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President's Message | Round Lake

Mark Parrish | President

Your help is needed!

This is my ninth year as president of the Round Lake Association. Linda Esser has been treasurer for much longer. We can find no one who is willing to step up and replace us.

Would you or someone you know be willing to volunteer to fill these roles? In fact, two individuals could possibly share the duties of each position. I resigned at the last board meeting but agreed to stay on until someone has been found. If we can't find leadership, I'm concerned about the continuation of the association and the LID. The most important functions of the association and LID are to keep Bishop's Creek navigable and manage the control of curly leaf pond weed.

Regarding Bishops Creek, thank goodness the creek was dredged in 2019. With the drought of 2021 it would certainly have been unnavigable. We looked at doing a type of suction dredging on the Gull Lake side of the tunnel where the utilities are buried. It was determined that the water depth in that area was the same depth as that of the tunnel and not much would be gained by dredging. We also observed that the only thing that was making it possible to enter the tunnel from the Round

Lake side was the action of the boat propellers. That area is V shaped. Outside the middle of the V the water depth is no more than 12 inches. Hopefully we receive ample rain and snow to alleviate the problem over the winter.

Curly leaf pond weed showed up again this spring for the first time in four years. There were 6.5 acres that were treated in 2021. However, due to the balance in the LID account, the board once again voted a zero assessment in 2022 on property owners' taxes.

Lastly, please talk to you neighbors around the lake to find someone who would be interested in taking an active role in the work that the Association does to ensure that all of us can enjoy Round Lake to its fullest.



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President's Message | North Long Lake

Jim Weiss | President

Hello friends of North Long Lake. I'm Jim Weiss, your newly elected lake association president. As I mentioned in my Meet the Board bio in this newsletter, my wife, Jan, and I moved here in 2017 to begin our retirement.

I'm pleased to represent our board in a leadership role and hope to enjoy your confidence in that role. I have big shoes to fill as I'm following Bill Schmidt's tenure as president. Bill served as our association president for 8 years and will continue to serve on our association board. With his assistance, I hope to continue the same caliber of performance he provided. Thanks to Bill for his fine leadership as president!

We have some additional changes to our board as well. Mike Hermann and Scott Naasz have resigned to pursue other activities and I want to thank them for their service to our association. Karri Turcotte is also leaving our board after 4 years of fine service - thank you Karri. Martha Weaver West and Chuck Knopik have joined our board, and are currently serving as vice president and secretary, respectively. Welcome Martha and Chuck and thanks for stepping up! While I'm relatively new to the board, I'm impressed with all our board members. They bring a wealth of experience and a variety of talents to the party, and I look forward to working with them to support and improve our lake environment.

In my time as a board member, I participated in collecting water samples, managing our aquatic invasive species (AIS) treatment, and assisted with our youth boating safety class. These are really good programs designed to enhance our lake life by providing us with information we can use for future programs, reducing the prevalence of invasive species, and educating our youth in safe boating practices. I learned a lot in my short involvement in these programs and encourage you as a lake association member to get active in your lake association. Feel free to contact me via e-mail for opportunities YOU can get involved in as we work to improve our lake life.

One area that affected us all over the past two years is our lake water level. Jan and I bought in 2017 and I noted at the 2018 association picnic one of the main areas of concern was the HIGH WATER LEVELS! What a swing in three short years! While we're ultimately at the mercy of the weather for our lake water levels, there are actions we can take as lakeshore owners to reduce the effect on our properties and boats until water levels return to more desirable levels. I know for myself, I pulled our boats earlier than normal, watched conditions at our boat ramps, and reconfigured our dock to gain access to deeper water. Put some thought into your own situation as you get ready for colder weather and a hopefully snowy winter and wetter spring.


Thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you.
Jim Weiss

Phosphorus and Our Lawn Clippings

Phosphorus is an important nutrient for our lawns and in Minnesota there is usually enough phosphorus in the soil to maintain a healthy lawn. Particularly if you mulch your lawn clippings back into the soil. So lawn fertilizer sold here does not contain phosphorus.

Which is good. Phosphorus promotes the growth of algae, which eventually decays and strips the water of oxygen needed to support fish, bugs and other aquatic life. And it also promotes excess vegetation in our lakes.

But when you allow runoff from your lawn to flow into the lake unimpeded, you are adding phosphorus into the lake. And if you have a pile of lawn clippings where rain water can filter through as they decompose, and then flow into the lake, you've just opened up an all-you-can-eat buffet for algae and excess vegetation.

A scuba diver is shown underwater in a green-tinted environment. The diver is wearing a blue wetsuit, a black BCD, and a scuba tank. They are looking towards the camera with a slight smile. Bubbles are rising from their regulator. The background is a hazy green, suggesting an underwater setting.

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the planet that very
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- Alan Albrecht, NLLA Board Member



One Planet Two Worlds by Alan Albrecht, NLLA Board Member

People often ask me why I enjoy scuba diving. The simple answer is this. I get to see part of the planet that very few other people ever get to see.

