

LLVLA Winter 2020 Newsletter

Getting ready for 2021

Greetings from the LLVLA Board,

As we prepare for Summer 2021 there are some things you should be aware of.

1. Since our expenses have been low, annual dues will be reduced from \$50 to \$25 for 2021. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join the association. There are about 240 properties on Long Lake. Currently we have only 92 paid members. **Dues are due March 1, 2021.**
2. Spraying costs will remain the same as 2020. We will only spray the properties of **members** of LLVLA. **You must prepay for spraying by March 1, 2021.** If you have questions about spraying please contact Eddy at eddy@roeschoutdoors.com.
3. If you would like your property sprayed in 2021 and did not participate in the 2020 spraying, you will need to email Eddy Roesch at eddy@roeschoutdoors.com to determine what your cost will be. **This will need to be completed and payment made by March 1, 2021.**
4. Please send **separate** checks for dues and for spraying. There will be no exceptions for spraying checks received after the deadline of March 1, 2021. Remember the officers serving you are volunteering, and last year the late checks created a lot of extra work and hassle for them.
5. Last spring we sprayed 74 LLVLA members properties for tent caterpillars. A few people did not get sprayed because we received their payment too late for the information to get into the sprayers system. **Please pay for dues and spraying before March 1, 2021.**
6. Your LLVLA Board: A huge thank you to Robert Jacoby for serving as a Beach Captain. We need two Beach Captains. Please volunteer if you can. Current Beach Captains are: Northeast- Mike Goettle; Northwest – open; East – Pat Greenwood; Southeast- Ron Aksamit; South (narrows)- Brad Offutt; South Central – Rick Lewis; Vergas City – open. Executive Committee Members: Pam Kirsch, Eddy Roesch, Maria Roesch, and Joy Stumbo, and newly appointed Connie Breitzman. Connie will take over the treasurer job, a HUGE thank-you to Maria Roesch for her hard work as treasurer over the last years!
7. Ten LLVLA members cleaned the highway 60 ditch on October 6, 2020. Thank you to all who helped. There will be a 2021 spring ditch cleanup. Watch for an email when the date has been determined.
8. The LLVLA 2021 Annual Meeting has not been scheduled at this time. Watch for future updates.
9. Remember to check the website "longlake@vergas.com" and our Facebook page "Long Lake at Vergas Lake Association" for updates and information.

Where do my dues go and what are the benefits of joining LLVLA?

Communication: PO box rent, mailings, postage, making copies, website fees, signs, July 4th boat parade information, highway 60 ditch cleaning information, annual meeting supplies and food.

Dues and fees: Otter Tail Coalition of Lakes Association (COLA) dues and water analysis fees, water quality, water levels and invasive water species monitoring. Bank checking account fees.

Beaver control and high-water issues: we have hired a trapper to eradicate the beavers and to dismantle the dam on the eastside outlet. Hopefully, this will help with the high-water issues. We are also exploring bog removal north of highway 60 to increase the water flow. We were informed by the DNR that this is not their concern but a lake association matter to deal with.

It is also our goal to keep a healthy balance in case we need to hire an attorney for legal issues. Our current balance is \$12,045.61.

Committee Updates

Website Committee: check out what is happening at www.longlake@vergas.com. Also see us on Facebook, Long Lake at Vergas Lake Association.

Water Quality and COLA: For current information on water quality go to www.rmbel.info. Go to our website to find the COLA link.

Stocking Committee: Due to Covid -19 concerns this committee has not met during 2020. However, the DNR is continuing with their study regarding the possession limit for sunfish on Long Lake. They are gathering information to determine whether or not the daily sunfish limit should be reduced. For more information go to: mndnr.gov/sunfish.

If you have questions or ideas, please contact your Beach captain or a LLVLA Board member.

Best Wishes,

Pam Kirsch, President LLVLA