

## LLLPRD Autumn 2002

*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

As a third-generation Long Lake property owner, this beautiful spot has always been a part of my life. Now, Judy and I are beginning our fourth winter here as lake residents. The activities of birds, small animals, changing colors, snow tracks, shadows, night noises, outside walks and the scenic back roads are all very special and change with each season. The lake is a special place with special meaning to each of us.

With the privilege and responsibility of serving on the Lake District Board, I have a sincere interest that our actions represent the majority of *all* our property owners and residents. Keeping members informed and acting on their behalf is the purpose of the Lake District Board. We encourage you to use the new website to follow lake activities and express your thoughts when you feel it is appropriate. Board meetings are now held regularly on the second Monday of each even month at Sampson Town Hall.

Programs to increase public enjoyment and use of the lake, and the desire to change the shoreline with setbacks and buffer zones to look like a pre-cabin era are very noble, but how does this affect you? As the DNR identifies available lake grant funds and requests assistance on programs

affected by budget changes, we need to respond. But careful review and monitoring by each of us is required. DNR programs may not always be in our interest. Everyone desires a healthy lake, but actions toward this goal should be balanced with Lake District input.

With liability insurance felt to be necessary, your District has an annual cost requiring regular taxation. It is now much easier to add costs for additional programs. Our District also has the authority to regulate lake activities. We all need to monitor our growth closely.

Each of us would prefer to find ways to prevent problems rather than having to deal with them after the fact. Like our interest in good personal health, we wish to learn more about ways to live better and longer. So is our interest in the lake, and that is why we need the studies on trends and status. But, like our health, I accept encouragement and resist regulation.

In summary, we are an active government body. It is our local unit of government. We hope the new website will improve our communications to better guide the LLLPRD. Each board member welcomes your involvement and suggestions at any time.

A program on Wood Warblers will be presented at the Ice Age Interpretive Center on Cty. Hwy. M, New Auburn, by Paul Blanchard, retired UWEC associate professor. The public is invited to enjoy this presentation which is sponsored by the LLLPRD on Saturday, November 30, at 2:00 p.m.

**LLLPRD to Sponsor  
Educational Program at  
Interpretive Center  
November 30, 2002**

# Lake Education

BY PAT ADDRESS

I had the privilege of participating in Wisconsin Lake Leaders Institute. Since May 2002, there were three two-day seminars at Green Lake, WI; Kemp Station, Woodruff, WI; and Durward's Glen, Baraboo, WI. There were excellent presenters from a variety of institutions and organizations, presenting research on many lake topics. Pontoon classrooms at Kemp Station provided another captivating way to learn. In addition, there were opportunities to learn from participants who care about Wisconsin lakes.

I am convinced of the need for good stewardship to protect land, water, plants and animals. And I better understand the interrelatedness of it all.

Therefore, I am happy to report that LLLPRD has two DNR approved projects for 2003 that focus on education and stewardship. One is a shore land restoration project at Morris-Erickson County Park. The other project, led by Darlene Glass, is

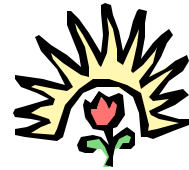
development of a water trail map that identifies DNR designated sensitive areas, historical and cultural features of Long Lake. Darlene has a long-standing interest in Long Lake as well as talent and expertise. Related to this project are pontoon classrooms, bringing together lake residents, youth and DNR staff to investigate the lake with hands-on experiences.

The new LLLPRD website will enhance the sharing of information. Specifically related to the projects, the website will list project volunteer activities and programs at the Ice Age Interpretive Center, sponsored by LLLPRD. The first program will be a wildlife photography show held on Saturday, November 30 at 2:00 p.m. for all ages.

The Wisconsin Lake Leaders Institute was educational and inspirational. My search for additional reading led to the book: *The Future of Life* by Edward O. Wilson, a Pulitzer Prize winner, copyright 2002. Wilson concludes the book with this hope: "A

civilization able to envision God and to embark on the colonization of space will surely find the way to save the integrity of this planet and the magnificent life it harbors."

Especially related to LLLPRD, it is my hope that thoughtful people making ethical decisions will protect and rehabilitate Long Lake, saving its integrity and the "magnificent life it harbors."



**"In the end, our society will be defined not only by what we create, but by what we refuse to destroy."**

**-John C. Sawhill  
(1936-2000)**

**The Nature Conservancy  
1990-2000**

## 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 follow. If you would like to participate with the Lower Long Lake Foundation, contact the current Director, Wally Schulenberg whose name also follows:

### LLLPRD Commissioners

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Wayne Sauls, Secy./Treas.	967-2152
Pat Address	967-2518/723-9157
Jim Dahl	568-3225
Brian Kent	967-2182

### Lake Property

No Chair...please contact a commissioner for information

### Lower Long Lake Foundation

Wally Schulenberg 967-2514/832-4217

### Long Range Planning

Jan Frase 967-2339

### Publicity

Lesley Sauls 967-2152

### Fish and Water Quality

Lou Frase 967-2339

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Happy Thanksgiving  
From the LLLPRD



# LLLPRD Annual Meeting Minutes July 27, 2002



**Present:** Wayne Sauls – Chair, Guy Wood – Secretary Treasurer, Pat Andress, Brian Kent, and Jim Dahl – Commissioners and 44 constituents.

