# Spring 2018 Newsletter

# **Long Lake Link**

Long Lake Property Owners Association

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#### **UPCOMING AREA EVENTS**

June 16 Arts/Crafts/Music Outdoor Show (8am-12pm); Firemen's Sandwich Day (11am);

Chamber's Pie Social (9am-2pm)

June 13-Aug. 22 Turtle Races every Wednesday (1-3pm)

June 23 Book & Bake Sale (9am-2pm)
June 30 Turtle Town Art Fair (9am-3pm)

July 1 Music in the Park w/Monroe Crossing (5-7pm)

July 4 Celebrate Independence Day all day - parade, food & fun!

July 6&7 The Kings of Swing Play Carnegie Hall (7-9pm)

June 21-23 12th Annual Moondance Jammin' Country Fest

July 19-21 Moondance Jam

July 28 Walker Triathlon (9am-1pm)

August 4 Lions Corn & Sausage Feed (11am-2pm); Bake Sale (10am-2pm)

August 5 "Fly-In/Drive-In" Pancake Breakfast (8am-noon)

August 11 Annual Church Auction (10am)

August 11 Northwoods Art & Book Festival (9am-3pm)
August 22 Last Turtle Races of the season...bummer! (1-3pm)
Sept. 1 Longville Lions' Hog Heaven Lunches (11am-2pm)

Sept. 1-2 "Arts off 84" Art Crawl (9am-5pm)

Sept. 13-29 "Fall Has It All" (all day)

Sept. 15 Oktoberfest (all day); Book & Bake Sale (9am-2pm)

Sept. 15 North Country Marathon (9am-12pm)

Sept. 29 6th Annual Moondance Harvest Moon Festival Oct. 27 Free Halloween SPOOKtacular! (5:30-7pm)

Downtown

Downtown Library

Salem Lutheran Church

Salem Lutheran Church (outdoors)

Downtown

Hackensack Community Building

Hwy. 200, Walker Hwy. 200, Walker Walker City Park

Downtown

Longville Municipal Airport Salem Lutheran Church

Hackensack Downtown

Docksider Parking Lot

Hwy. 84 from Pine River to Longville

Longville, Hackensack, Remer &

Walker

Downtown; Library

Walker

Hwy. 200, Walker Camp Olson YMCA

#### **LLPOA MISSION**

The purpose of this Association shall be to maintain and improve lake water quality and lake bed health, maintain and continue fish propagation and protect wildlife and its habitat.

It shall also provide education about many issues affecting lake property owners and users through the dissemination of information to Long Lake property owners and their families.

#### A letter from the President

**Greetings Long Lakers!** 

Four weeks ago, there still was considerable ice on the lake, making us believe that fishing opener would require fishing through a hole in the ice. And then came the August weather with temperatures in the 80s, virtually melting the ice in two weeks. Fishing opener not only happened, but the water temperature was 57 degrees. Amazing!

I don't know about all of you, but from my perspective, this winter was a long one. We normally love to come up to the cabin during the winter where we set up a pond hockey rink, complete with regulation goal boxes and night lighting. Our kids and grandkids all love to play hockey and can skate circles around Meg and I, but we always manage to make it a fun game. This winter, it was so bone-chilling cold, it was difficult to skate or snowmobile. The January average temperature in Longville was  $-10^{\circ}$ F, with an average wind of 5-18 mph. The average temperature in February was  $11^{\circ}$ F, with an average wind of 4-18 mph. The snowmobile trails were never in the greatest condition due to inadequate snowfall; and when we did get decent snow for the trails to be groomed, then the temperature tanked. So, we did not come up very often, and that seemed to make our winter go by incredibly slow.

I attended the Aquatic Invaders Summit in Minneapolis from February 28 – March 1, 2018, where we heard from a collaboration of AIS experts at the federal, state and municipal government levels, as well as from various lake associations currently fighting AIS outbreaks. One fact became very clear. The cost of fighting AIS, once it is in a lake, is staggering. As an example, Lake Koronis in Stearns County, discovered an infestation of starry stonewart, an alga that spreads rapidly, forming dense mats on the water's surface. These algae are so thick, they inhibit recreation on the water, kill other aquatic plants by blocking light, and provide an unsuitable shelter, food and nesting habitat for native animals. Lake Koronis's lake association and the Minnesota DNR have already collectively invested more than \$800,000 fighting this invader, and it's only just begun. An outbreak of this nature can literally render a lake unusable for recreation, devastating property values.

