



# “Name that Newsletter”

## Greetings from the President

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What a beautiful and welcomed early spring!!!! I’m all in for another unbelievably awesome summer on Loveless Lake. As always, let’s continue to keep our lake, guests and residents safe and sound this season.

I wanted to thank every last individual involved with our Loveless Lake Association. This will be my last communication as “President”. I want to thank you all for the opportunity to have served in that position and assisted in the advancement of the Loveless Lake Association. “Keep the ship out of the surf and spray, batten down the hatches, and keep on keeping on!!!”

Once again I would like to remind everyone that participation in the Lake Association is not mandatory,



but your tax detectable membership contribution and/or your participation in any manner are always greatly appreciated! All are welcome to join us at our annual spring meeting. By working together we can maintain and improve the quality of Loveless Lake.

In closing, thanks again and let’s have a safe and respectful season.

Signing Off,

Brett Ptacek

### Loveless Lake Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 16, 2015  
9:00-11:00AM

Polk County Justice Center  
Community Room  
Balsam Lake, WI

#### Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Reports:
  - Treasurer’s Report
  - President’s Report
  - Water Quality Report
5. Old Business:
  - Water Quality Study Update: Jeremy Williamson, Polk County LWRD
  - Web Site Update
  - Other Committees
6. New Business:
  - Elections:
    - President
    - Treasurer
7. Refreshments for fall meeting
8. Questions/Comments/Announcements
9. Adjournment

### Newsletter Changes

A few changes to the newsletter are in the works. First you will see that we need to come up with a new name. Please submit your suggestions to Debbie Cudd at [pndcudd@pressenter.com](mailto:pndcudd@pressenter.com) by August 15<sup>th</sup>. A vote for your favorite one will take place at the fall association meeting.

Secondly, going forward, the fall edition will have a “themed” photo section dedicated to the way we live at the lake. The first theme will be titled “Summer Fun”. Let’s fill the pages of the newsletter with your pictures. All photos will need to be submitted by August 15<sup>th</sup> or inclusion in the newsletter.

### PHOSPHORUS-FREE: IT’S THE LAW!

If you fertilize your lake property, be sure to use a phosphorous-free product to help keep our lake clean!

### WE’RE ON THE WEB!

[www.LovelessLake.org](http://www.LovelessLake.org)

## News From Your Neighbors

**Eric Nault** shares a few early spring stats:

- Maximum ice thickness this year was 28"
- We launched our pontoon when the lake had about 30% ice coverage on March 31
- The ice was completely out at 5:45 pm on April 1
- First ski of the year was one hour later (6:45 on April 1) ☺ Ha, ha!
- We got our first snowfall of April on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Nothing more disheartening than snow on your boat lift canopy and docks.



- We started taking runs on the slalom. As you can imagine we had the lake to ourselves.

**Rita Christenson** and her son, Justin, were at their cabin in early April and glad to see the ice out. Justin put their dock in and then tried his luck fishing. They can't wait to officially open the cabin and get the place cleaned up for another great season!



Jim & Karen Peterson's grandkids enjoying the inflatable water toy.

### A Westside Tradition

submitted by Rodger Peissig

It started many years ago when a group of neighbors decided to all pull our docks out on the same day. Back then most of the group was school teachers. We chose to use their fall break weekend as the time to take out our docks, lifts, swim rafts etc. It's now been going on for about 30 years.

The same group of property owners has continued with this tradition even though the ownerships have changed some over the years. Only two of the charter members remain: Jim & Becky Christopherson and Rodger & Sharon Peissig and their respective families. Since then Dave & Michelle Benson, Ted & Sally Bauer, Rick & Pam Atzmilller, and Joe & Sandy Commer have joined in the annual event. We even had an article printed in the Cabin Life magazine a few years ago about this event.

The 'younger' guys are usually in the water and the rest are on dry land guiding and stacking. Lucky for us the gals are around, without them we would be without any kind of supervision. Over the years we have lost wrenches, bolts, and other hardware much of it has been recovered but some is lost forever.

There aren't any rules to follow, just a few guidelines: No starting before 9:30 AM, and the new guy gets the leaky waders!! This past fall we almost set a new world record for getting 8 boat lifts, 5 docks, and a swim raft out of the water and secured for the winter. We finished the whole process in less than 2 hours.

After the work is finished we cap it off with a brunch hosted by one of the members of the group. In some of the early years it was a champagne brunch. Things have tamed down a bit over time.

From the **Palewicz** corner of the lake, the winter was somewhat quiet this year. They did not see so many of the ice fishing towns that seemed to fill the lake every weekend--maybe there will be more fish for their grandkids this summer? Also, they are looking for about 16 ft of dock section; is anyone selling some? Last, but certainly not least, parking on S.Niles will be somewhat crowded on June 27. Frank & Micky are pleased to announce they will be hosting their daughter's wedding in their yard at 3:00 that afternoon. Please pray for sunshine!!!

