

NAMAKAGON

WINTER 2016



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NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Greetings to all NLA members and anyone else who finds this newsletter lying around. It's October 13th as I write this and summer is on its way out. Where the heck did it go? It doesn't seem like Fun On The Water was that long ago. The annual meeting and volunteer dinner seems like just last week! If you missed any of these events you really missed something. Fun On The Water was just what its name says..."fun", especially for the kids. The speakers at the annual meeting and volunteer dinner were excellent. It was an interesting way to learn something about this beautiful lake on which we live.

Speaking of the lake, our weeds still haven't fully recovered from those two bad winters a couple of years ago. One more mild winter and they could be back to normal. And how about the algae bloom! The most persistent and thick I've seen. Shows what a perfect combination of low water, high temperatures and fertility can do. Fortunately it's going away now and the only pea soup left is in a kettle on my stove!

Have a great fall and get out on that lake!

Greg Dehring, NLA President

ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW

The Annual meeting was held on August 11, 2015. Mr. Scott Toshner gave an update on the health of the lake and also talked about a WDNR project to improve habitat for fish, "Fish Sticks". Owners of Payne Island, Ed and Adrian Hilz have expressed interest in the project, so be on the look-out for falling timbers near the Payne Island lakeshore this winter.

We will be sending out a dues statement in January of 2016, reminding members that the dues cover the calendar year and payment of dues is required to be a voting member.

The Results are In: Elected to the Board are incumbent – Greg Dehring and former members Linda Fischer and Denise Dupras.

LOON REPORT 2015

Well many thanks to Janet Porter who has left the lake for her years as the Loon Ranger. I will continue to monitor loons and have an update for this past year.

The first report of a loonling was from the Jackson Lake pair who nested on the artificial platform this past year. Funnys Bay loons hatched 2, but unfortunately, one was lost mid-summer. Loons nested in Bluegill Bar this year and hatched 2, but late in the summer one disappeared. The loons nested on the island near the boat launch on County D, but no loonlings were sited. The river or Back Bay loons successfully raised 1 chick. It seems they spent most of the first month in the river because by the time we were seeing it regularly it was probably 3-4 weeks old. The big surprise for the year was that for the first time, the loons nested near Lakewoods and successfully raised a loonling.

Today is November 7 and this morning I sighted one of the young loons still on the lake in front of my cottage. This is the latest I have seen one on the lake, but I suppose the warmer temps of late October and early November have allowed this loon to hang around longer.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

- **APRIL 9TH** 9:00 NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL
- **JUNE 4TH** 9:00 NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL
- **JULY 9TH** 9:00 NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL
- **JULY 23RD** FUN ON THE WATER, CAMPGROUND
(24TH RAIN DATE)
- **AUGUST 20TH** NLA ANNUAL MEETING
- **OCTOBER 1ST** 9:00 NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, June 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Dehring at 9 a.m. Board members present: Jeanne Baxter, Barb Best, Greg Dehring, Delores Dumanch, and Kent Lage. Absent: Jim Krueger and Steve Musser. Attendees: 5

MINUTES: Co-Secretary Jeanne Baxter read the minutes of the April 25, 2015 NLA meeting. The minutes were approved on motion of Best, seconded by Lage.

GRANTS: Krueger forwarded an early report to Baxter re 2015 Namakagon Lake Clean Boats Clean Water Project grant that supports monitoring, cameras and viewing at landings. Northland students are on duty until Labor Day. Volunteers are still needed to view camera footage; Glenn and Dianne Grage (volunteers for County D Landing) will train viewers for Lakewoods and Funny's Bay. This is not a time consuming job and can be accomplished efficiently. Our volunteer hours are counted as in-kind in our grant.

