

2024 Long Lake at Vergas Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday June 29, 2024

Time: 9:15 AM

Location: Hobart Township Hall

In Attendance: 90 Long Lake Property Owners and Guests

President Eddy Rousch called the meeting to order.

Welcome and introduction of guest speaker Sherri Hanson, Vergas Community Club (VCC). LLVLA will take part in Looney Days this year with a Patriotic Boat Parade on Long Lake. See the Looney Day's Flyer and Events Brochure for more information. The VCC is working on beach renovations to Loon Park to include a shelter building and four bathrooms. A master plan is available on their website. The Vergas Event Center is available for rent (\$40/hour). The Vergas Veterans Memorial Park will have the boulder painted in July/August. Come visit!

Visit the Vergas Community Club website or Facebook for more information on Vergas Community activities and updates.

Attend a VCC meeting on Thursdays at 3:00pm if you have ideas/issues to discuss. Many volunteer opportunities exist if interested!

Business Meeting

- I. Motion to approve the agenda by Roger Johnson. Seconded by Maria Rousch.
- II. Vice President Adam Olson announced the retirement of secretary, Joy Stumbo. Colleen Slough was nominated as new secretary. Pam Kirsch seconded the nomination. Joy will be staying on as consultant. Thanks for all your service Joy!
- III. Announcements of the Beach Captains, other Board Members and water monitoring and beaver control committee.
- IV. Seeking a social media position to update Facebook/social media sites. Trudy Wilmer volunteered to accept the position! The Secretary will continue to provide content to Arvig for updates to the LLVLA website.
- V. Motion made by Roger Johnson to approve the Secretary Report. Seconded by Craig Nyhus.
- VI. Motion made by Roger Johnson to approve the Treasurer Report. Seconded by Maria Rousch.
- VII. Tim Nephew provided a fish stocking update. LLVLA will continue to perform supplemental stocking in odd years when not stocked by the DNR. The 1st stocking was done Oct 2021 with 402 pounds of walleye fingerlings. Cost was \$7,225 with the Board contributing \$5,000 and \$2,225 of private donations received. In 2022 the DNR stocked 6,000 fingerlings and 629 yearlings. In Oct 2023 LLVLA performed a 2nd stocking for 6,692 fingerlings. \$1,890 was funded from private donations and the Board contributed the balance. LLVLA stocking is performed at Sunset Bay Resort. DNR stocking is done at the public access. Future stocking will continue in off years. The number of fish we stock depends on donations/money raised. Looking for additional ideas to fund so that we can increase the amounts stocked. Send donations to the LLVLA P.O. Box 43 Vergas, MN 56587 or contact your Beach Captain or Board member.

- VIII. President Eddy Rousch discussed water levels. The current water levels are high primarily due to rain and beavers. Reminder to control your wake while on the water. A hydrologist will be performing official lake level readings in the future.
- IX. Doug Schulz shared a discussion on lake chloride levels. Chloride increases due to road salt, water softeners, and fertilizer. Too much chloride limits the fish offspring of water fleas which in turn limits talipes and walleyes. Long Lake chloride levels have tested normal.
- X. Doug Schulz provided a Beaver Dam report. The dam is located at the outlet of Little Rice Lake. Two options were identified: 1) continue to manage as usual, 2) hire an excavator or barge to move the bog. This would require a private launch entrance to access the lake. After lengthy discussions, it was determined that more information/research should be gathered, and we will continue to manage as usual. Volunteers were solicited to assist with dam clean up once or twice a month.
- XI. The Board will proceed in a Bog Management Plan.
- XII. Eddy Roesch volunteered to address the dead log sticking out of the lake near one of the beach areas.
- XIII. Announcements:
1. 2024 Dues will be \$50.
 2. 4th of July Parade will be July 4th at 2 PM. Meet at the City Beach. This is a patriotic parade, not a political parade.
 3. Hwy 60 ditch cleanup will take place in the Fall. More information will be emailed.
 4. Please review the boating rules, regulations, and etiquette so that all can enjoy a safe experience on Long Lake.
 5. We will continue with our beaver control measures. If beavers are causing damage to your property, you can trap or shoot them.
 6. Contact your Beach Captain with suggestions and ideas.
 7. Thank you to our kitchen crew: Ellie Johnson, Jane Nephew, Tracy Offutt, Bette Pitzel.
 8. Thank you to our decoration committee: Colleen Slough and Pam Kirsch.
 9. Many Door Prizes were given out!
- XVII. Current List of the Board of Directors/Appointed Positions:
1. President: Eddy Roesch
 2. Vice President: Adam Olson
 3. Secretary: Colleen Slough (Joy Stumbo is retiring)
 4. Treasurer: Bette Pitzel
 5. Past President: Pam Kirsch
 6. North Central Beach Captain: Duane & Linda Johnson
 7. Northeast Beach Captain: Mike Burke
 8. South (narrows) Beach Captain: Brad Offutt
 9. South Central Beach Captain: Roger Johnson
 10. Southeast Beach Captain: Ron Aksamit
 11. Vergas City Beach Captain: Bob Hager
 12. East Beach Captain: Doug Schulz
 13. Social Media: Trudy Wilmer
 14. Water Monitoring and Beaver Control: Doug Schulz, Jerry Bennett, Trent Crowe

XVIII. Motion to adjourn by Roger Johnson. Seconded by Mike Burke.

Respectfully Submitted by Colleen Slough, Secretary