I have dove Merrifield Bay many times. It's always interesting to see the formations that the vegetation create and also see the various fish species. It's also fun watching the Bass chase the carbon bubbles floating up to the surface as I breathe and exhale. You would be surprised at the number of things that I have found at the bottom of the bay. They include anchors, hats, shoes, watches, flashlights, and a six pack of beer. I also found a St Croix fishing rod and reel.

I have also learned life lessons while scuba diving.

While diving in Merrifield Bay, I found myself tangled in the cord attached to my floating dive flag. At first, I found myself panicking because I really could not move in one direction or another and that's a problem when you are 30 feet below the surface of the water. Then I realized something. I could breathe. As long I could breathe, I knew I would be safe. I immediately calmed down and relaxed. I was able to access the situation and was able to use my small dive knife to untangle myself. Since then, I have used that moment to calm myself in critical situations. I always use that "I can breathe" realization and moment to steady myself in business and in my personal life.

I have had my PADI certification since 2005. PADI stands for Professional Association of Diving Instruction. It is the institution that sets the standards for scuba diving certification. Without a PADI certification card, you cannot rent out scuba tanks for scuba diving or get your scuba tank refilled with air for a scuba diving adventure.

The Brained Lakes area is blessed to be the home of a local dive shop - the Minnesota School of Diving. There, you can take

certification classes, take advanced training classes, buy scuba gear and get tanks refilled. MSD is also a great place to hear some great stories and see some interesting underwater finds. There is also a decompression chamber on site.

MSD was started by William Matthies. Bill started scuba diving back in 1958. Bill started Brainerd Skin-diving Supply, which would later be known as MSD or Minnesota School of Diving. Bill has a PADI certification number of 79. At the age of 85, he has the lowest numbered PADI Instructor number in the world.

Bill loves to tell you stories about the various artifacts that he has found while scuba diving and loves showing off the store. One of the more interesting amenities that the store has is an old corn silo that has been converted into a dive tank. There, the students there to learn commercial diving are practicing their skills, one of which is under water welding. Also, check on the decompression chamber. It is what I would call an "iron monster". It's quite fascinating.

Those stories would become the subject of his book, One Earth, Two Planets. Bill has been in muck of North Long Lake salvaging heavy equipment that fell into the lake. He has also dove in local city water tanks to clean them and unclogged milk holding tanks for various local dairy farmers.

If you are interested in going out for a dive on North Long Lake, let's get together. I would love to put together a North Long Lake scuba diving club and scuba dive the lake. If you are interested in learning to scuba dive, or just want to experience it for the first time, let me know. If enough people show interest, I will arrange an introductory class out on the lake. You can email me at albrecht@northlong.org.

Let's gear up and go diving.

July 4th Boat Parade on the 371 Bay

Our 10th annual July 4th boat parade had a great turnout with over 65 boats – despite the low water conditions this year. As always, Claire and Stephanie Esser organized the event at led – fully costumed – in the lead boat. Here are just a few of the photos; you can see the full slideshow on our NLLA YouTube channel.



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Kids are now ready to be 'Captain'

By Martha Weaver West, NLLA Board

How old do you have to be to drive a jetski? How far must your boat be from other boats while underway? More than two dozen teens and tweens now know the answers to those questions thanks to your support of the North Long Lake Association. The NLLA sponsored a free Youth Boater Safety class in June at Northern Cowboy restaurant. The kids ranged in age from 12 to 17 and came from near and far to attend.

Members of the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol division led the class through a series of scenarios, videos and quick quizzes for more than four hours. Several of the kids said they preferred to have the class in person rather than taking the DNR course online because it gave them the chance to ask questions, hear from the Deputies about real rescues and incidents, and probably best of all, drive the Sheriff's Office water patrol boats. Class was followed by a terrific lunch served by Northern Cowboy, followed by a hands-on ride in the Sheriff's Office boats. While class was in session, deputies had already placed buoys in the 371 bay to create a navigation course once kids were in the Captain's chair.

Each attendee also received a free lifejacket, courtesy of the North Long Lake Association. Watch this newsletter for announcements and details about next summer's course. The MN DNR's online course is always available at <https://www.boaterexam.com/usa/minnesota/>

The NLLA is extremely grateful to the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office for their partnership and the generosity of Northern Cowboy for providing the perfect venue and a terrific meal.

Need to refresh your boating knowledge? Minnesota's most common boater regulations can be found at <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/boatwater/index.html>. See you on the lake!



Sailing North Long Lake

By Jim Weiss, NLLA Board President

My wife, Jan and I bought our first sailboat in 1984. It was a 19' SolCat catamaran and a spur of the moment purchase as we had never been on a sailboat. Our seller showed us how to rig the boat on the trailer and after buying a couple life jackets we launched the first time. We didn't hit anything or injure anyone, although we had some close calls with that boat. We sold our SolCat for the price of our first baby crib, and have had three other sailboats on and off over the years since then.