**All in favor of not going there...say aye**. Our strategy on Long Lake is one of prevention, and each of us as property owners has a role to play. It begins with education to understand what we can do to prevent an AIS infestation on Long Lake. It involves knowing which lakes are affected and following simple "Clean – Drain – Dry" procedures when launching any type of watercraft or toys into the lake – boats, trailers, PWC, canoes, kayaks, water skis, hydrofoils, tow ropes, tubes, and any other objects that have been in another body of water in the last five days. (See the list of Cass County infected lakes and the Clean-Drain-Dry guidelines in this newsletter.)

So here is what we are asking of all property owners:

**Visiting friends and relatives** - When your visiting friends and relatives bring their own watercraft or toys to Long Lake, find out if they have been in any infected body of water in the last five days. If they have, they need to be decontaminated first with high pressure hot water before being allowed into the lake. Arrangements have been made for this to be done free at the Musky House as part of our collaboration with Cass County.

**Neighbors** - If you have neighbors that are not members of the Long Lake Property Owners Association, talk to them about our efforts to prevent AIS and encourage them to join so that they too can be part of the effort that protects and enhances property values on Long Lake.

The Board of Directors held our first meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> and we discussed our focus for 2018 as dictated by the survey we ran among the membership at the Annual Meeting last August. In order of priority, you asked us to: 1) promote high water quality on the lake and continue our water testing program to monitor the quality; 2) help educate us all on AIS prevention and what each of us can do to help prevent it; 3) continue publishing the newsletter to keep all members informed; 4) place and maintain the buoys on the lake to promote safety; and 5) continue our fish stocking program to improve fishing on Long Lake. We will do our best to make progress on each of these initiatives throughout 2018.

As always, if you have specific subjects you would like the LLPOA Board to discuss at our upcoming meetings, please feel free to e-mail me at <a href="mailto:wayne@msiresults.com">wayne@msiresults.com</a>. The Board is here to represent your interests.

We thank you for your continued support. Have a fun, safe summer!

Minnesota DNR
List of Infested Waters
as of April 13, 2018



Water body name	County or counties	Listed for aquatic invasive species	Year listed as infested	Year species was first con- firmed, or con- nected water body	DOW num- ber
Bass (or Ray)	Cass	zebra mussel	2010	connected to Gull (11-0305)	11-0220
Girl	Cass	Eurasian watermilfoil	2017	2017	11-0174
Green's	Cass	zebra mussel	2010	connected to Gull (11-0305)	11-0786
Gull	Cass	zebra mussel	2010	2010	11-0305
Gull River	Cass	zebra mussel	2010	2014	NA
Leech	Cass	zebra mussel	2016	2016 (veligers)	11-0203
Leech	Cass	Eurasian watermilfoil	2005	2004	11-0203
Leech Lake River between Mud Lake and Mississippi River	Cass	faucet snail	2010	2010	NA
Margaret	Cass	zebra mussel	2010	connected to Gull (11-0305)	11-0222
Pike Bay	Cass	zebra mussel	2014	2016	11-0415
Roosevelt	Cass and Crow Wing	Eurasian watermilfoil	2016	2016	11-0043
Spider	Cass	zebra mussel	2010	connected to Gull (11-0305)	11-0221
Town Line	Cass	Eurasian watermilfoil	2009	2009	11-0190
Unnamed stream connecting Pike Bay and Cass Lakes	Cass	zebra mussel	2014	connected to Cass (04-0030)	NA
Upper Gull	Cass	zebra mussel	2010	connected to Gull (11-0305)	11-0218
Washburn	Cass	Eurasian watermilfoil	2009	2009	11-0059
Winnibigoshish	Cass	faucet snail	2009	2008	11-0147
Winnibigoshish	Cass	zebra mussel	2013	2012	11-0147
Winnibigoshish	Cass and Itasca	starry stonewort	2016	2016	11-0147

**NOTE:** The following nearby lakes in Crow Wing County are infested with zebra mussels: Clamshell, Cross, Daggett, Nisswa, North Long, Serpent and Whitefish; Bay, Emily and Mary are infected with Eurasian watermilfoil; Ruth and Ossawinnamakee are infected with both zebra mussels & Eurasian watermilfoil.