**Call to Order:** 9:05 a.m. by Wayne Sauls at the Sampson Town Hall.

**Minutes:** July 2001 annual meeting minutes were approved as published in Fall, 2001 newsletter.

**Chairman's Report:** Wayne Sauls reported the attendance of himself, Guy Wood and Pat Andress at the WAL convention. He also announced the purchase of an as-yet inactive website for LLLPRD and read a letter from Pete Scolaro showing concern for fast boat traffic near the shorelines.

**Treasurer's Report:** Guy Wood handed out a written report of past year expenditures as compared to the budget. Although some committee expenditures are still to be paid, of the \$2886.50 budgeted, approximately \$2000 was spent. The checking account, which was audited by Jake Farrell, has a current balance of \$1,608.97.

## **2002 -2003 Budget:**

Guy Wood reported there was not a quorum at the scheduled board meeting to define programs or budget for the coming year. Efforts to have a special meeting of the Board for adoption of a budget did not materialize. Therefore, there was no budget for submittal at the annual meeting. The President pointed out the budget was presented in the Spring newsletter and was posted for this meeting, as the budget that is being proposed. The Treasurer opposed saying it included funds for matching two grants that do not require funding and that it also contains funds for a pontoon - fish crib delivery vehicle, neither of which have been presented to the Board or the membership. The Treasurer

recommended last year's budget be used for the coming year. A motion to adopt last year's budget of \$2886.50 for the coming year was made and carried. A tax levy of \$2000 was approved for this year.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Lower Long Lake Foundation,**

**Inc:** Wally Schulenberg gave an overview of past activities, financial status, properties acquired and IRS status for donations. The Foundation's purpose of retaining and preserving undeveloped lake frontage has been very successful and continues to welcome anyone wishing to contribute or assist in the donation / acquisition of lake shore land to the Foundation. Jake Farrell and Tom Doyle were nominated to the Foundation Board.

### **Fish and Water Quality**

**Committee:** Lou Frase presented his report. The secchi readings for lake clarity were presented with results staying about the same over the past ten years. The DNR study of sensitive lake shoreline areas was presented with a map, which will be mailed out to all district members. Due to the heavy rains and high water this year, we have experienced filamentous algae in many areas of the lake caused from the higher phosphorus levels that resulted from runoff and swamp overflow. To help bass spawning, the DNR is wanting more tree falls in the water. Lou reported that the lake now has a good crop of bluegills thanks to Kelly's transplanting of bluegills from neighboring lakes over several years.

**Lake Property Committee:** Kurt Lothe was not present.

**Publicity Committee:** Lesley Sauls was not present. Pat Andress read Lesley's report stating: the summer picnic will be on August 17 at noon; welcome wagon bags have

continued; requests that constituents provide newsletter input if possible and that \$25.00 should be given to the Foundation in recognition of Wayne Sauls' three years of service as a LLLPRD commissioner.

**CVORA:** Lenny Lenny Seyberth reported on the activities of this group. With LLLPRD membership expenses having been paid and being no additional membership fees, it was felt Lenny should continue to participate in CVORA as a District representative. Lenny knew of the Bloomer High School interest in Adopt-a-Lake and recommended the Lake District Board pursue this.

## **Election of Officers:**

There were no nominations to replace the expiring term of Wayne Sauls who volunteered and was elected to continue on for another three year term.

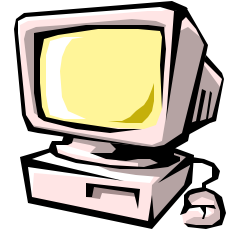
## **New Business:**

Pat Andress gave a report on two grants she is requesting from the State. One is a park project at the public boat landing as an example of shoreline restoration with native plants. The second is a canoe / kayak water trail that would have a brochure identifying and recognizing features of the DNR identified sensitive shoreline areas. These grants require 25% matching from the Lake District which would be met with working volunteers from the Lake District and help from interested Bloomer High School students. No Lake District funding would be required for these grants which it was agreed would be applied for.

**Adjournment:** 11:15 a.m.

*(Following the meeting, Al McCoy made a presentation of the development plans at the south end of the lake. Nearly everyone stayed for this presentation, which was well received with good group discussion.)*

## WEBSITE LAUNCHES!! - JOHN KINYON



The idea of a Lake District website began at the 2001 Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL) annual meeting, attended by Jan Frase and Guy Wood. At the meeting, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the UW Stevens Point promoted existing Wisconsin lake websites, presented web construction programs, and offered numerous links to enhance lake association websites. A possible LLLPRD website was then discussed at several Board meetings.

The 2002 WAL meeting was attended by the three elected board members who anticipated additional website instructions, but little help was offered. Wayne Sauls, as board chairperson, purchased our website name in March to initiate this effort.