### ICE OUT!

Year	Date	Year	Date
1980	4-18	1998	4-18
1981	4-31	1999	4-4
1982	4-22	2000	3-19
1983	4-12	2001	4-15
1984	4-13	2002	3-16
1985	4-10	2003	4-13
1986	4-8	2004	4-10
1987	3-25	2005	4-8
1988	4-8	2006	4-9
1989	4-21	2007	3-31
1990	4-11	2008	4-24
1991	4-6	2009	4-9
1992	4-9	2010	3-29
1993	4-18	2011	4-14
1994	4-10	2012	3-20
1995	4-15	2013	5-7
1996	4-25	2014	4-27
1997	4-18	2015	4-1

**2014 LLA FALL MEETING MINUTES****August 29, 2014**

Submitted by Susan Barnes

Call to order by Brett Ptacek (President)

23 members in attendance

Minutes from last meeting – unanimously approved

**Treasurer's Report by Karen Peterson**

Treasury Account Balance \$2114.50

CD \$5071.17

Treasurer's report approved

**Presidents Report****PCALR** – Polk County Association of Lakes and Rivers ( Committee - Blaine Erickson, Jackie Crosby, Jim Peterson, Peter Frohnert)

- \$25 membership dues were paid by LLA
- Jim Peterson attended August 20, 2014 meeting – general discussion of what's going on in the county
- County Board Invitational meet and greet. The newly elected 15-seat Polk County Board of Supervisors will be invited. Lake organizations can present their lake management practices to the group. - Alex Smith, WDNR Lakes Biologist will present on the DNR's Impaired Waters List and the addition of Balsam, Bear Trap, Big, Long, North Pipe, Pipe and North Pipe, White Ash lakes and Friday Creek, along with 192 other WI bodies of water, to the list. The majority exceed total phosphorus criteria or rate in poor biological condition. You can find the data here: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ImpairedWaters/>.

**Water Quality Report by Mary Walczak**

Mary is part of the Wisconsin DNR Citizens Program and monitors water clarity, phosphorus, chlorophyll and dissolved oxygen in our lake throughout the summer

- Secchi readings were average for July/August timeframe – 9'. This is better than it has been due to weather pattern, rain and land near lake not presently being farmed
- Oxygen levels are of interest to everyone. On May 3, water temperature was 41 degrees and oxygen was 10 parts per million
- Plan to post water quality data on website
- Michele Benson voiced a concern over the county clear cutting practices along the road is not helping runoff situation
- Grant Project – Upcoming events:
  - Shoreline mapping
  - Action Committee
- Awareness Update of new Polk County Zoning Ordinance
  - Information regarding setbacks, run off ratios, etc. is available on line on the Polk County site

**Old Business**

- Catch Basin Update (Reidner Lane)
  - Brad Maybry (715) 485-3844 from the township has looked at the site and feels the culvert is fine. We know from first-hand accounts that the culvert does not function properly in big rains. This continues to be our biggest concern.
  - Ted Bauer, whose land it is on, will help monitor the culvert this summer.
  - Culvert is located on the west side of the lake on Reidner Lane at the bottom of the paved section of road
- Web Site – Mike Selner
  - LovelessLake.org is our web site. Primarily about lake stewardship with links to PCLAR and FB
  - Loveless Lake Facebook page for social content
  - Committee formed with Jackie Crosby as chair to determine mission statement and content. Stephanie Decker will start the process
  - Goal to present vision at spring meeting and get feedback from group
- Loveless Lake Apparel
  - Ted Bauer has some T-shirts (\$10) and Sweatshirts (\$15)
  - Discussed logos, etc. and whether we should have an "official" one
  - Caroline and Steven Rediske should be asked to visit a meeting to show what can be done
- Newsletter Update
  - Debbie Cudd thanked everyone for contributing, noting that input from everyone is important
  - It was also noted that the newsletter could be sent electronically as a PDF

**New Business**Picnic Date set for 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in July

- Judy Halliday volunteered to head up committee
- Also want to make walk an annual event – discuss at spring meeting

Welcoming Committee

- Motion to have Michele Benson form a committee to make packets for all new neighbors
- Materials can be found at Polk County
- New neighbors – please talk to new neighbors about getting involved in the Loveless Lake Association and coming to the meetings.

Tax Exempt Certification

- Must be done every 3 years
- Michele Benson is currently listed as contact person. She must include a board member as well. It is currently Karen Peterson but will need to be someone else when Karen retires
- Michele will file in time for May meeting

Spring meeting to be held on May 16, 2015

- Refreshments to be provided by John Kohner
- Thank you to the Dodges for bringing refreshments to the Fall 2014 meeting

Amery ArtZ Gallery is opening in September. Pauly Cudd's art glass will be featured there – check it out!

Meeting adjourned



## Loveless Lake Annual Picnic Saturday, July 18, 2015

Yay!! Summer has finally arrived and with it comes the annual picnic. It is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July, which falls on 7.18.15 this year. I have volunteered to coordinate everything and the first item of business is that we need a place to hold the picnic. Jeff and Dar Creuzer have hosted it the last couple of years, which we are grateful for as it is a great place to have a picnic. They are going to let another family host this year, and I am looking for volunteers. We have had about 50 people or so attend in the past, give or take 15 people.