### How many lakes and rivers are listed as infested?

Less than 7% of Minnesota's more than 11,000 lakes are on the infested waters list. Less than 3% of Minnesota lakes are listed as infested with zebra mussels. As of January 2018, we have confirmed zebra mussels in 150 lakes and wetlands. We have listed 155 bodies of water as infested with zebra mussels because they are closely connected to a waterway where zebra mussels have been found. (MN DNR website; 4/13/18)

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# Long Lake Link

#### Minnesota's Lake Associations – Who we are and what we do

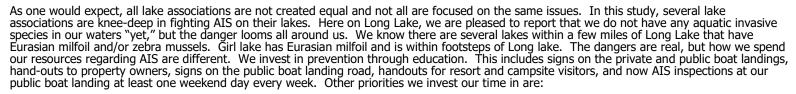
Have you ever wondered why we even have lake associations and what purpose they serve? We're not regulators, law-makers, or police. So, what are we and what do we do? That question was answered recently with the release of an objective study conducted by Concordia College where 250 respondents from 186 Minnesota lake associations responded to the survey questionnaire. That represented a 43% response rate on a survey that took an average of 30 minutes to complete.

In Minnesota, there is no greater resource than its freshwater ecosystems. Water is not only crucial for drinking but is also critical to the state's economy. Billions of dollars flow through the sales of fishing licenses and equipment, boat tabs, and recreational activities. Minnesota has 11,842 lakes over 10 acres in size. We have 6,564 natural rivers and streams that cumulatively flow over 69,000 miles. We have 10.6 million acres of wetlands, second only to Alaska.

The responsibility of maintenance of all this water has been delegated to various state and county governmental units such as the DNR, watershed districts, cities and towns. However, these units lack the time and funding to maintain a presence on every lake and stream in Minnesota on a daily basis. As stakeholders vested in the long-term preservation of these ecosystems, citizens willing to volunteer to monitor and protect the lakes form community groups known as lake associations.

Lake associations are heavily engaged in lake conservation including water quality testing, water quality improvement, shoreline maintenance, aquatic invasive species inspections, AIS decontamination, AIS education, fish stocking and more. There are an estimated 500 lake associations across the state, making us one of the largest volunteer bodies in Minnesota. There are literally thousands of association members residing in various legislative districts across the state, yet there is a lack of communication between lake association members, the public and policy makers. Lake associations are the organizations that represent our lake cabin property owners and yet, most Minnesotans don't even know we exist, nor do they understand that we donate millions of dollars and volunteer hours to lake preservation and restoration projects. Here are the findings of the study:

- 90% of lake associations have protection and preservation of the lake as their #1 goal
- 82.3% of lake association members are state residents
- 69.7% of lake association members can vote on legislation that affects the lake
- Collectively, Minnesota lake associations donate around \$6.25 million to care for lakes in the form of dues, private donations, municipal grants, memorials and fundraisers
- Lake associations collectively spend over 600,000 hours on three primary activities:
  - ♦ AIS-related activities
  - ♦ Water quality
  - Meeting attendance
  - ♦ Other (fish stocking, water safety, shoreland restoration)
- 56% of lake associations provide education on AIS to members and boaters
- 41% provide water testing education to keep members updated on results
- 16% reported working on water-safety education
- 64% of respondents indicated their members are motivated to help reach lake association goals
- The top three challenges lake associations face are: 1) inadequate member participation; 2) not being taken seriously by the DNR; and 3) the aging population of lake property owners, with 70% being 61-80 years old



- Water quality testing and reporting
- Channel and marker buoys to improve safety on the lake
- DNR fish stocking programs
- Communication tools such as publishing this newsletter, e-mails, and a website; publishing/distributing a directory
- Arranging for guest speakers at our annual meeting

As individual property owners, we are but a single voice. But as a lake association, we are a cohesive group that contributes considerably to the lake, the community, the county and the state. As an example, did you know that Cass County has the second largest population of cabins in the state at 12,058, and that we cabin owners pay 62% of the county's total tax burden? Did you know that 62% of lake home and cabin owners buy an annual fishing license and an average of four fishing licenses are sold to people who come up to the lake to visit? That is roughly half the total fishing licenses sold in the state of Minnesota.