As we began our search for a retirement home on a lake, one of our requirements was a lake big enough to sail on. North Long filled that bill nicely as the nice big, round main body, where we live, provides a good point of sail with wind from any direction. As we moved here we sold the boat we were sailing on Lake Pepin and began our search in earnest for a boat suitable for North Long Lake. As luck would have it, we found an ad at Schaefer's, and bought our new-to-us Hunter H22. Our boat came with a trailer and 9.9 outboard for backup power. We were smitten!

The Hunter H22 is 21'4" long, 7'11" wide, with a mast height of 31'2". We draw 12" of water with the keel up, and 42" with the keel down. Our boat has a swing keel, which allows us to raise and lower the keel, or "big fin" below the boat. What we really like about our boat is that it's in nice shape with not a lot of wear and tear, sails are in good, crisp shape, the engine is a 4 cycle, and the cockpit where you sit while under sail, is BIG, roomy, and comfortable. We can easily sail with a total crew of 6, even if they're inexperienced.

We usually try to get the boat rigged and in the water early May, after I wax the hull. Stepping (raising) the mast is more easily done with two, so I get help to do that. Once the mast is vertical, the rest can be done by one person. Our boat is a 2012

model, and required replacement of all our standing rigging this past summer after we noticed wear on parts of the rigging. Replacement cost of the standing rigging was \$550, and we did the install ourselves at our property. Chalk up another learning experience. Engine maintenance is normal, but this year we changed out the impeller when the pump failed us.

Our boat has two sails-the main is behind the mast and the headsail, or jib, is in front of the mast. We like to keep the boat in a slip on our dock, but low water prohibited that this last summer. Sound familiar? When Jan and I sail, we motor into deep water, where I lower the keel and install the rudder, which requires nearly four feet of water. While Jan steers into the wind, I raise the sails. It truly is a thing of beauty when we raise the sails, catch the wind, and shut down the engine. The transfer of noise from the engine to the sound of wind in the sails is almost magic.

Magic, right?

This is what our boat looks like under sail. Note that the mainsail does not run to the top of the mast. That's because winds were high; too much wind will lean or "heel" the boat over, making it uncomfortable for some sailors, especially new ones. Reducing the amount of sail, or "reefing", allows the boat to sail in a more upright posture as shown.

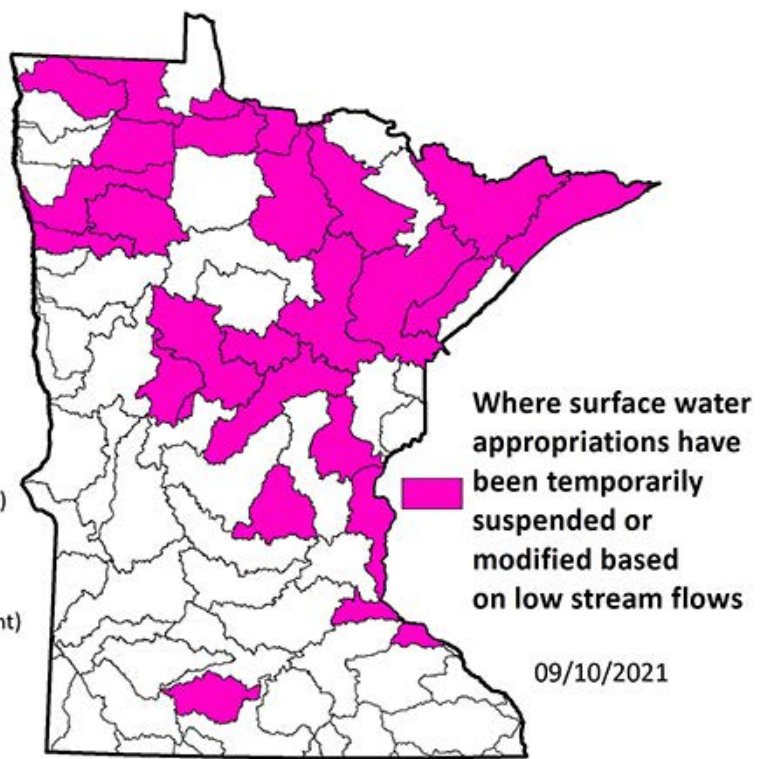
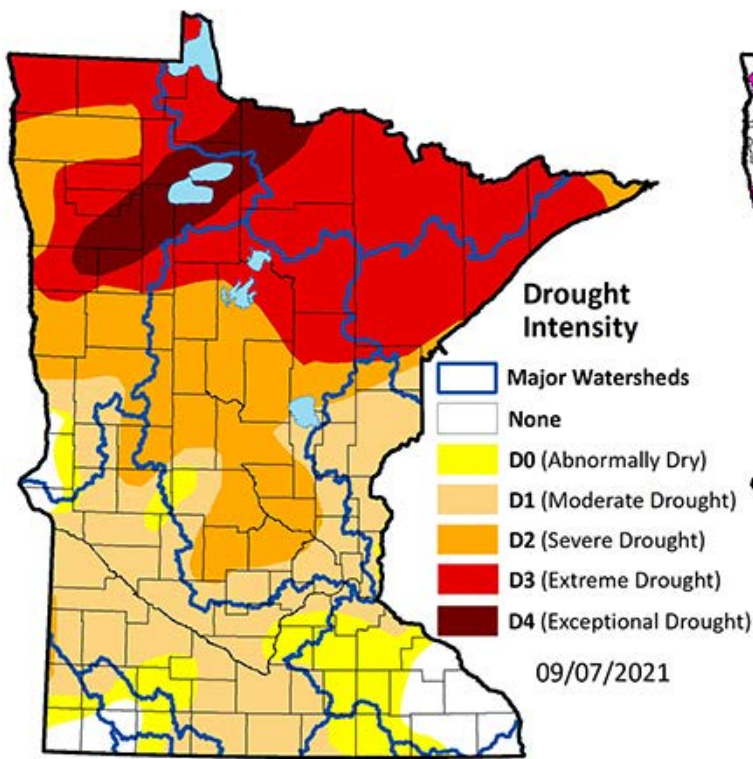
Now that we're out on the lake sailing, we can all imagine how easy it is to go with the wind. But when you're all the way across the lake and need to go against the wind to get home, you have two choices. You can fire up the engine and motor home (embarrassing) or you can sail home against the wind (noble). Most sailboats can sail approximately 45 degrees to the wind. That is, if the wind is coming straight at your bow (12 o'clock) you should be able to sail 45 degrees off that (10 or 2 o'clock). And you can *tack* back and forth to continue sailing either 10 or 2 o'clock to get home as long as you have wind. With a little planning and experience, it becomes easier every time.

