

LLPA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 15, 2025

ATTENDEES

Sandy Campbell – President
Jeff Linkenheld – Vice President
Sage Dunham – Secretary
Byron Crouse – Past-President
Julia Arneson – Board Member
Betty Brost – Board Member
Jessie Crane – Board Member

Peter Donlan – Board Member
DJ Ehrike - Board Member
Brian Halloran – Board Member
Rich Hlava – Board Member
Pete Stuckert – Board Member
Joe Thrasher – Board Member
Megan Sorensen – NWRPC Consultant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve by Byron Crouse.
- Second by Pete Stuckert.
- Motion approved by voice vote.

LAKE CONSULTANT - Megan Sorensen

Phosphorus Study

- Grant application - today is deadline for pre-application
 - Next year's part of phosphorus loading including sediment cores
 - Results of water quality data & sediment cores will let us know if it's internal or external loading.
 - If internal loading,
 - If external
- November is final application, committee will meet with DNR
- Grant is awarded in March
- 2026 is \$25K, grant is for \$10k, which is the max you can get
- Megan has been going out to take water quality samples 1x/month May-September, Sept 25 is the next date.
- Low levels in May, but has become notably higher over the summer.
- It has also become visibly greener.
- Will repeat sampling again in 2026.

Navigation Lane Harvesting Permit

- A lake resident on Holy Island is interested in creating a navigation lane through weeds near Holy Island.
- In order to cut a lane with a harvester, LLPA must apply for a permit on behalf of property owners with a licensed harvester contractor identified in the permit.
- The cost is \$30 for the permit with additional costs per acre with a max of \$300.
- It is possible that some people might not be eligible. Eligibility requirements include:

- Water depth 5 feet-10 feet
- Substantial density to warrant removal of plants
- Demand for access
- No wild rice in the area
- Action item: Determine licensed contractor
- Jeff motioned to assign the AIS Committee to investigate licensed contractors and report back to the group.
- Pete Stuckert 2nded.

Invasive Species Survey Report

- Yellow Iris has decreased slightly after treatment this year. Treatment recommended to continue next year.
- Found Purple Loosestrife in the North Basin. Jeff Linkenheld will reach out to the property owner to manage.
- No Eurasian Watermilfoil found in the lake.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

Executive Committee - Jeff

Navigation Lane Harvesting Permit

- Sandy looked into insurance/liability issues with a harvester cutting navigational lanes.
- We have insurance:
 - Officers insurance
 - Bodily/Property damage insurance
- If there are questions, our policy is in the LLPA Google Drive, and Joe has knowledge about understanding policy questions.

Holy Island Culverts

- There is no water movement through the Holy Island Culvert.
- Sandy to take photos of any blockage in the Holy Island Culvert to send to the township.

Lake Monitoring – Byron & Eric

Loon Monitoring

- 4 juvenile loons are left on the lake.
- The youngest chick is 8 weeks old.

Citizen Lake Monitoring

- Took samples in August.
- No August results back yet.
- Joe to send Sage 2025 data to put on the website.

Current Lake Conditions

- Randy Poznansky provides lake level, water temperature, ice in & ice out, and day with ice data.

AIS Committee- Peter Donlan

Boat Landings

- Trash & porta potty service done at Labor Day weekend
- Continuing to refresh sprayers every 3-5 days until docks are out in October

FAQs

- The committee may want to include FAQs about weed treatment on the website.

Education / Communication - Joe Thrasher

Newsletter

- Megan Sorenson to write about Long Lake Plant Communities
- Megan Sorenson to write Phosphorus Study
- CBCW volunteer Sharon Hahn intercepted Eurasian Watermilfoil at the landing earlier this summer. Tie in Matt Berg's report about NO Eurasian Watermilfoil found in the lake.
- Brian Halloran to write about the Scout Camp's new property.
- Byron Crouse to write a Loon Ranger update.
- Joe Thrasher to write about U of M wakeboat study.
- Sage Dunham to write a summary of Hunt Hill activities.
- Include photos when possible

Calendar

- We have more than a dozen pieces of art.
- Board members will need to write content about the lake to share in the calendar.
- Joe Thrasher to share photos with the board.

Grants & Contracts - Jeff Linkenheld & Randy Champeau

- Phosphorus Grant - pre-application is due tonight. Sandy will have to sign and submit tonight.
- Jeff Linkenheld available to do the pre-application conversation.

SCBC Committee – DJ Ehrike and Jeff Linkenheld

Electronic Signs

- Need to figure out what we want to put on the electronic signs.
- Sandy, DJ, Megan, and Brian to figure out a plan to get electronic advertising created.

Coffees

- Coffees were successful at Summers.
- The golf course is willing to host a coffee.
- Need to pick a date in advance in order to effectively advertise.
- Potentially could do a coffee at Sunset when it reopens.

Fundraising & Membership Subcommittee-DJ and Rich New Members

- More membership growth in 2025
 - Summer 2024: 3 new members
 - Summer 2025: 22 new members
- Membership letter sent out August 27, 2025
- Doing one post per week on the Long Lake Shout Out Facebook page.
- Setting up meetings with area businesses to increase visibility.

NEW BUSINESS -

- Grant for Fish Sticks in 2026?
- Giving Tuesday? Ramp up in November.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Retreat on October 3rd. Let Sandy know if you have specific topics.
 - Randy Champeau wanted to talk through Lake District pros & cons.
- Website updates
 - Brian Halloran reached out to Todd at CCS to go over website changes.
 - Form change
 - Stripe account

FINANCIAL – Chuck Lawrence

Checks

- Little Green Light
- Hunt Hill Snake Discovery
- Hunt Hill Rent
- Ron's Septic (Portapotties)
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- Emmons & Oliver (Phosphorus Study)
- Motion to approve by Pete Stuckert.
- Second by Betty Brost.
- Motion approved by voice vote.

ADJOURN

Board Retreat: Friday, October 3, 2025 at Hunt Hill 9:00 am -11:00 am

Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 20, 2025

- Motion to adjourn by Jessie.
- Second by Peter Donland.
- Motion approved by voice vote.