

# LLLPRD Winter 2006

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## Message From the Chairman

I love Long Lake. I cherish everything about it. I always have.....and I always will. Fifty-nine years of living on this perfect lake has allowed me to experience its clear water and naturally beautiful scenery. I could be seen many times each summer swimming, water-skiing, fishing, boating, and simply floating on a raft basking in the sun on this treasured lake.

Watching the sun rise and the sun set over our precious resource provides me with a sense of serenity that can not be duplicated anywhere. Whether in the winter listening to the reverberating rumble of water turning to ice.....in the spring observing the ice break up and smash powerfully into the shoreline.....in the summer enjoying campfires against the alluring lake backdrop.....or in the fall witnessing the transition of tree colors.....being on Long Lake gives me a sense of inner peace and bliss.

Even after leaving Long Lake for teaching jobs in other areas when I was younger, I always knew in my heart that I would return.....and I did. Long Lake and our shoreline property is more than a place to me.....it is an inherent part of me. It is my Utopia.

But then you already know how important Lower Long Lake is. You own property, and you experience its enticing charm every time you are there. Aren't we lucky to reside on such a precious lake!!! We are not simply holders of large investments. We are caring owners who hold a special affection for Long Lake. That is why your lake commissioners along with lake, town, county, and DNR representatives are currently working on the development of a lake management plan (and workable actions) that will achieve the following general goals to assure a positive future for Long Lake:

1. Improvement of water quality
2. Creation of ecologically healthy, stable, and protected shorelines
3. Provision of a self-sustaining fishery
4. Provision for multifaceted recreational opportunities
5. Prevention of infestations of invasive and exotic species

You will be continually informed, your opinions will be sought, and your participation will be welcome.

Let's all work to protect Long Lake. I know we can.....and we will!!!

## "Water In Our Veins"

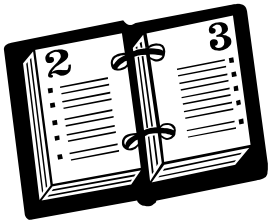
Pat Andress attended, "Water in our Veins," a three-day lakes conference, April 28-30, 2005. Hosted by the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership which includes UW Extension, Wisconsin DNR, and the Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL), the conference was held at the KI Convention Center, Green Bay, Wis., and celebrated lake volunteers. Pat said the state perspective at this

conference was valuable and inspired great appreciation of the LLLPRD people and resources.

The 2005 Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Award in the Public Service category was presented to our lakes specialist, Buzz Sorge. There were fine words spoken about Buzz. The district is aware of his care and concern for people and lakes.

A more detailed report is on the [LLLPRD website](http://www.lllprd.org), as well as a report on an event at the

Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference at Telemark Resort and Convention Center, Cable, WI, June 23-24, 2005. The event was a pontoon classroom on Lake Namakagon with six presenters addressing separate topics at different parts of the lake. The demonstrations and on-the-site experiences were meaningful as was enjoyment of pleasant camaraderie on a beautiful lake.



# Coming Up



# We Hear You...

A letter about the 2005 West Central Lakes Conference

West Central Lakes Conference  
At

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, Rice Lake Campus  
WITC Conference Center  
1900 College Drive  
Friday, August 11, 2006

This event is sponsored by the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership, a national model of collaboration. The three groups involved are

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), the University of Wisconsin-Extension (UWEX), and the Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL).

The event will feature a full day, exploring ways to keep our lakes healthy. Topics include lake science, shore land development, invasive species, lake habitat, and land use planning.

Please watch for registration information at [wal@wisconsinlakes.org](mailto:wal@wisconsinlakes.org) and [www.lllprd.org](http://www.lllprd.org) and WAL 1-800-542-5253

The West Central Lakes Conference held at the Rice Lake Technical College was a pleasant and informative experience. The Conference was well organized with a variety of speakers explaining various aspects of the environmental concerns we face as rural citizens of Northern Wisconsin. Some of the information was particularly pertinent to lakeshore owners who are interested in protecting the environmental quality of their lakes but not limited to that, as the environment should be an issue of great priority for all of us. The speakers brought their expertise to the conference and communicated their information with passion and enthusiasm.

I was especially impressed by the informative talks given by Buzz Sorge and Paul Hlina. Buzz gave us an overview of the impact our environmental decisions of the past and present have on the future while Paul Hlina gave practical steps to restoring our shorelines using professional landscaping techniques. Both speakers are excellent communicators with much enthusiasm for their subjects. I would recommend these conferences to anyone as a good source of information on the issues that are important to all of us. Such conferences also give opportunities to interact with other people who are also interested in preserving this special area of the state that we all enjoy.

