

Long Lake Preservation Association (LLPA)

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

May 31, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 by President Sandra Campbell.

Welcome and introduction of all Board members.

Brian Halloran, Executive Director of the Scout Camp, welcomed us and introduced us to news—a 250 acre land purchase on the peninsula by the narrows and conservation initiatives on another 250. Kids, scouts and non-scouts alike, are invited to day camp.

Kelly Cupp from the Long Lake Area First Responders received a check from the LLPA in excess of \$3,000. They are seeking volunteers and will train. People can donate via the LLPA website, and we pass-through the donation to the First Responders.

Randy Krautkramer reviewed our finances.

Elections were held. A slate of officers that was approved by the LLPA Board of Directors was presented. Several Board members have terms that don't expire until 2026-2028. Proposed for additional terms, or new proposed members, include: Secretary Sage Dunham (Long Lake township) for a 2-year term, Peter Donlan (Madge) 3-year term, Rich Hlava (Long Lake) 3-year term, Julia Arneson (Long Lake) 3-year term, Peter Stockart (Madge) 1-year term, and Jessica Crane (Long Lake) 1-year term. The slate was unanimously approved. Nominations from the floor were sought, and Betty Brost, Birchwood Township, nominated herself. She has an accounting background and lives on the north end of the lake by Slim Creek. She was unanimously approved for a Board position.

Megan Sorensen, Lake Scientist of the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC), summarized the LLPA's progress with aquatic invasive species, yellow flag iris treatments, enhanced wake maps at all landings, fish sticks (habitat), phosphorus study, shoreline restoration, sedimentation mitigation, aquatic plant management, and re-assessing sensitive areas and ongoing projects. Questions from membership included Bill Lanox asking how the sedimentation issues at the Holy Island end of the lake were being addressed. This was discussed, and also brought into the discussion of the presenter.

Randy Champeau introduced our speaker by reiterating four big challenges Long Lake faces: excessive weed growth, algal blooms, invasive species and sedimentation.

Randy stressed that the 700 riparian owners of parcels on the lake, together, are responsible for the health of our lake—the DNR doesn't work proactively to prevent our challenges/threats.

Randy introduced speaker Anne Wilkinson from EOR (<https://www.eorinc.com/>) who spoke extensively about the science behind the relationship of phosphorus and algae blooms, and other harmful issues that may be able to be addressed with technology. Various technologies and interventions were discussed, including nano bubble, which is so new the LLPA is waiting for some success stories before making a large investment. We are undergoing a phosphorus study now and in the coming year.

DJ Ehrike from our Sustainability & Capacity Building Committee (SCBC), including fundraising and membership development, thanked everyone for coming and reminded that Board members would be available following the meeting for questions. DJ reminded us that the lake will not maintain itself with the current pressure from additional development and added population in the watershed. Donations are needed to address current and future issues, as the \$40 membership we each pay doesn't adequately cover expenses and contingency funds. Our endowment fund also needs building, which will open the door for additional grants and donors, ensuring a stable future for the lake we love.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.