Andy Teal, the new AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Coordinator for the Bayfield County Conservation Department, attended our meeting and shared information. Andy can be contacted at ATeal@bayfieldcounty.org. Andy brought flyers and ice bags (alternative to keeping fish in water buckets that can contaminate when emptied) that were distributed by NLA members to the landings after the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Baxter reported that membership is now close to 400; 92 new memberships (averaging two per household) were received to date. Yearly membership runs from January 1 to December 31st of each year. Annual dues must be received one month before the Annual Meeting, August 22, 2015, to be eligible to vote. This year, three board openings will be balloted upon. Check the website for bio of those who may choose to run; nominations may be sent to the NLA Co-Secretary Baxter.

B. ARTICLES AND INFORMATION for Summer newsletter must be received by June 23.

C. MEETING DATES: Next regular NLA meeting July 11, Fun on the Water July 25th; August 22 Annual Meeting (balloting for Board membership); September 3 Volunteer Recognition Dinner (in partnership with Namakagon Community Club).

D. KIDS DON'T FLOAT PROGRAM: Approval by Board was tabled until the July meeting by President Dehring. There is a question of NLA liability in the partnership agreement proposed by the DNR.

E. POLLINATION PROJECT: Dehring explained a request to participate in a Forest Service project in which they distribute seeds for native plants (that families can plant on their own property) to aid bee and butterfly pollination. A motion to approve NLA participation was approved on motion by Baxter, seconded by Lage.

F. FUN ON THE WATER FOTW: The permit for FOTW has been secured for Saturday, July 25th with a Sunday, July 26th rain date. To ease congestion in parking, a shuttle service (using Barb Best's drive) will be used. We will eliminate the fire truck and give the public specific parking directions in our publicity. These concerns were addressed with the Forest Service in a meeting with President Dehring.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. BOARD MEMBER CHAIRS were assigned for the following events: Barb Best and Linda Fischer (past president of NLA) for FOTW; Jim Krueger and Steve Musser for Annual Meeting; Jeanne Baxter for Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

B. A REQUEST FOR AN NLA CONTRIBUTION to BCLF (Bayfield County Lakes Forum) was denied on motion of Lage, seconded by Dehring. NLA secretary was directed to explain that NLA must maintain a neutral stance re providing monetary support for the many conservation groups that request our assistance. NLA is a member of Wisconsin Lakes, a statewide nonprofit dedicated to the conservation, protection and restoration of Wisconsin's lake resources.

C. A NEW VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP COORDINATOR (replacing Tom Nelson) was tabled until the Volunteer Dinner.

CORRESPONDENCE: The secretary noted a thank you for membership from the Wisconsin Lakes Association.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM AUDIENCE: Andy Teal announced the invitations (open to all) for June 25th Healthy Lakes Conference in Spooner. Jim Krueger will represent NLA at the Spooner conference. The Northwest Wisconsin Lake Conference will be held the following day, June 26th in Hayward, at Hayward High School. Registration forms will be posted on our website.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Baxter, Co-Secretary



ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2014-2015

- **Membership Numbers:** The calendar year runs from January 1 through December 31. As of August 22, 2015, NLA has recorded 333 paid eligible voters; 199 households are on our list; 37 are unpaid; 41 new households joined in 2015.
- **Cameras and Camera Viewers:** Volunteer viewers are still needed for Funny's Bay and Lakewoods. Dianne Grage, volunteer viewer for County D Landing, explains that tapes can be viewed at any time, and it is easy to learn. These volunteer hours are critical for the landing grant monies we receive; it was suggested that a pool of volunteers might do a 'week at a time'.
- **Lake Management Grant:** Jim Krueger summarized the results of the lake management grant: (155 pages) There were no reported invasive plant infestations; mixed water quality at certain times of the year are present in Jackson and Garden Lake areas. While not critical (cause could be fall leaves) the DNR will monitor the situation. Regarding land use, zoning and restoration, county law must coincide with state law. At present, state law is less restrictive. 'Better fishing' was the major feedback concern from survey.
- **Boat Landing Supervision:** In addition to the Northland students who supervise the County D and Funny's Bay landings from Memorial Day to Labor Day, NLA uses paid volunteers from Fishing opening in Spring to Memorial Day and Labor Day to early October.
- **Future Grants:** NLA will apply for two more landing grants. Shoreline restoration and fishing habitats also may be a future focus.
- **Buoy Repair, updating, placement and removal:** Volunteer Charlie Best was thanked for his work with other volunteers in keeping our lakes safe.
- **Lakeshore cleanup:** A replacement volunteer (for Tom Nelson) is needed to make the calls and organize the cleanup every spring. This task mainly require the phone calls.
- **Fun on the Water:** Linda Fischer reported on this year's successful FOTW and publicly acknowledged the organizer/director, Al Stawicki, for his work year after year. This family picnic that includes dozens of children activities, including fire and water safety, is the NLA annual gift to the community.
- **Volunteer Recognition Dinner:** NLA will partner with the Namakagon Community Club to recognize the many volunteers who work to preserve our lake quality. The dinner, hosted by NLA, is scheduled for 6 p.m., Thursday, September 3 at the Namakagon Community Hall. Professor Randy Lehr, Northland College, will be the guest speaker.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE NLA