The meat and buns and drinks are provided by the committee, and everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. So the host and hostess would provide space, maybe some tables and chairs, a grill or 2, etc. We could ask everyone to bring a chair and we can discuss how to get extra tables and grills.

All of our neighbors are welcome, on the lake and near the lake. This is a good time to encourage your neighbors that are not members to come and meet everyone and join the Association.

If you are interested in hosting, please come to the meeting on 5.16.15 or give me a call at 612.229.7946.  
Thanks – Jody Halliday

### ANNUAL DUES

Your 2015 association dues of \$20 can be paid to our treasurer at the spring meeting or mail them to:

Karen Peterson, Treasurer  
2653 Oak Hills Drive  
Rochester, MN 55902

### *Advice From a Garden*

*Cultivate lasting friendships ~ Sow seeds of kindness  
Listen to sage advice ~ Don't let the little things bug you  
Be outstanding in your field ~ Take thyme for yourself  
No Vining!*

[www.yourtruenature.com](http://www.yourtruenature.com)

### **REPORT VIOLATIONS:**

**Wildlife, recreational,  
environmental  
1-800-TIP-WDNR  
(1-800-847-9367)**



### **Wanted: Updated Contact Information**

Please notify us of any changes to your address, phone and email. As land lines are eliminated, it is important that we have your current information. By sharing your email address with us we will contact you bi-annually with a request to submit news for the newsletter, for notification of special meetings or as an emergency contact in case of storm damage. If you have an email address and would like to be added to the association list please send it to Susan Barnes at [sbarnes141@gmail.com](mailto:sbarnes141@gmail.com).

*This is the first article in a series about loons to educate residents, creating citizen awareness and help them make the connection between how loons use lakes and the ability of loons to flourish on those lakes.*

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❖ These positions are up for election at the spring meeting

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## Living with Loons

In Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota, loons typically begin to arrive on their nest lakes around mid-to-late April. The first order of business is to establish a territory then attract a mate. This is done during the last weeks of April and early in May – then nesting begins. Most loons in Wisconsin are nesting by mid-May, which means eggs begin to hatch one month later in early to mid-June. Some pairs that begin nesting later, or who lose their first nest and try a second time, will have eggs hatching into early July.

The first four weeks are the most critical in a young loon's life. This is the time when they are covered in downy feathers and are unable to maintain their internal body temperature. It is when the chicks are completely dependent upon their parents, so adults spend most of their time catching fish and feeding the chicks. This is also when chicks are learning to dive, so the typical way a loon avoids danger, diving, is not an option for them. Once the young loons reach four weeks of age, they have molted into their first set of feathers and can maintain a regular body temperature, and they are able to dive and are catching some of their own food. Once the young become self-sufficient, adults begin spending less time with them, as they prepare to leave on their fall migration. The young loons stay behind until almost ice-up, feeding and gaining strength to make the southward flight themselves.

Therefore, the most important time for loons, in terms of ensuring successful reproduction, is from May through mid-to-late July. This is when adults are sensitive to intrusions at the nest site, and, later, when young are most dependent on the parents. Any sustained disturbance during the nesting season or during the early stages of chick-rearing can be detrimental to a loon pair's nest success for that year. Because loons lay only two eggs per nest, and usually only have one or two (if the first nest is lost) opportunities to lay eggs each season, even one year of disturbance can have negative effects on an area's loon population over the long-term.

So what can we do? All of this does NOT mean that we cannot use a lake during the summer. It simply means that we have to be mindful of the fact that we share the lake with others – people and wildlife. Here are some things we can do to help loons while enjoying the lake ourselves:

- Observe loons from a distance with binoculars or a spotting scope rather than trying to get close to them. Stay 200 feet away from loons on nest or on the water whenever possible.
- Give islands and marshy areas of the lake a wide berth to avoid disturbing loons on nests.
- Post "Loon Alert" signs at public boat launches to let visitors know that loons use the lake and that the people who live there care enough to protect them.
- Protect or restore important loon nesting and chick rearing areas on a lake.
- Use alternatives to lead fishing tackle made from materials such as bismuth and steel. It only takes one lead sinker or jig to poison a loon.

Loons can be tolerant of human recreation and even raise young successfully on lakes that have regular recreational use. But people using the lake need to be mindful of the loon's presence and have the courtesy to give them some space. If we do this, we will be fortunate enough to have loons return to our lakes year after year, and we can be sure that the loon's call we hear floating on the morning mists or the evening air is one of life and harmony and not a sounding of the alarms that something is wrong.

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**REMINDER!!**  
**LOVELESS LAKE**  
**ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**9am – 11am**

**POLK COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER, BALSAM LAKE, WI**

**COMMUNITY ROOM**