Thanks to all who made this conference possible, you did a great job!

-Walter Loofboro, New Auburn, WI



# Clean Boats Clean Waters

- By Pat Andress



With the growing concern over the spread of aquatic invasive species to Wisconsin's inland lakes, many lake organization members and other citizens are looking for ways to get involved. And this concern was expressed at the LLLPRD annual meeting with suggestions for more educational efforts.

Wisconsin DNR, UW Extension, and Wisconsin Association of Lakes are offering training and resource kits to be used by volunteers at boat landings. On Saturday, April 8, 8:30-12, there will be a Clean Boats Clean Waters workshop at the Chippewa Moraine Ice Age Center. The workshop will be conducted by Laura Felda-Marquardt, Volunteer Coordinator, Invasive Species Program, UW-Extension.

This is an opportunity to learn which aquatic invasive species are threats, why invasives are problematic, and

why inspecting and removing aquatic plants and animals from watercraft is important. In addition, interactive sessions

instruct participants on how to organize a watercraft inspection program, how to inspect boats and equipment while interacting with the public, and most importantly, how to identify the most common invasive species.

There is no charge, but participants are strongly encouraged to purchase a handbook and resource kit for \$25.00. The handbook gives guidance on how to design a watercraft inspection team while the kit contains educational print materials, a video, invasive species identification cards, watercraft inspection decals, and two T-shirts.

Registration is required, and registration forms are located at the Ice Age Center and at [www.lllprd.org](http://www.lllprd.org).

# LLLPRD Lake News



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## From the DNR Wisconsin Outdoor Report January 26, 2006



Colder night time temperatures in the last week have allowed ice thickness on some lakes to slowly increase. In the north, most lakes have between 11 and 14 inches of ice. About 4 to 6 inches of new snow cover has been added, but slush conditions have not become a problem on most lakes. In the south, ice thickness on smaller lakes and bays of larger lakes ranged from 4 to 6 inches, but many pockets of thin ice or open water can be encountered anywhere. In some areas shoreline ice has eroded and left open water.

Walleye success continued its generally slow trend across the north. The few reports of success have come from the early morning or late afternoon hours, with suckers fished in the 6 to 10 foot depths. This is often typical for the late-January period, but this winter's walleye action seems to be especially slow. The best action has been on panfish, with some decent catches of bluegill, perch and crappie being reported. Northern pike success has been fair, with some decent action during the mid-day hours on golden shiners near any old weed beds.

## Have A Great Winter! From the LLLPRD



# Chippewa County Zoning Rewrite

Doug Clary, zoning administrator for Chippewa County, is scheduled to be present at the annual meeting of the Town of Sampson on April 11, at 7pm, to discuss the comprehensive rewrite of Chippewa County's zoning regulations. This would be the first rewrite since 1974 and would help to protect our wild lands and lakes better. One improvement would be that more stringent restrictions would be placed on condo developments.

The County Board will vote on the rewrite in February, and it looks as if it will pass. There was much discussion on it at the January Board meeting, with support for it, even though the Ag element needs some work. Taking on county zoning by Sampson will probably be looked into by the town board with the passing of the rewrite. Please come and hear him explain what it can do for our township. This issue will be further discussed at the LLLPRD annual meeting on July 29.  
Thank you, Marcia Loofboro, 2nd

## Approved 2005-2006 Budget

CATEGORY	'04-'05	SPENT	APPROVED
Fish/water quality committee	\$100.00	\$0	\$100.00
Projects and Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$71.77	\$100.00
Picnic	\$50.00	\$-94.70	\$50.00
Property Committee	\$50.00	\$0	\$50.00
Liability Insurance	\$949.00	\$949.00	\$1019.00
Fish Cribs	\$300.00	\$0	\$300.00
Conferences/WAL membership	\$725.00	\$632.00	\$725.00
Publicity Committee	\$600.00	\$452.01	\$650.00
Buoy Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$911.00
CVORA	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2924.00</b>	<b>\$2060.08</b>	<b>\$3955.00</b>



**lllprd.org**

Hey, Gang! Have you been to the web site yet? It's got tons of information about Lower Long Lake along with past newsletters and photos from lake property owners like you. We need your support to keep it going, and we need your input to know how to best serve Lower Long Lake. Let us know who you are. Register by email to [webmaster@lllprd.org](mailto:webmaster@lllprd.org) so we can send newsletters and information about lake issues to you. Your email address and private information will only be used for official LLLPRD message and not be shared, rented, sold, etc. Help save postage! Log on to [lllprd.org](http://lllprd.org) to visit the lake you love to love!