As we approach our shore, we fire up the engine and Jan turns us into the wind so the sails are not catching the wind. With the sails down, I remove and stow the rudder, and Jan cranks up the keel. The keel is on a hydraulic cylinder, which requires about 70 pumps with a short handle. And if you're a newbie on our boat I'm probably going to have you do that work, but that's easy, too. With our low water levels, I usually jump out after stopping the engine and guide the boat to its mooring. Tidy up and it's time to reflect on the day's sail with a cocktail in the cockpit.

Like many lake residents, Jan and I also have a pontoon that we use just like you use yours. But for an afternoon on the lake, I prefer our little sailboat. Our sailboat gets me closer to the water, and I like that. We get to be a bit more active as sailors, and sailing requires a different skill set than driving a pontoon or ski boat. These boats each have their advantages, but I prefer our sailboat. We don't always get out as much as we'd like, but if you have an interest or curiosity about sailing, send me an e-mail at jim.weiss@northlong.org. I can always use a newbie to raise the main or crank up that keel. Time to set sail!







Drought in Minnesota

Drought is when there is a period of abnormally dry and/or unusually hot weather long enough for the deficiency of water to cause a *serious hydrologic imbalance*. When that occurs, we see soil moisture reserves and groundwater supplies declining. Lake levels and stream flows are reduced.

And of course, we've witness that first hand with the very low lake level this year. Not quite an all-time low, but close. To my knowledge, we have not encountered household water wells drying up. But we have seen the increase in fire risk associated with the dry weather.

Our precipitation this year (measured by the DNR at the Gull Lake Dam) closely mirrors our driest year on record – 1987. And we had usually low snowfall this past winter. While our current drought is not as severe as 1988-1989 (when we saw the all-time low water level in North Long), it has presented challenges to crop production, fire control, and our enjoyment of the lake.



While recent rainfall across much of Minnesota has resulted in some improvement in drought conditions in parts of the state, as of September 14:

- 23% of Minnesota – including the area around North Long Lake - is experiencing severe drought
- 30% is experiencing extreme drought
- 6% is experiencing exceptional drought

The entire state entered the drought warning phase in mid-July. In August, three watersheds in Minnesota entered the drought restrictive phase. The Mississippi River Headwaters watershed, the Rainy River watershed and the Red River watershed had been experiencing extreme to exceptional drought, necessitating further restrictions on water use to protect drinking water supplies.

Even with our recent rainfalls, we'll need at least four to eight inches of precipitation spread over a period of about one month to significantly alleviate the drought. While we've seen a few inches of rain since the beginning of September, the lake level only rose about 1.65 inches. And our soil is more efficiently replenished by multiple rainfall events than by any single heavy rainfall event.



