

Lake Management Committee Meeting

April 29, 2026 Minutes

- 1) Call to Order
 - 2) Attendance: Villavicencio, Manegold, Hansen, Wheeler, Lincoln, Hagefors (no quorum)
Absent: Seidel, Gehl
 - 3) Approved October 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - 4) Chloride Update: Cody has obtained the 2026 values: value at Beaver inlet is up a bit otherwise stable including deep hole. Discussed options and balance with driver safety, resident safety on driveways. Will update our graph.
 - 5) Wakesurfing: status of lawsuits, failure of legislation discussed March 26: 300, 500, foot maps reviewed and implications for boat traffic discussed. DNR refused Feb 26 to regulate on AIS basis- they have no evidence wakeboats are transmitting AIS any more than any other live well boat, data was zebra mussels only. No increase in AIS in the state over the time period wakeboats have been active.
 - 6) AIS update: point intercept study this summer, hybrid milfoil 3 sites. Treating milfoil/pondweed earlier this year, end of May before Memorial Day. Heidi Bunk/DNR would like mid-May. Clean Boat Clean Waters data reviewed: in 2020-2026 39 distinct lakes visited. SEWPC will look for certain invasives based on our visitors. Vacuum cleaning station is expensive, 66k for solar on trailer, 45k for solar permanent pad, plus ongoing software and pumping costs. Are how boats moving between lakes changing as home lakes develop problems?
 - 7) Reviewed summary of lake patrol stops 2025/2024 re stops/citations. Majority of citations are to non-Pine lake boats. No problems specific to wakeboats/wakesurfing. Majority citations are the usual boater safety issues: PFDs, PWCs too close to piers, no registration, no fire extinguisher, no throwable etc.
 - 8) Aerators: discussed winter bans: Lac Labelle Management District/ Town of Merton The 3 municipalities that govern Pewaukee adopted WI state statute 167.26 which mandates signage warning around ice holes emphasizing responsibility of the owners, penalty and liability. Village of Pewaukee wrote new ordinance max no ice 30 feet from shore. Discussed most are DIY, not adjustable though you can control the amount of time they are on or what temperature they turn on. Implications for permanent piers discussed. Warranties not connected to aerator Discussed MN approach, much stricter, must show liability insurance, state mapped.
 - 9) Ice days-Manegold data for Pine. Illustrates drop in ice days since 1949 and losing days on both the front end of winter and the back end. Later freeze, earlier spring thaw. Affects algae growth days re sunlight, water temps. Will try to get Manegold data entered into DNR SWIMS database.
 - 10) Mercury levels-just a reminder that every WI water has recommended safe consumption advisory. Have received old DNR data on fish flesh mercury levels 1986-2005 showing intermittent and species specific elevation in mercury levels in Pine. DNR stopped checking 2005, focusing on PCBs, PFAS, and PFOs. Statewide consumption advisory stands even though atmospheric deposition is dropping. Does not correlate (yet) with tissue levels.
 - 11) Fireworks: EPA now funding 2 studies Penn State, Texas Tech when data available, we will review
- Respectfully submitted, Debbie Wheeler