## LLLPRD Committee Chairs



### LLLPRD Commissioners

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### Lake Property

No Chair...please contact a commissioner for information

# FOUNDATION REPORT

-BY WAYNE SAULS



The Lower Long Lake Foundation now protects seven properties that have been donated for perpetual preservation by riparian owners. These properties provide undeveloped lake frontage that preserves the character and quality of the lake. Each donor sought an avenue to preserve land surrounding the lake in its present state. We all benefit from these preserved pockets of frontage as natural buffers, sound barriers, and habitat that promotes healthy ecosystems and an improving fishery. Some of you share property borders in common with foundation land, some fish along the shores, and others enjoy the scenery of it. I implore all of you to consider the advantages of this land in its current state as opposed to an ever increasing pressure of a more developed situation.

The foundation would like to provide an additional avenue for those interested in preservation but are not prepared to donate entire parcels of land. We now accept donations of conservation easements on private land to compliment the wholly owned parcels. A donated conservation easement can restrict the future development and preserve specific attributes in designated areas of your property, also providing some tax advantages in our time of escalating property values. If anyone is interested in donating a conservation easement to provide selective preservation of their property or in any other kind of donation, please contact any of our directors: Wayne Sauls, Dennis Zacho, Steve Johnson, Don Granger and Dick Baer.

The entire board would like to extend a big “thank you” to those that have donated graciously to the foundation, and I am especially honored to serve those with common preservation values. If there is any way that you think the foundation can serve you better, please don’t hesitate to ask.

## Your Ideas In Action...

The district continues with the process of creating a revised, up-to-date, lake management plan that began in 2004 with a district-wide survey. Your feedback on the survey was particularly important, specifically the comments given outside the scope of the questions. This information reaffirmed that the district was in need of a more defined set of goals and some formal structure so that we may act in concert with your intentions when action is necessary.

The district has set in motion a timeline to have a new plan in place by the end of 2006. The immediate schedule consists of several open planning meetings between district members, commissioners, DNR representatives and county Land Conservation Department personnel. On March 27<sup>th</sup> the district will hold an advisory group meeting for lake users to provide feedback and input to the plan as it begins to reach a more formal level. A draft of the lake management plan should be ready for presentation and review at the annual district meeting on July 29. As a document begins to take shape, the intent is to publish it on the district

website for review. After five years, the plan will be open for revision to fit the changing needs of our district.

Again, I implore each of you to participate in the process by telephoning or emailing commissioners [board@lllprd.org](mailto:board@lllprd.org). The district will act in the best interest of our lake quality, precisely the focus many of you requested in the surveys. Aside from the surveys, we have created additional opportunity for you to provide input as the process develops into a formal plan. Your additional comments and suggestions along the way will help to stabilize the final product and assure that those who speak the most or loudest don’t run the process into the ground or on a tangent.

Our hope is to create a lake management plan that provides structure for our commissioners. If we succeed, the commissioners can react to issues with confidence, proceeding with knowledge of your support. Thank you to those that have helped bring us to where we are. Please continue to participate, have patience and trust the outcome as we strive to formalize a document that can assure the future quality of Long Lake.

# LLLPRD Annual Meeting Minutes [abridged]

July 30, 2005  
By Pat Andress



**Commissioners Present:** Wayne Sauls, Pat Andress, Jim Dahl, Marcia Loofboro.

**Constituents Present:** 34

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

**Minutes:** July 2004 annual meeting minutes were approved as published in Fall, 2004 newsletter.

## Committee Reports:

**Fish and Water Quality:** Lou Frase, chair, reported and offered a written report upon request. Lou reviewed the history of monitoring that began locally in 1989. Only Secchi depth was monitored until 2001 when regular chemistry studies began to further clarify the lake status. Of all the measurements, the phosphorous level is the most important because it is a factor in algae growth. Phosphorous enters the lake in soil erosion, sewage, and fertilizers. Long Lake remains in a desirable mesotrophic range, but if phosphorous levels increase, undesirable water quality may result. Restoration is costly. Ways to keep the lake healthy were suggested by Lou. The measures include:

- Limit soil erosion by silt fences during construction.
  - Provide for proper storm water runoff.
  - Minimize shoreline soil disturbances.
  - Preserve or restore buffer zones.
  - Use only non-phosphorous fertilizers.
  - Ensure functioning sewage systems.
- The fishery was briefly discussed. With more abundant aquatic plants, the fishery is generally improved. Joe Kurz, DNR fisheries biologist, ([Joe Kurz, 715-726-7884 kurzj@dnr.wi.us](mailto:Joe.Kurz@dnr.wi.us)), gave disturbing news that recently Eurasian water milfoil was found in Lake Wissota. That news led to discussion of the need for boaters to use proper procedures when cleaning watercraft. Joe also reviewed positive changes for the fish population in Long Lake since the 1970s. He promoted the practice of leaving fallen trees in the water at the shoreline and reviewed the Rusty crayfish situation. Scott Bowe, DNR Conservation Warden, ([Scott Bowe, 715 239 6586 Scott.bowe@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Scott.bowe@dnr.state.wi.us)) told about problems with recent timber harvesting, violations, and the following remediation efforts on land for the proposed Chippewa Preserve

Development. Scott described steep terrain and problems related to proposed roads in the possible development.

Scott reported on few boating violations and encouraged lake residents to report possible violations to him. Scott also stressed the proper disposal of gray water; that it is illegal to do otherwise. Scott reinforced the need for education regarding proper cleaning of watercraft to prevent spreading of exotic aquatic species.

Interest in stopping the spread of exotic species prompted suggestions for more educational efforts. A specific suggestion was to place educational materials at establishments in the area.

**Conferences:** After a short break, Pat Andress reported on conferences. Pat attended the three-day lakes conference April 28-30, 2005, hosted by the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership, which includes UW Extension, Wisconsin DNR, and the Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL). The theme of the conference was "Water in Our Veins," celebrating lake volunteers.

**Publicity Report:** Lesley Sauls gave the publicity report and had welcome bags for new people on the lake. Several people volunteered to deliver these gestures of hospitality. Lesley also reminded the group of the annual picnic, organized by Margaret Hagen, on Saturday, August 13 at Morris Erickson County Park.

**Recognition: Wayne Sauls**  
Wayne Sauls served two terms as a LLLPRD commissioner, and he was presented with a certificate of appreciation for service. A \$25.00 check was presented by the district to the Long Lake Foundation in Wayne's name.

**Treasurer Report:** In the absence of Darlene Glass, Wayne presented the treasurer's report and the annual budget, explaining two increases: an increase in liability insurance from \$949.00 to \$1019.00 and for the publicity committee with a \$50.00 website increase. Wayne explained John Schepcke's recommendation that the buoys be replaced because they are inadequate. The cost would amend the proposed budget \$911.00 to a total of \$3955.00. A recommended levy of \$3000.00 passed unanimously.

**Foundation Report & Election:** Don Granger and Steve Johnson were elected

foundation directors. Wayne Sauls said that the foundation is considering property that includes part of Cedar Creek and will require grant assistance. The foundation is also considering management of conservation easements on privately held land as a means of expanding the mission.

**Commissioner Election:** Harlyn Misfeldt was unanimously elected.

**Old Business:** Concern has been expressed about native aquatic plants that interfere with boating, swimming, and fishing. Wayne reviewed the response from Deb Konkel, DNR aquatic plant specialist, as reported in the minutes, April 8, 2005. Deb will report again in August.

**New Business:** A discussion of **Herde Lake** led to the suggestion of a slow-no-wake ordinance for the lake. Instead, a slow-no-wake sign will be posted at the narrow entrance to the lake on property owned in part by Ann Dickerson. Suggestions were made for more educational materials and publicity related to boating and personal watercraft (PWC) regulations. Complaints about **PWC** operator behaviors called for rules to be outlined in the LLLPRD newsletter and at Morris Erickson County Park boat landing. Courtesy was encouraged for managing conflicts. Lenny Seyberth also proposed that a LoonWatch sign be posted. Seven-year **Chippewa Valley Outdoor Resource Alliance (CVORA)** Volunteer Lenny continued with an explanation about CVORA and participation by LLLPRD. Lenny will contact Ty Bernicke who may be interested in replacing him. Marjorie Ling, the property owner adjacent to the **North Boat Landing**, expressed concern about limited space for parking at this landing. There continues to be an issue with the property lines. Use of the nearby Morris Erickson County Park boat landing is encouraged.

**Adjournment:** 11:50 a.m.

Following the adjournment the proposed Chippewa Preserve Development was informally discussed, and Marcia Loofboro gave pertinent information. She encouraged constituents to attend town meetings.