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Meet Michael Haarstad - New Round Lake Board Member

Fulfilling a childhood dream of living on a lake year round, we built our home on Round Lake in 2017. My wife, Anna, and our three children: Heidi (7), Hazel (5) and Hunter (1) love being able to experience all of the unique amenities of the entire Gull Chain, with the pristine and tranquil water of Round Lake serving as our home base. Our summers are spent boating, swimming, tubing, kayaking and keeping the wait staff at the numerous Gull restaurants gainfully employed! We feel so fortunate to be able to raise them on a beautiful lake in such a neat community. As a part of the lake association board, my priorities are maintaining our excellent water quality and ensuring continued easy access to Gull Lake for generations to come. We believe this is why Round Lake simply can't be beat!



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	\$240.00	Summer TSI Analysis AWR	4/14/21
	\$7,938.00	Curly Leaf Treatment	8/30/21
Total Expenditures:	8,428.00		
Cash Balance as of 8/30/21:	<u>\$148,634.66</u>		
Projected Revenue:	\$ -	No Assessment for 2020	
Projected Expense:	\$2,200.00	MCIT Insurance	

Banking Summary Fiscal Yr End

Round Lake Improvement Association
7/1/2020 through 6/30/2021

Income

Interest Inc	250.71
Membership Dues	12,750.00
Total Income	13,000.71

Expenses

Buoys	343.27
Loon Nests	92.00
Mailbox Fee	56.00
Membership Request Mailing	301.63
Misc.	25.00
Picnic - Annual Meeting	769.15
Postage (Stamps, Etc.)	29.60
Professional Fees	250.00
Sale Around Round Exp.	50.00
Total Expenses	1,916.65

Overall Total **11,084.06**

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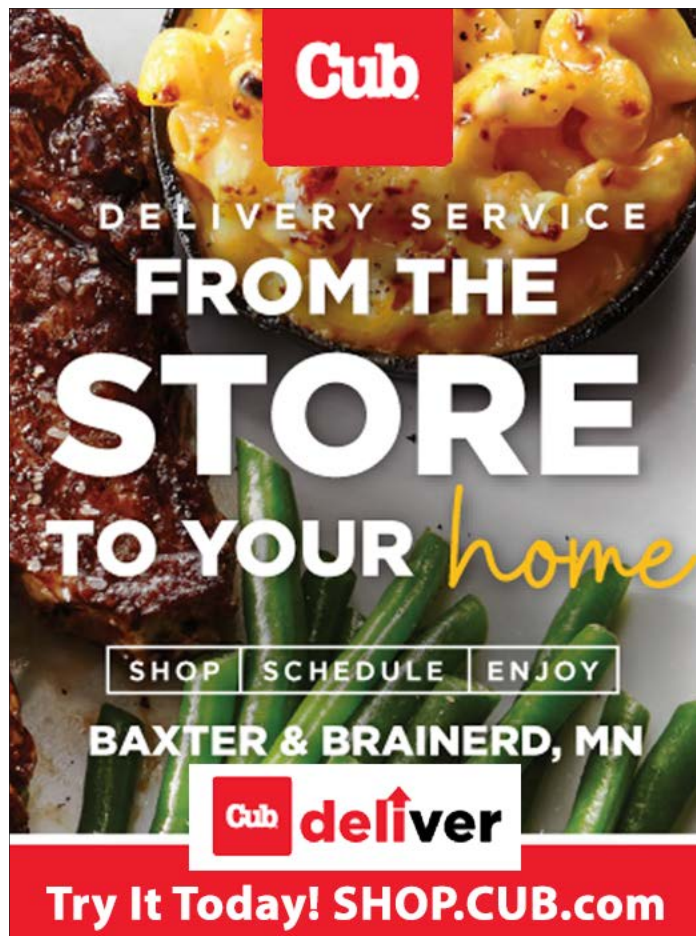
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Round Lake Association Account Balances

Account	6/30/2020 Balance	12/31/2020 Balance	6/30/2021 Balance
Bank Accounts			
CD BlackRidge 403596	\$15,999.68	\$16,141.14	\$16,240.80
Checking	\$5,499.82	\$13,597.13	\$16,338.60
Savings	\$8,272.46	\$8,274.55	\$8,276.62
Total Bank Accounts	\$29,771.96	\$38,012.82	\$40,856.02
Asset Accounts			
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Asset Accounts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liability Accounts			
Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Liability Accounts			
Overall Total	\$29,771.96	\$38,012.82	\$40,856.02



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We are now hosting our slideshows on our North Long Lake YouTube channel.
Two slideshows were added this year:
2021 Member Photos and the 2021 371 July 4th boat parade.
We also have past slideshows to view.

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NLLA 2021 Annual Meeting and Picnic

Our annual meeting and picnic was held Saturday, July 17, 2021 at Legionville. 68 North Long Lake Association member properties were represented. We had over 140 attendees. The meeting began at 10am with presentations from Sgt Brad Theising of the Crow Wing County Water Patrol and Sarah Fogderud of AW Research in Brainerd.