Through your support and membership in our association, we have a voice and are working with county and state governmental offices to the benefit of Long Lake. Thank you for your continued support - we couldn't do it without you, our members!



### Ranger Rick's Winter/Spring 2018 Fishing Report

What day did spring happen this year? We had ice on the lake, and then two weeks later, it was gone. I was thinking fishing opener was a goner for sure, but the ice went out on May 5<sup>th</sup>, exactly one month later than last year when it went out on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Water temperatures have warmed up much faster than normal with the intense heatwave we have experienced with daytime temperatures in the 70s and 80s. The crappies were biting on minnows and leeches in the shallows early in the season. Then last weekend, which was a hot one, they left the shallows and went into water depths in the 14-16 foot range. Those experiencing success were using jigheads with minnows.

One angler caught an 11 pound northern whose stomach was full of trout. Yes... they are out there. Set your sights on some trout that have now been out there for two years and should be in the 14-16" size range. I did talk to one angler who caught an 18 incher. And for those of you who like them big, the DNR released



caught an 18 incher. And for those of you who like them big, the DNR released fifty 5-6 pound trout into the lake on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. These were "brooders" they used at the hatchery to lay eggs. They only keep them up to a certain size and then they are released into the wild. A 5 to 6-pound trout is a nice fish. We now have around 50,000 trout in Long Lake just waiting to be caught. We will share more tips on how to catch these bad boys in future newsletters, as well as sharing some tasty recipes on how to prepare them.

Remember, anglers need a Minnesota trout stamp validation and a fishing or sports license when fishing in designated trout lakes, Lake Superior, or when possessing trout on waters that are not designated trout water. All trout in possession require a trout validation, unless received as a gift. Trout stamps are not required for children younger than 18 years old, adults who are 65 and older, people fishing with a 24-hour or 72-hour license, or people who are exempt from fishing license requirements or who receive a fishing license at no charge.

Rainbow trout tend to be active during the spring and fall when water temperatures are cooler; during these times you will often see them on the surface of the lake. In early spring, they respond well to flies on the surface. Trolling with small Rapalas, spinners or spoons is always a good bet according to the DNR. They will also bite on minnows, worms, crawlers and wax worms. Bottom line – we just need to get out there and fish to see what works best during the different times of the year. Let us know what works for you. Remember, the limit is five, with not more than three being greater than 16" in length.

Have fun out there!



Thank you to Annie VonBokern for sharing her photo with us.

### Has anyone else seen this guy?!

We have received multiple reports of sightings of a black bear in the area. The first report came in about a week ago - he was spotted around the south end of Kego Lake near Cozy Lodge Drive and Sparkling Waters Lane. This weekend, we heard that he had been seen twice along County Road 126 near the old cemetery, about 9:00 in the morning. (Wayne and I have had our cabin on Long Lake since 2000, and we have only seen one bear in all those years! And it was a little cub.)

This big guy looks to be in pretty good shape, so he's obviously finding plenty to eat. I suggest you keep an eye on your trash cans, and picnic baskets.

Just sayin'...



### Longville mourns loss of town dog Bruno

For years, Bruno traveled to Longville. On Monday, Longville traveled to Bruno.

A memorial of flowers, drawings and doggie treats grew at the statue in downtown Longville erected years ago to honor the town's most famous canine. "They've been leaving this for Bruno today," said Bruno's owner, Deb LaVallee as she read the notes left for her dog. For 14 years, Bruno made the four-mile daily trek down Highway 84 from his rural home to visit his human friends in town. Some businesses left out water dishes, others opened their doors and allowed Bruno to rest in their lobbies for a while. The workers at the grocery store kept deli scraps for Bruno's appearances at their back door.