We asked for member input in the spring newsletter to help bring this to reality, and a small group of

volunteers was formed to develop and launch our site. They came up with many great ideas about what we could publish online and how we might organize and manage content.

Sauls said, "The goal is to provide an informational/reference site for our constituents. It should have contact information, access to our newsletters, and links to other sites such as the DNR, WAL, and other information. We really have a lot of information, like the watershed study, DNR Sensitive Area Designations, and the Foundation, that could be accessed through the site. If we can distribute newsletters online, instead of printing and mailing, we will save money."

The team researched internet service providers that provide web hosting, and recommended Chippewa Valley Online <<http://www.cvol.net/>> The Board approved the

recommendation. The team and the Board would like to acknowledge the support of the Graaskamp family in making this possible within our existing, limited publicity budget. Development of the site and content comes entirely from volunteers.

This website is for you! It will help to build our community and to fulfill our mission to preserve and rehabilitate Long Lake. Please visit <<http://lllprd.org/>> and let us know what you think! What topics and features are important to you? Please use the site's feedback form to submit articles, photos, links, and ideas that will help build our site!



## Foundation News - Wally Schulenberg

The reason we established our foundation was to protect and preserve undeveloped lake frontage. When people unfamiliar with our lake take a boat tour along our shoreline, they are amazed at the amount of it that remains undeveloped. Many area lakes are almost completely developed with cottages and boat docks every hundred feet. We are fortunate to have private owners and camp organizations willing to leave so much shoreline undeveloped. However, the Girl Scout camp sale at the south end of the lake illustrates that we can not take present conditions for granted. Only Lake Foundation land is protected from future development.

Since we began our efforts five years ago to acquire property, we have obtained through gifts and grants 104 acres of land with 4,510 feet of frontage. All of this land is protected by recorded

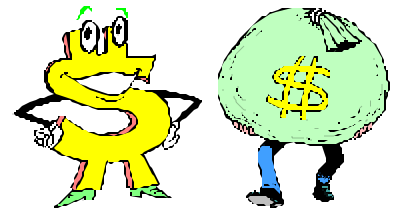
conservation easements. This land allows public access (foot traffic only) for the purpose of nature studies and only during daylight hours.

Currently we have not identified any available additional property for acquisition. We need the help of lake property owners to identify additional land parcels. We are a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Any monetary donations or land donations are tax deductible. The Foundation will pay all costs of land transfer, including the appraisals for tax purposes, land survey costs and recording fees. Contact any of our officers or directors if you have questions. We can make this a simple and easy process with tangible and intangible benefits to the landowner.

At the Lake District's next annual meeting, the members will elect a new Foundation director. If you are interested in serving on the Foundation board, please notify us so we may place your name

# Approved 2002-2003 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2886.50</b>
<b>AMOUNT OF LEVY</b>	<b>\$2000.00</b>



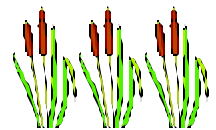
The 2002 Town of Sampson assessed value is \$106,513,000. Of this, \$28,517,350 represents the Lower Long Lake District assessed value. Our District represents approximately 27% of the Town's assessed value. This certainly is enough to warrant our interest in what happens with the local Town Board which holds it's regular meetings on the first Monday of each month at the Sampson Town Hall.

## Has Your Address Changed???

There are several newsletters and postcards 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



Greetings fellow lake lovers. I have good news and bad news. First the bad news, but let me caution you that this may not be all bad.

The DNR (Dan Koich) has vetoed our plan to put bass structures in the lake. If you were at the meetings when these were discussed, you will remember that Kelley Svoma had an ingenious plan for creating a concrete and log structure that when resting on the near shore bottom was a magnet for spawning bass. Our hope was that since the bass are territorial we could all have bass families on our shoreline. And they worked just beautifully. Each one of four prototypes had spawning bass two years running. Unfortunately but probably rightly so, the DNR does not want any concrete structures in the lake. They recommend instead the use of fallen trees and brush piles which will serve the same purpose. Having spent time snorkeling around the brush pile I can assure you that they work and have the additional benefit of being great habitats for bluegill spawning. It is worth the effort.

Now the good news, but let me caution you again lest we become complacent. 2001 was the first year that we

performed chemistry monitoring which is direct measurement of phosphorous and chlorophyll levels which as you know are more direct measurements of water quality. As a result of this effort we received from the DNR an extensive report on our water quality. We are in the mesotrophic range which is the best level for both biological (fish, et al) activity and freedom from serious algae blooms. Perhaps the greatest value of this is that we will have detailed information for assessing future trends. As it stands now, we are about average for lakes of our type (stratified seepage), which on the face of it would seem good. But bear in mind that the "old-timers" remember days not too long ago when Long Lake was a scuba diving lake with consistently good visibility. We must do all we can to preserve what we have left. If you are in the process of changing your lake lot or buildings please work with the DNR and county zoning to be certain that we do the right thing and do it right. Help us all minimize human impact on our lakes and fisheries!