

LLPA Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2026

Present: Sandy Campbell, Eric Anderson, Rich Hlava, Pete Stuckert, Megan Mader, Jessie Crane, Jeff Linkenheld, Joe Thrasher, Julia Arneson, Betty Brost, Peter Donlan, Sage Dunham

Lake Scientist Report:

Plant harvesting permit

- Still waiting on response from DNR because of staff changes

Yellow Iris

- Acknowledged on May 8th
- Expect approval within the next month
- Usually bloom around late May or early June
- About 75% response rate.

Phosphorus Study

- Going out Thursday to get sediment cores - expect 1-2 months for lab return time
- Collecting water samples

Purple Loosestrife Beetles

- Counties are not rearing PL beetles anymore
- PL beetles only eat PL and
- Potentially next year start something with Hunt Hill & Scout camp
- Cost in minimal - kiddie pools, netting

Matt Bergh

- Will do AIS survey in mid-June

NW WI Lakes Conference

- June 12 in Hayward
- Locally-focused topics
- Highly encouraged to attend
- LLPA is one of the sponsors of the event

April Minutes:

- Motion to approve: Pete Stuckert
- Second: Jessie Crane
- Approved by voice vote

Financial Report

Checks

- Washburn County Lakes & Rivers Association - Sponsor Conference
- Washburn County Lakes & Rivers Association - Ad in Brochure
- Peter Donlan - Postage

Motion to approve 3 checks: Jessie Crane

Betty 2nd

Approved by voice vote

Slate of Officers

- Chuck is stepping down as Treasurer, but his office is still willing to help. We just need someone to be the Treasurer to chair the Finance Committee and to make a regular report to the board.
- Betty Brost offered to step into the position of Treasurer.
- There will be one opening in the "At Large" section at the Annual Meeting.
- We will need to publish the list in advance of the meeting letting people know that there's a vacant "at large" position. That person should be from Birchwood township.

Annual Meeting

- Jeff Linkenheld went through the draft of the slideshow for the Annual Meeting.
- Anyone who needs to add their slides to the slideshow should do so by Wednesday, May 27.
- Board members are encouraged to stop by Hunt Hill to pick up signs to remind folks about the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Coffee Talk

- June 20 at Summers on Long at 9:00 am
- All Board Members & community are welcome and encouraged to attend!

AIS Committee -

Zebra Mussels

- Put out zebra monitoring devices at all boat launches except Hanks.
- No dock out at Hank's Landing, so zebra mussel monitoring was put off the end of a private dock nearby with permission.
- Peter Donlan will reach out to Mike Baker to ask about the dock.

Loon Watch

- Established territorial pairs throughout the lake.
- Expect pairs to start building nests & eggs in 3-5 weeks.

Portapotties

- Portapotties are set at the boat landings for the season.
- Badger Septic will be sending invoices monthly.
- \$200/site/month

AIS Training

- Peter Donlan has not yet organized a training because there are not enough volunteers registered to take the training yet. Waiting for feedback from other volunteers.
- Megan is willing to lead the training.
- Julia & Jessie added themselves to the list of the volunteers for AIS training.

Purple Loosestrife

- Megan will be going to the property with purple loosestrife to help with removal this spring.

Education

Newsletter

- The spring newsletter is headed to the Printery.
- Expected to send around the time of the Annual Meeting.

Calendar

- Theme: Living on the Edge
- Send your photos to Google Drive or send them to Sage.

Membership

- Currently ahead of membership as compared to last year.
- A few reminders have been sent out through the constant contact and Long Lake Shoutout.

Grants & Contracts

- \$7,500 of \$10,000 has been received as grant funding.

New Business

- Thanks to Sandy for serving as President!
- We will be moving virtual meetings to Microsoft Teams.
- The Executive Committee will take a pause on meeting monthly.
- Jeff Linkenheld will be leading his first meeting as President in June.

Closure:

- Motion to adjourn: Pete Stuckert
- Second: Peter Donlan
- Approved by voice vote