Brad described the efforts of the Water Patrol on North Long and other Crow Wing County Lakes, including enforcement of noise, excessive wake, and safe boating regulations. He emphasized the need for a Water Structure Permit if boat lifts are past your dock. And the need for a mooring light if pontoon boats are on "sea legs" away from your dock. Finally, he suggested that the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department be contacted (218-829-4749) with any complaints regarding excessive noise, unsafe operation, and excessive wake. While they may not be able to respond immediately, it creates a record that can be used for future enforcement.

Sarah gave a detailed summary of our current water and vegetation testing results. The good news is that no new Aquatic Invasive Species were found. Water clarity is increasing; likely due to zebra mussels. While the overall health of the lake is good, there are some areas of concern. Particularly localized spots, primarily in Merrifield Bay, where higher levels of phosphorous have been found. Vegetation growth, again primarily in Merrifield Bay, has been and continues to be an issue where it's particularly heavy. This growth may be accelerated by nitrogen and phosphorous from water entering the lake and also by runoff from our yards. Sarah pointed out that the single best thing we can do for the health of the lake is to keep, as much as possible, our shoreline natural. And to establish natural barriers – plants and trees - to help minimize runoff from our property. Even with phosphorous banned from lawn fertilizer, it still is created by organic manner, such as leaves and lawn clippings, decomposing.

Bill Schmidt, North Long Lake Association President, opened the Business Meeting at approximately 11am. Bill recognized

the members of the Board, making note of their contributions, and thanked them for their efforts. He also recognized the merchants who generously donated our silent auction and raffle prizes.

We then proceeded to election of board members. Bill noted that there were four open positions. Three nominations were received prior to the meeting: Chuck Knopik, Sandy Loney, and Martha Weaver West. Sandy and Martha were incumbents running for another term. Bill asked for nominations from the floor; none were received. Chuck, Sandy, and Martha were elected. One open position remains and Bill asked that anyone interested should contact him.

We continued to a vote on our revised bylaws (published in the Spring newsletter). Bill pointed out that they were last revised in 2014 and did not reflect newer methods of communication and voting. The revised bylaws were voted on and passed.

The next order of business was a review of our financial and membership status. Bill reviewed our finances, which are strong, but also mentioned our increased cost for curly leaf treatment and the strong potential for additional AIS related costs. He gave an update on our membership status and described some of our ongoing efforts to build and maintain membership; which is the lifeblood of our association.

There was a review and discussion of a number of topics, including:

- Our communication efforts and need to assistance with maintaining our website
- Our very successful youth boating safety class, hosted by Northern Cowboy
- The July 4th Boat Parade on 371 Bay, with 65 boats participating
- Our NLLA logo clothing sale, which is open through July 31

New North Long Lake Association Officers

As prescribed in our bylaws, the Association Board of Directors met after the annual meeting to elect officers for the next 12 months. The following officers were elected:

- President - Jim Weiss
(jim.weiss@northlong.org)
- Vice President - Martha Weaver West
(martha.weaver@northlong.org)
- Treasurer - Jim Anderson
(jim.anderson@northlong.org)
- Secretary - Chuck Knopik
(chuck.knopik@northlong.org)

Bill Schmidt, Sandy Loney and Tom Peterson chose not to run for an additional term as officers but will remain on the board. They have served many years as board members and officers. We thank them for their innumerable contributions to the success of this association and their dedication to the well-being of North Long Lake. And we will continue to enjoy working with them.



Board Resignation

Karri Turcotte has resigned from the Board due to family and work commitments. She has been a real asset to our organization; from the bog move to acting as liaison with the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department. We are lucky that she has volunteered to continue in that liaison role. The Board wishes to thank Karri for her contributions over the last few years.



- The fall Highway 371 Litter pickup (September 17th)
- Our efforts to control curly leaf pondweed and monitor lake water quality

Also discussed was the current low water situation and Bill shared a graph of lake level over the last 20 years. He noted that we have received less than half the normal precipitation since January 1st. He explained that the Army Corp of Engineers manages the water level in Gull Lake and by extension Round Lake. Any potential impact on North Long is not even considered. Bill went on to say that it would not be legal to dam Sugarbush Creek. It was only a few years ago that we were dealing with very high water. In the end, we don't control Mother Nature.

It wouldn't be a North Long annual meeting without door prizes and a silent auction. Over 60 prizes from 28 merchants were handed out. Following the door prizes, the meeting was adjourned. Lunch followed, with hot dogs and brats, potato salad, baked beans, and cookies. And, of course, root beer floats.

Our member photo slideshow and also the July 4th Boat Parade slideshow were played both before the presentations and at lunch. Over 170 member photos were submitted this year. Both slideshows are available for viewing on Northlong.org.

NLLA Meet the Board

Jim Weiss | President



My wife, Jan, and I moved to North Long from Austin, Minnesota to begin our retirement in 2017. We bought a home on the north shore of the main lake and we're actively making the home "ours". I enjoy skiing, snowmobiling, sailing, a bit of cycling, and I fill in time with projects around our home. I was elected NLLA board president in 2021. I want to be considered a good steward of the lake and pledge to continue working toward that goal.

