

2026 Long Lake at Vergas Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday June 13, 2026

Time: 8:30 AM Coffee and Registration, 9:00 AM Meeting

Location: Hobart Township Hall

In Attendance: 60 Long Lake Property Owners and Guests

Paid Members: 74 as of June 19, 2026

President Eddy Roesch called the meeting to order.

Welcome, agenda updates and introduction of guest speaker Pete Guck, Riparian Conservation Specialist at East Ottertail SWCD.

Business Meeting

- I. Our guest speaker, Pete Guck discussed lake shore conservation, lake stewardship, shoreline loss and the need to protect the habitat for future generations. There are shoreline programs available thru Ottertail County where they will assist with funding.
- II. Motion to approve the agenda by Maria Roesch. Roger Johnson seconded to motion.
- III. Eddy Roesch finished serving his term as President. Thank you Eddy! Adam Olson will assume the President position. Doug Schulz was unanimously voted to become the new Vice-President and will maintain his beach captain role as well. Adam Olson announced the beach captains, other Board members, Facebook, Event/Fundraising, Water Monitoring and Beaver Control committees. Motion to approve by Tracy Offutt. Seconded by Craig Nyhus.
- IV. Motion made by Brad Offutt to approve the Secretary Report. Seconded by Roger Johnson.
- V. Motion made by Roger Johnson to approve the Treasurer Report. The motion was seconded.
- VI. Tim Nephew shared a fish stocking update. Discussions were held regarding continuation of LLVLA fish stocking. A motion was made by Roger Johnson to continue stocking. Seconded by Brad Offutt.
 - a. LLVLA will continue to perform supplemental stocking in odd years when not stocked by the DNR. LLVLA performed fish stocking at Sunset Bay Resort in August 2025. 375 pounds of walleye fingerlings were stocked. The cost was \$7,500. The DNR will perform stocking in 2026.
 - b. The 1st stocking was done Oct 2021 with 402 pounds of walleye fingerlings. The cost was \$7,225 with the Board contributing \$5,000 and \$2,225 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. In 2024 the DNR stocked 575 pounds of walleye fingerlings (4,966 fingerlings).
 - c. LLVLA stocking is performed at Sunset Bay Resort. DNR stocking is done at the public access.
 - d. 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 LLVLA P.O. Box 43 Vergas, MN 56587 or contact your beach captain or Board member.

VII. Announcements:

1. LLVLA will be participating in the 4th of July Long Lake Boat Parade. The parade will begin at 2:00 PM. Please decorate your boat in a Patriotic theme (not Political). LLVLA will not be participating in the Looney Days boat parade this year.
2. Thank you to Craig Ruhland for chairing the Event/Fund Raising Committee and Bob Hagar for participating as a committee member. Additional members are needed. Please contact one of the officers or your beach captain if you are interested in joining.
3. Hwy 60 ditch cleanup will take place in the Fall. More information will be sent via email.
4. Please review the boating rules, regulations, and etiquette so that all can enjoy a safe experience on Long Lake. In general, just be respectful.
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 Pete Guck for being the guest speaker.
8. Thank you to our kitchen crew: Ellie Johnson, Jane Nephew, Tracy Offutt and Pam Kirsch.
9. Thank you to Duane and Linda Johnson for obtaining the many door prizes. Thanks to all the local businesses who donated.
10. Thank you to our decoration committee: Colleen Slough and Pam Kirsch.
11. Next year's Annual meeting is scheduled for **June 19, 2027**, at Hobart Township Hall.

XVII. Current List of the Board of Directors/Appointed Positions:

1. President: Adam Olson
2. Vice President: Doug Schulz
3. Secretary: Colleen Slough
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
15. Event/Fund Raising Committee: Craig Ruhland, Bob Hagar
16. Spring and Fall Ditch Clean-up Committee: Colleen Slough, Pam Kirsch, Bette Pitzel, Bob Hager, Herb Doelee, Kristine Bohner and Barb Hoffman.

XVIII. Motion to adjourn by Roger Johnson. Seconded by Brad Offutt.

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Slough, Secretary