On Sunday morning Bruno was on his way to town when he was hit and killed by car. The driver was on her way to church. "She's devastated," said Beth Tobiason, who attended the same Sunday service. "She couldn't even make it through church." Deb LaVallee and her husband Larry wanted the driver to know there are no hard feelings. "We went and visited her and told her it wasn't her fault," Deb said.



Bruno visiting Frosty's Summer 2017

The LaVallees say they are touched by hundreds of condolence messages left on social media, many of them on Bruno's Facebook page. A few comments were critical, suggesting Bruno should not have been roaming free. The LaVallees initially tried tying Bruno up, but say he nearly choked himself to death trying to get to town. Over time, they gave up on chaining their wandering pup. "That would have been cruel," Larry said. "He wouldn't have turned out to be Bruno that we all loved," Deb added. Pat Moran, a Longville real estate agent, agrees. "He was just that free and loose spirit and that's what he loved to do," said Moran, "and everybody loved that he did it."

The LaVallees buried Bruno in their yard. They placed a wooden cross above his grave, onto which they hung Bruno's collar. "You can't help but be happy for the life he lived," said Levi LaVallee, Larry and Deb's son, "Pretty amazing."

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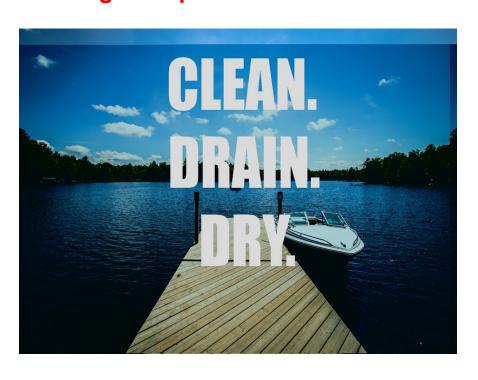


# Your Guide to Preventing the Spread of AIS

CLEAN all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailers and water-related equipment before leaving any water access or shoreland.

DRAIN water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait containers, motor) and drain bilge, livewell, and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access or shoreland property. Keep drain plugs out and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.

DRY everything that came in contact with water for at least five days to destroy any clinging AIS.



#### Long Lake Property Owners Association Annual Board Meeting Minutes August 12, 2017

**Date:** August 12, 2017 **Location:** Salem Lutheran Church **Presiding:** Wayne Voigtschild – President

Meeting called to order at 9:35 am by President Wayne Voigtschild

#### **Introduction of current Officers and Zone Directors:**

- Wayne introduced the Officers and Zone Directors
- Conducted verbal vote to keep existing Officers and Zone Directors for the next year; vote was yes.

#### **Review the objectives of the Association:**

- To maintain and improve lake water quality and lake bed health.
- To maintain and continue fish propagation.
- To protect wildlife and their habitat.
- To provide education on many issues affecting lake properly owners through the development and dissemination of information.

#### Report on water quality:

- The water is tested quarterly.
- The south end was clearer than the north end.
- 25-foot visibility.
- Shoreline restoration is important for maintaining good water clarity.

#### Report on rainbow trout stocking program.

- Wayne asked if anyone had been catching the trout.
  - ♦ No one replied.
  - ♦ Wayne stated he had some reports of 11" trout being caught.
  - ♦ So far 26,000 fish have been put into the lake.
- Question: Why introduce species not already in the lake?
  - ♦ The walleye stocking was not working.
  - Our lake conditions are good for trout.
  - ♦ The lake Association vote was 75% in favor of stocking the trout.
  - ♦ It is a 3-year program that we can stop at any time.
  - ♦ The trout will not propagate in the lake.
  - It is a good bait fish.
- This fall 10,000 trout 8 oz. in size will be stocked.
- The same will be done in spring 2018.
- The DNR is paying for this, it is free to us.

**Treasurer's and Secretary reports** (reports were not available to review, did not get printed in time for meeting)

Aquatic Invasive Species report: The focus is on education — knowing what to do.