Marth Weaver West | Vice President



My family has been coming to North Long Lake since 1930; my first trip here was at the age of 6 weeks. I have five generations that have seen the lake, and the community around it, change. I'm passionate about maintaining the lake's pristine water quality while recognizing its value to the community as a fishing and water sports haven. Most recently, I organized and coordinated the

North Long Lake Association's Youth Boater Safety Class with the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department. I plan to continue serving on the board to tackle water level issues and the effect of watercraft on the lake and fellow boaters. My husband and I love to enjoy everything the lake has to offer with our two daughters.

Jim Anderson | Treasurer



My wife Mary and I purchased our home on Merrifield Bay in February 2016. We retired and moved up at the end of July. I joined the board soon after moving and took over as treasurer after Jim Voiss sold his property on North Long. Weather permitting, I try to fish every day between opener and October 15th. My wife prefers the pontoon with friends and a bottle of wine

with cheese and crackers and pistachios.

Chuck Knopik | Secretary



My wife and I bought our Merrifield Bay home in 2017 and moved here permanently when we retired in 2018. I joined the NLLA Board this summer in 2021. There is truly nothing that compares to having our morning coffee watching the lake wake up. We enjoy the lake setting and we know it's the greatest place to make memories. We want to do just that; ensuring that North Long Lake is here for our kids

and grandchildren.

Alan Albrecht



My wife Sue and I have owned property on North Long since 2002. It was my wife who wanted to own a cabin; I was born and raised in central North Dakota and I had no clue what was meant by a cabin or lake life. Man, did I have a steep learning curve. Heck, I had never even operated a boat. Now I love it. My father farmed and he sees himself as a steward of the land he owns. I see

myself serving the same role with the lake. I want to be a good steward of the lake which is why I joined the board in 2020. My objective is to leave the lake in better shape than when I first boated on it.

Jim Cook



We (Jim & Lynn) have been on the main lake since 2009 and on the Board since 2011. Lynn once served as NLLA Treasurer. As Anoka semi-retired business owners, we are now almost fully established here. Since the storms in 2015-2016 it seems like it has been a continuous construction project...expect to be all done this year (again). When folks ask "How are things?"; "Just an

average day in Heaven" is my usual reply. Being on the Board has been an opportunity to get to know some very wonderful folks, both on the Board and neighbors around the lake. Life is different here, the quiet, calm and serene natural surroundings are conducive to retaining perspective.

Harris Goldstein



My wife and I first purchased our property on Merrifield Bay in 2001; it had an older home that was pretty basic. In 2010, we knew we enjoyed North Long Lake so we rebuilt a new home as our retirement home. I've been the newsletter editor since 2015 and a board member since 2016. I also send out our monthly emails. We enjoy boating, fishing, gardening and just being on the lake. But

the highlight of our time on the lake is when the grandkids visit. I feel we are caretakers, not owners, of this lake with a responsibility to future generations.

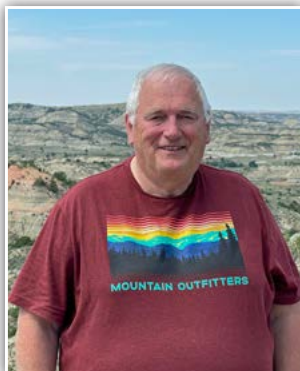
Sandy Loney



My husband and I purchased our home on the south side of 371 Bay in 2004. I joined the NLLA board two years later. We feel very fortunate to be able to reside year round on such a beautiful body of water. Over the years, we've learned a lot about "lake living" and ways to better care for the lake ecosystem. We practice "No Mow May". By not mowing our grass in the month of May, native

bees are able to find vital early food sources in the clover and dandelions that would otherwise not be available. We leave a natural buffer strip between our lawn and the lake which helps reduce runoff flow into the lake. We planted native plants in that strip to help feed our local bees, butterflies and birds. I feel that all of us can play a role in becoming better stewards for our beautiful lake.

Tom Peterson



My wife Le Ann Schoenle and I purchased our home on the west shore of the main bay in July 2014 and did a complete remodel in 2017. My wife is a retired Dental instructor at CLC and I retired in 2021 from a job in online education. I have served on the board since 2016 and have served as board secretary.

Bill Schmidt



My wife, Fern, and I have owned property on the lake since 1995. It was our weekend get-away till we moved onto the lake full time in 2010. We enjoy many visits from our three grown children and two grandchildren. The lake is why we live where we do enjoy boating, fishing, basking in the sun and cherishing the many friends we have around the lake.

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North Long Lake Association Treasurer's Report

North Long Lake Association's fiscal year runs from January to December. We send out dues notices in January to 585 property owners and owners with deeded access to the lake. Our property database is updated in early January using the property tax records at the county website. Sometimes multiple family members at the same address chose to donate. As of September 30, we have 418 members for 2021.

