

Agenda/ Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 29May2025

Topic: Lake Wisconsin Alliance Monthly Meeting

Board Meeting Attendees:

Forrest, Dede	NP	Murray, Andrea	X	Zumm, Rob	X
Gleason, Mike	NP	Neander, Steve	NP		
Herbert, Brandon	NP	Ray, Kauhanae	X		
Kell, David	X	Stowe, Amy	NP		
Kidd, Sarah	X	Zumm, Jenny	X		

Guest Attendees:

Mara Lince, Regional Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, Golden Sands Resource, Conservation & Development Council

Nathan DeMaster of DeMaster Drones Co.

Agenda/Meeting Discussion:

This was the monthly meeting of the LWA Board members.

1&2. Meeting Administration

- David called the meeting to order.
- The meeting minutes of April 24, 2025, were approved.

3. Treasurer's Financial Report

- No report at this meeting.
- Amy has identified a person who is interested in taking over as Treasurer (Terri Wellman). Additional discussions/follow-up to be determined.

4. Communication

- Mike provided his update to David ahead of the meeting.
- Website development meetings with Erawatech are occurring on a weekly basis. Kathrin Judd is now supporting Mike in meetings with Erawatech.

5. Membership

- No report at this meeting.
- We are looking into putting our LWA membership list into Constant Contact. Send any questions, concerns, or suggestions about this approach to David.

6. Education

Wake Boat Update

- Wake boat Update: Currently 3 groups (state legislature, coalition & wake boat industry) are meeting together to agree upon requirements. The wake boat industry wants to remove all local controls. Coalition wants local control to remain.
- Coalition supports:

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- 700 feet from any shoreline
- 30 feet water depth
- Ballast systems be decontaminated when transferring between lakes

Speaker for Annual Meeting

- We have confirmation of a speaker at the August meeting: Dr. Zach Feiner (Professor at UW Madison). He will speak on the lake's response to climate change.

Update on Monofilament Containers

- Monofilament Containers: Rob & Jen emptied the 5 containers this past weekend. Good news!! They have been used!
 - **Next Steps:** Send note to Dede about this for the newsletter

Midwest Outdoor Heritage Education Expo (MOHEE)

- Mara Lince updated the Board on this event held at the MacKenzie Center
- This is free field trip for Wisconsin grades 4-7th to connect, explore, and engage in outdoor skills and learn about the lake and wildlife. Over 4,000 kids attended this year.
- For more information about this event visit the website [Midwest Outdoor Heritage Education Expo \(MOHEE\) – Outdoor Heritage Education Center \(OHEC or OH'-heck\)](#)

7. Business

❖ Aerial Photography of Lake Wisconsin

- Nathan DeMaster of DeMaster Drones described his business services to the Board. DeMaster Drones has been flying drones since 2016. Examples of their type of work includes property maps and wildlife recovery.
- The drones fly at a height of about 400 feet.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Define objective of the video. Recommend it aligns with the LWA mission. *(All Board members should provide input. Send your suggestions to Rob)*
 - List locations that we would like captured. *(All Board members should provide input. Send your suggestions to Rob)*
 - Connect with local businesses (Chamber of Commerce) to gauge interest of videos suited for their purpose

❖ Dekorra/ Camp Rest Native Plant Landscaping Project

- We had a deadline of May 23 for the proposals. Only Bee Balm sent a proposal.

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- **Next Steps:** Sarah to follow-up with the other landscaping companies to get their proposals.

- ❖ Lake Wisconsin Alliance and Potential Partnerships
 - David talked with Rod about new hotel site in Merrimac. Rod met Bee Balm and asked for help to maintain a rain garden at Lucky's. He is also interested in pursuing grants for native plants at the new hotel site.

- ❖ Involvement of New Volunteers
 - Thank you to Steve Neander and Brandon Herbert for their years of service to the board. The Board will plan for recognition of their contributions at the annual meeting.

- ❖ Newsletter Updates
 - **Next Steps:** Please submit all articles to Dede by May 20.

- ❖ National Wildlife Certification Process
 - **Next Steps:** Describe the process for obtaining a certification for the newsletter and send to Dede.

- ❖ Evaluation of Explore the Watershed series and Plan for 2025
 - June 21-Hike the Parfrey Glen State Natural Area: *Send email notice out about 2 weeks before the event.*
 - This date is also the Moo Day Brunch [Moo Day Brunch - Columbia County - Jun 21, 2025](#)
 - Jazzy Jersey's.) Send an email. Meet at 9 am -12 pm.
 - July 24 – Lake Wisconsin Farmer Watershed Council @ Lodi Lochner Farm, W11798 Reynolds Rd, 5-8 pm.
 - August 23-LWA Annual Meeting @ Merrimac Memorial Park
 - September 20-Merrimac Preserve hike
 - October 18-Hike @ Gibraltar Rock Park

Future Ideas:

Boat cleaning stations - Work to install boot cleaning stations and brushes. Check Wisconsin DNR for more info.

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Kayak launch – Connect with Wisconsin kayaking groups. Check Facebook to find out who is heading up these groups.

Lodi Parks group – Bill Pfeil.

Next Meeting: June 26, 2025

Action Items

No	Item	Responsible	Status
1	Provide input on the objective and locations for the aerial photography to Rob.	All Board Members	
2	Send newsletter articles to Dede.	All	
3	Follow-up with the other landscaping companies to get their proposals.	Sarah	
4	Describe the process for obtaining a certification for the newsletter and send to Dede.	David	
5	Send any questions, concerns, or suggestions about putting the LWA membership list into Constant Contact to David	All Board Members	
6	Contact the UW Extension contact for our area to see if they would offer support to draft a 5-year strategic plan.	Sarah	
7	Contact the South Central or the Central Wisconsin Invasive Partnerships to understand how Columbia County could become a part of that.	Sarah	
8	Generate a list from those members that have expressed interest in volunteer opportunities.	Amy	
9	Transfer the membership data from Filemaker Pro to Excel	Amy	
10	Provide list of businesses that received Business Appreciation Certificates to Andrea/Amy for inclusion in the LWA member database and Mike for posting on the website.		
11	Explore future dates for educational presentation on invasive species. Work with Mara Lince for future opportunities.	Mike	Continue to follow

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	➤ Mara suggested we contact a local school for a boat tour of the lake. She has experienced this recently and it was a great time for youth.		
12	Communicate to landscaping companies and request they submit plans by May 23.	Sarah	COMPLETED
13	Let the contact at Devil's Lake know that we will not have any volunteers.	Sarah	COMPLETED
14	Contact Mike to let him know of Kathrin Judd's interest and ensure an introduction.	Sarah	COMPLETED
15	Follow-up with the speaker on the dug-out canoes for interest in presenting at the annual meeting.	Rob	CLOSED