We could not run the Lake Association and keep our lake healthy without all the efforts of the volunteers. From dropping the buoys in the spring to pulling them out in the Fall. This year we recognized the volunteers with a dinner. The turn out was great. And everyone seemed to have a great time. The only downside was that it was on a Thursday night, so those of us outside the area could not attend. We are going to explore options for next year.

NLA ACTIVITIES

The NLA Board has identified "leads" for some of our annual projects. Please contact the member listed or the Board if you have an interest in helping out on a particular project.

1. Buoy Placement
2. Lake Clean-Up (Spring) – Kent Lage
3. Loon Monitoring – Denise Dupras
4. Landing Monitors – needed
5. Landing Video Review – Denise Dupras
6. Fun on the Water – Linda Fischer
7. Volunteer Dinner – needed
8. SWIMS data entry – Addrienne Wydeven



2016 WISCONSIN LAKES PARTNERSHIP CONVENTION

This 38th annual Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention will be celebrating not only lake volunteers, but also other water and environmental citizen scientists. We are teaming up with the Wisconsin Citizen-based Monitoring Network and the Water Action Volunteers (WAV) to celebrate our volunteers in one place at one time (Stevens Point, March 30-April 2). 2016 will be the 30th anniversary of Wisconsin's Citizen Lake Monitoring Network and the 20th anniversary of WAV, so we have put together a diverse program that highlights the tremendous work volunteers have accomplished with state and local partners. For more info, please visit www.wisconsinlakes.org or call 715-346-2116.



2016 Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention
Wednesday - Friday
March 30 - April 1, 2016
 Held in conjunction with the 7th Citizen-based Monitoring Conference and the Water Action Volunteers Annual Symposium
April 1-2
 Holiday Inn and Convention Center
 Stevens Point

CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS 2016

HOW WILL YOU IMPROVE YOUR LAKE?

