pat and Dave address the floor with a short speech outlining their reasons for pursuing a position on the board. Ballots are distributed to the constituents and the outcome of the election is in favor of Pat Andress as the new commissioner.

## **Old Business:**

Jan Frase reports that the resolution of the proposed shoreland ordinance revision has been delayed again partly due to the recent death of zoning official Jody Kronin. Camp Chippewa Bay has been officially bid upon for over five million dollars to The Secluded Land Company.

## **New Business:**

Nick Stadnyk, Lou Frase, and Buzz Sorge make a joint presentation on the watershed study that was recently completed with funding from the district and grant money. The presentation comes to the conclusion that the quality of our water is in a fragile state and any proactive measures that can be taken to protect the water quality should be.

## **Adjournment**

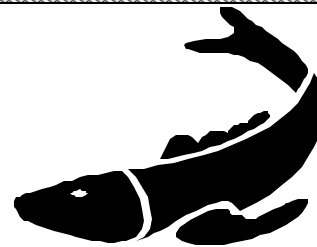
## MUSKY NEWS - LENNY

On September 11, I received a call from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources indicating that they would be delivering muskies to be released in Lower Long Lake the next day. They were requesting assistance with this project, and although I called as many people as I could think of, on such short notice I could find only one other person to help.

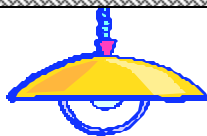
The truck arrived shortly after noon on September 12, and the driver, Steve

Hutts, indicated that he was delivering 2,120 muskies that would have an average length of 11 inches. This would total about 543 pounds of fish.

The musky spawn had been obtained from a couple of Vilas County lakes. They had been reared at the hatchery in Woodruff, WI. Once the fry were large enough to be transferred to their outside rearing ponds, they were fed a diet of shiner and flat-head minnows.



When asked about the survival rate, Hutts indicated that we could hope for ten percent. As we released the muskies, I counted only six that hadn't survived the transfer.



## Keeping Skies Dark -R.E.C. News, June 2000

Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society member Jim Eggert, also a member of Dunn Electric Co-op, is an ardent stargazer who aims his telescope skyward from the yard of his rural Colfax home. When a neighboring farmer trimmed some trees that had shielded Eggert's property from the glare of a security light, Eggert saw how the intruding light hampered his nightly stellar observations. The solution was a device to shield and redirect the beam from the security light, a metal hood Eggert gladly bought for his neighbor and which his electric co-op installed. Security lighting near Hobbs Observatory at Beaver Creek Reserve includes similar devices (coincidentally also installed by an electric co-op - Eau Claire Electric).

Widespread use of such shields, as well as lighting fixtures that focus illumination only where it is needed, is the goal of the International Dark-Sky Association. The group claims that as much as 30 percent of the light coming from standard outdoor fixtures is totally wasted, directed

uselessly upward into the sky and coming out at nearly horizontal angles to produce glare. In addition, light aimed downward to actually illuminate the property is a more efficient use of electric energy, with implications for saving money on electric bills.

The group's web site, [www.darksky.org](http://www.darksky.org), offers some recommendations on shields, replacement fixtures and vendors, including the company from which Eggert bought his lighting solution: Outdoor Lighting Associates, 1208 Wilson Ave., Ames, IA 50010. Phone 515/233-0117.

[Kurt Lothe of the Property Committee says that Camp Manitou will soon use shielded lights to minimize their lighting impact on the lake. Come by to see how these shields can make a difference.]

## LLLPRD Committee Chairs

If there are issues in this newsletter about which you feel strongly, please contact the appropriate Commissioner or Committee Chair. Their names and phone numbers are as follows:

### LLLPRD Commissioners

Wayne Sauls, Chairman	967-2152
Guy Wood, Secy./Treas.	967-2248
Pat Andress	967-2518/723-9157
Jim Dahl	568-3225
Brian Kent	967-2182

### Lake Property

Kurt Lothe	967-2703/834-0290
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### Lower Long Lake Foundation

Wally Schulenberg	967-2514/832-4217
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### Long Range Planning

Jan Frase	967-2339
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### Publicity

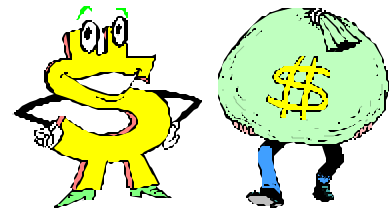
Lesley Sauls	967-2152
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### Fish and Water Quality

Lou Frase	967-2339
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# Approved 2001-2002 Budget

Publicity Expenses	600.00
Fish/water quality committee	100.00
Lake Management Grant	0
Miscellaneous	100.00
Secretary/Treasurer fees	Included in Miscellaneous
Picnic	50.00
Property Committee	50.00
Liability Insurance	949.00
Adopt-a-Lake	350.00
WAL meeting and membership	687.50
TOTAL	2886.50
AMOUNT OF LEVY	2000.00



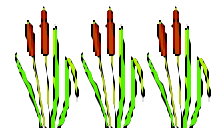
The Wisconsin Department of Revenue has certified that the equalized full value of all taxable property in our district for tax apportionment purposes is \$30,769,226. This certification is made for our Long Lake Inland Lake Management District in accordance with sections 33.30(3)(C) and 66.46(11)(A) of the statutes.

## Has Your Address Changed???

There are several newsletters and mailings that go undelivered with each mailing. If you have a change of address please contact Lesley Sauls at 967-2152 to update. Thank you!!

## From the Lake Quality Committee

-Lou Frase



Lake quality efforts continue. We now monitor phosphorous levels directly as well as by using the Secchi disc. Bear in mind that the Secchi disc recordings over the years demonstrate declining water clarity, especially in times of high algae blooms (the result of increasing phosphorous deposition). Such studies will continue to document the changes in our water over time to assist in future management planning.

Those of you who attended the annual meeting have seen the report of our grant study which demonstrated the relationship between density of development and phosphorous input into our waters. Please contact Wayne Sauls if you want a copy of this study, or you can download it from the web at: [WWW.adc4gis.com/lakes2](http://WWW.adc4gis.com/lakes2).

What this all boils down to is that if we do not pay attention our lakes will go the route of Southeastern lakes with serious algae blooms and a diminished fishery (unless you favor smoked carp). What can we do?

It is important to believe that there is a problem. If we all would look at our properties and establish good storm water drainage, restore natural shoreline vegetation, eliminate

phosphorous in any fertilizers we use and landscape for proper water flow away from the lake or nearby wetlands we can have a major effect on our lake for future generations. The second thing we can do is to study the results of the citizen advisory committee for revision of shoreland zoning. The science is out there that shows that if we continue to allow development of our lakeshore as we have done in the past we will all suffer the adverse consequences of degraded water quality, especially our grandchildren. In previous surveys, residents of Chippewa County and the Long Lake District have expressed the desire to have lakes that allow solitude, wildlife, natural shoreline and a good fishery. Shoreland zoning is a management tool that can allow that to happen. The time to **speak up** is now. Write or call your Chippewa County supervisors and let them know that you support the concept of lake protection through zoning that is adequate to meet the needs of our lakes in the future and help to uphold the values we now enjoy...**or forever hold your peace!**