#### Discussion of actions taken by the Association to increase public awareness:

- Permanent signs are now installed along boat landing road (quick reading)
- **Will Laraway Memorial** Large 4 x 4 sign at the boat landing focused on getting boaters' attention and informing them about how to prevent the spread of AIS.
- AIS prevention signs now installed at boat landings at Camp O' My Dreams and Deer Trail Resort & Campground.
- Letters supplied to the resorts on the prevention of AIS (passed out to all visitors)
- Participation in the "Aquatic Invaders Summit" A statewide conference held in October 2016 collaborative event sharing
  experiences of scientist, lake associations, the DNR, federal government, state government, county organizations and other
  AIS experts.
- AIS inspector staffing the Long Lake public landing: Our sincere thanks to Rima Smith-Keprios, Cass County AIS Coordinator and Cindy Kuettel, AIS Inspector!
- Shore land Homeowner's Guide to Lake Stewardship handed out to all property owners focus on keeping our lakes healthy.
- Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers Quick Tips delivered to all properly owners to share with family and guests.
- Publishing articles in the Long Lake Link.

(Annual Board Meeting minutes continued from page seven)

#### Questions:

- Can volunteers train to be a Level One Inspector? Yes, please contact Wayne for information.
- He referred to the handout stating which lakes in Cass County are infested.
  - 513 Minnesota lakes and rivers (5% of the lakes are currently infested with AIS as of August 2, 2017; 130 bodies of water are infested with zebra mussels.
  - 16 Cass County lakes and rivers (1.8%) are currently infested with AIS as of August 2, 2017.
  - Girl Lake is now infested with Eurasian watermilfoil and this demands extra diligence from all of us!
- Is there a way to get rid of AIS? No, the only way they have succeeded was to completely kill the lake.
- Can we send boats away from the landing?
  - Inspectors Yes, they give them a slip that must be returned proving they had their boat cleaned.
  - ♦ Volunteers can ask but cannot enforce.
- What is the decontamination process?

  - ♦ Takes about 45 minutes
  - ♦ The Musky House does it.
  - ◊ It is free in Cass County. If you get a slip from the inspector, you must pay to have it done.
- One of the members stated that it would be a good idea for people renting out their cabins to require proof from their guests that their boat has been cleaned.
- At the conference: (Wayne and Russ attended)
  - It was stated that in the State of Minnesota 10,000 warnings have been issued, but no citations were issued.
  - ♦ Lake associations are working together for a bigger voice.
  - ♦ In Idaho they take your boat if you are in violation.
  - ♦ The state has 2 or 3 dogs trained for detecting zebra mussels.
- Cindy Kuettel spoke about her experience at our boat landing.
  - ♦ She is a Level One Watercraft Inspector.
  - ♦ Most boats entering our lake were clean.
  - ♦ Always remember to bring fresh water for your bait.
  - ♦ Some people come with the plug in. The plug must be removed to make sure no water is in the boat.
  - When leaving the lake remove the plug away from the landing so that nothing drains back into the lake.
  - Question Rub your hand along the bottom edge of the boat; if there is a sandpaper feel it could be zebra mussels.
  - Boats coming from Leech Lake are mostly decontaminated prior to entering our lake.
  - ♦ Cass County has free decontamination at the Federal Dam and at the Musky House (reimbursed by the county).
  - Questions:
    - \* How busy was it at our landing? Answer was, "Pretty quiet."
    - \* Any infected boats found on our landing? No some weeds
    - \* What about duck hunters and duck boats? This could be a big issue; going lake to lake to hunt is common.
  - ♦ Resorts and rental home owners need to educate guests.

#### **Guest Speakers: Sean Dunham, PhD Archeologist, Chippewa National Forest**

- · Topics discussed:
  - ♦ The history of the Chippewa National Forest.
  - ♦ Climate change impact on the forest.
  - ♦ Invasive species impacting the forest.
  - ♦ Forest management practices past, present and future.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am, with Wayne thanking everyone for attending the meeting.

### **Hydrofoiling on Long Lake**

Ever wonder what this sport is all about? We're about to find out as the hydrofoilers on Long Lake have organized a national competition on July 13-16 on Long Lake. There will be approximately twenty-five riders coming in from all over the country to compete in a "big air" contest. The event is sanctioned by the USA Waterski Association and will no doubt be entertaining to anyone interested in seeing skilled skiers defying gravity with their acrobatic moves. It promises to be quite a spectacle.