We also request donations for treating and preventing AIS (aquatic invasive species). We currently have zebra mussels and curly leaf pond weed. As of September 30, 256 people have donated to the AIS fund.

Our accounting method uses 3 funds. We have a separate fund for AIS because all donations to AIS can only be used for AIS. After the infamous bog, and the potential for great expense for controlling some AIS species if they infested our lake, we created an emergency expense fund and allocated \$50,000 from the general fund. All other funds go into the general fund.

As of September 30 for the 2021 fiscal year, we have had income of \$28,207.17 which includes:

- AIS donations of \$11,025 • Membership dues of \$14,630 • Silent auction proceeds from the annual picnic of \$685
- Amazon Smiles proceeds of \$59.70 • A state grant for curly leaf weed treatment of \$1,800 and • interest income \$7.47.

As of September 30 for the 2021 fiscal year, we have had expenses 28,728.96 for a net loss \$521.79. You can view the expenses in the Statement of Financial Income and Expense, but I wanted to highlight that \$20,563.39 was used to treat curly leaf pond weed and monitor the cameras at the ramps preventing other invasive species from entering the lake. We treated three areas for curly leaf pondweed this year as opposed to one area in the past. This expense will likely increase before it goes down and was the cause of a small net loss this year.

NLA Statement of Financial Income & Expense | January - September 2021

Income	AIS Fund	General Fund	TOTAL
AIS 2021	11,025.00	0.00	11,025.00
Amazon Smiles	0.00	59.70	59.70
Interest Inc	0.00	7.47	7.47
Membership 2021	0.00	14,630.00	14,630.00
Silent Auction	685.00	0.00	685.00
State Grant	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
Total Income	13,510.00	13,197.46	28,207.17
Gross Profit	13,510.00	13,197.46	28,207.17
Expense			
AIS Training	150.00	0.00	150.00
Ballot Forms	0.00	57.45	57.45
Boating Safety Class	0.00	646.93	646.93
Cameras for Boat Ramps	4,537.49	300.00	4,837.49
Curly Leaf Treatment	16,025.90	0.00	16,025.90
Insurance	0.00	1,027.00	1,027.00
Legionville Camp	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Membership Drive Printing & Pos	0.00	1,240.30	1,240.30
Minnesota Lakes and Rivers	0.00	500.00	500.00
Picnic	0.00	264.00	264.00
Picnic Food	0.00	597.17	597.17
Picnic Postcard	0.00	294.50	294.50
Post Office Box	0.00	56.00	56.00
Property Tax	0.00	18.00	18.00
Software	0.00	60.00	60.00
Speaker Phone	0.00	107.36	107.36
Water Testing	0.00	1,662.00	1,662.00
Website	0.00	184.86	184.86
Total Expense	20,713.39	8,015.57	28,728.96
Net Income	-7,203.39	6,681.60	-521.79

Balance Sheet By Class | as of September 30, 2021

	AIS Fund	Emergency Response Fund	General Fund	Unclassified	TOTAL
Assets					
Current Assets					
Checking/Savings					
NLLA Checking	-6,018.17	50,000.00	44,996.20	0.00	88,978.03
Total Checking/Savings	-6,018.17	50,000.00	44,996.20	0.00	88,978.03
Total Current Assets	-6,018.17	50,000.00	44,996.20	0.00	88,978.03
Total Assets	<u>-6,018.17</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>44,996.20</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>88,978.03</u>
Liabilities & Equity					
Equity					
32000 · Retained Earnings	1,185.22	50,000.00	38,314.60	0.00	89,499.82
Net Income	-7,203.39	0.00	6,681.60	0.00	-521.79
Total Equity	-6,018.17	50,000.00	44,996.20	0.00	88,978.03
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>-6,018.17</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>44,996.20</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>88,978.03</u>

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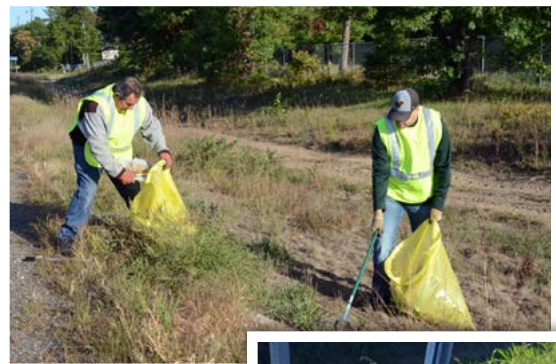
Our semi-annual litter pickup along Highway 371 was held on a beautiful fall day this September. Organized and led by Ral Dubois (as always), we had 9 volunteers. They were:

Ralph Berning
Ral Dubois
Sarah Hight

Jake Hradsky
Wes Hradsky
Sandy Loney

Geoff Miller
Sharon Miller
Mark Orth

A total of 15 bags, plus some miscellaneous objects, were collected. Perhaps the most unusual was a neon bar sign, still in its box. Unfortunately the neon tube was broken.



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