So what is hydrofoiling? In this sport, the rider sits on the seat of the hydrofoil and is strapped in with a seat belt; their feet are strapped into bindings near the front of the board. Water flowing past the hydrofoil wings generates lift, which can be controlled by the rider to move the board up and down, or side to side above the surface of the water. The rider must generally be centered over the post of the hydrofoil as small body movements in any direction can cause significant reactions with the hydrofoil. To "float" upward the rider leans back while maintaining balance to avoid pitching forward unexpectedly. To go back down the rider leans forward or pushes down with the feet. Turning is accomplished by pointing the knees in the direction desired; the hydrofoil will follow. To jump, the rider leans even farther back. This will give the rider a somewhat stable base to perform aerial tricks. Any boat can be used, but a boat with a tower will help with height and jumping ability as riders advance.



For beginners, 15 to 18 miles per hour is an optimal speed, where advanced riders utilize increased speeds up to 30 miles per hour to gain extra height and length on their jumps.

The riders will be performing on the northwest side of the southernmost bay of the lake, and have requested that we give them sufficient space to perform during the event. Between Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, the riders will be honing their skills in preparation for the competition on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Those of you interested in watching this event can do so by boating over to the southeast side of the lake and observing from a safe distance.

The group recognizes that Long Lake is here for everyone's enjoyment and has committed not to block any primary traffic lanes with their towboats during this event. We in turn have been asked to give them the space they need to assure the safety of all skiers and observers alike. Considering our AIS concerns, we have also asked that they inspect their boats, hydrofoils, trailers and gear to assure there are no hitchhiking aquatic invaders aboard. If they have been in an infested lake within the last seven days, we ask that they have their equipment decontaminated at the Musky House before entering the lake.

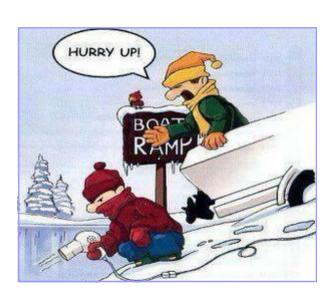
For those of you interested, enjoy the show.

P.S. The group hopes to spice things up a little this year for added viewer enjoyment!

Did anyone else's winter feel like this?!

By the way, the ice on Long Lake didn't go out until May 5th this spring!

But believe it or not, the water temperature had warmed up to 67 degrees by May 26!!



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#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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#### 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Saturday, June 2nd @ 10:00 am Saturday, July 7th @ 10:00 am Saturday, August 11th @ <u>9:30 am</u> \*\* Saturday, September 15th @ 10:00 am (?)

\*\* Annual meeting begins at 9:30 am; doors open at 9:00 am

Meetings are held at Salem Lutheran Church in Longville. All property owners are always welcome to attend.



RECYCLE REDUCE REUSE

### 2018 BOAT PARADE!!



Come join us for the annual 4th of July boat parade this year...on the 4th of July! You can dress up, decorate your boat (or both), or just cruise around the lake honking and waving at the spectators on shore.

Boaters should meet at the Narrows at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, July 4th. This year the parade will start out heading NORTH!

(Not trying to be a "Debbie Downer," but last year a few people on shore were hit with water balloons thrown from boats in the parade. Just to be on the safe side, plus not have foreign objects sinking to the lake bottom where the loons might eat them, please refrain from throwing things off the boats.)

#### **LLPOA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!**

We will continue to run the "Join the LLPOA" membership campaign. We want to reach property owners that haven't joined the Association yet, or those who may not even know the LLPOA exists. We are hoping that we can enlist the help of our current LLPOA members in this campaign by asking them to talk to their neighbors and find out if they are members already or not. Share with them what we are doing to keep aquatic invasive species out of the lake, how we are managing the lake's water quality and how we are working to protect local wildlife and its habitat - and then encourage them to join. We need everyone's help!

In order to reach as many people as we can, we will continue to send out paper copies of the Link to those owners who are not on our e-mail list.

It saves the Association a lot of printing and postage costs when we send the Link by e-mail, so please consider adding yourselves to our newsletter e-mail list; plus you'll receive the added bonus of getting the Link in color! We never use your e-mail for anything other than Association news. If you would like to begin receiving the Link by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Meg Voigtschild at meg@msiresults.com.