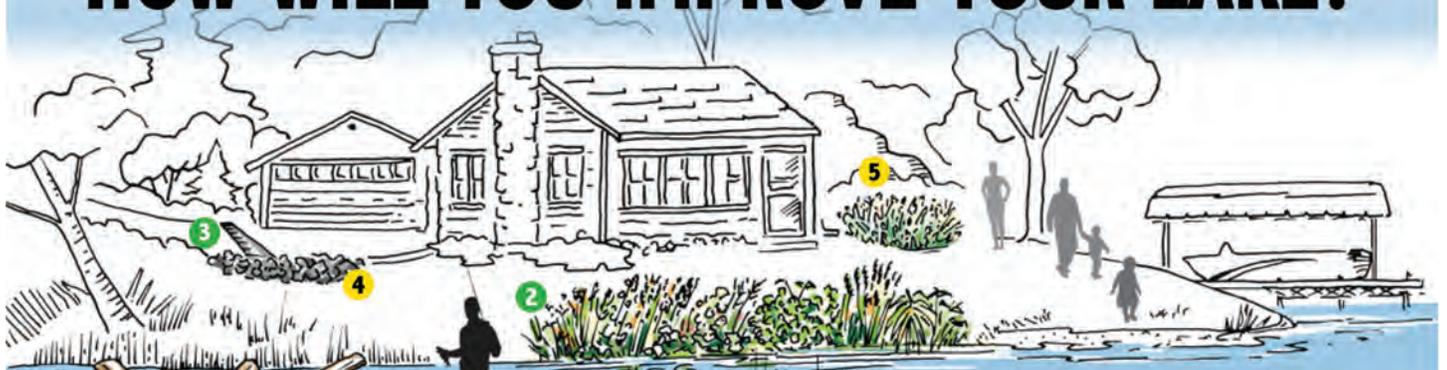


ILLUSTRATION: KAREN ENGELBRETSON

1 FISH STICKS

Fish sticks are large woody habitat structures that utilize whole trees grouped together. Fish sticks are anchored to the shore and are partially or fully submerged.



2 NATIVE PLANTINGS

Native flowers, shrubs and trees are planted adjacent to the lake in a 350 ft² contiguous area. You can design your planting to thrive the lakeshore or in the woodland, to be low-growing or deer resistant, or to promote bird/butterfly habitat.



3 DIVERSION

Diversion practices use a berm or shallow trench to intercept runoff from a path or road and divert it into an area where water can filter into the ground. Depending on the site, multiple diversion practices may be necessary.



4 ROCK INFILTRATION

This excavated pit or trench filled with rock reduces runoff by storing it underground to soak in slowly. A catch basin and/or perforated pipe surrounded by gravel and lined with sturdy landscape fabric may be integrated into the design to capture, pre-treat, and redirect water to the pit or trench. Pit and trench size depend on the area draining to it and how much the underlying soil can absorb.



5 RAIN GARDEN

A rain garden is a landscaped, shallow depression with loose soil designed to collect roof and driveway runoff.

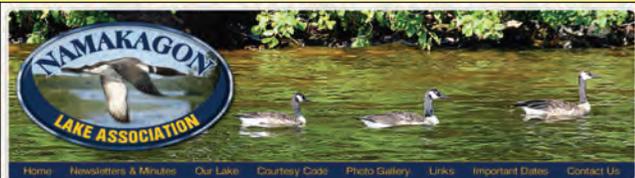


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In the Spotlight

- Annual Meeting 2015 Minutes now posted, pending approval
- We've added a DNR (Department of Natural Resources) link for your convenience
- WI DNR Lake Info List
- New information about Membership Dues and the calendar
- Your NLA has restructured our dues to include a new "family membership" at a \$25 cap. We welcome family memberships! The details are below:
- NLA membership dues follow the calendar from January 1 to December 31 of each year
- NLA is a 501(c)3 non-profit and members may take appropriate reductions.
- The new dues structure provides a \$25 cap for families that include 2 votes, we are hoping to attract new families as members.
- Additional contributions are always welcomed and members will be reminded of our 501(c)3 status on the renewal blanks that will go out with the next newsletter.
- There is also a "membership renewal blank" that may be downloaded from this website. Your 2015 dues are welcome!

Welcome to Lake Namakagon
Namakagon Lake Association - Preserving & Protecting Northern Wisconsin's Lake Namakagon

Next NLA board meeting is on October 3 at 9 AM

The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc. was formed in 1995 for the purpose of preserving and protecting Lake Namakagon and its environs. The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc. (NLA) is a not for-profit organization that relies on the contributions and memberships of land owners and other concerned citizens for its funding.

It is our goal to preserve and protect Lake Namakagon as an environmentally healthy watershed, by sponsoring educational programs, adopting a pro-active role in the formulation of water and shore land regulations, and responsible use of this unique and irreplaceable resource for all citizens.

Learn more about our Lake <http://dnr.wi.gov/dlns/namakagon>
(lakeDetail.aspx?lake=2732500)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

RESPECT: The rights of others.

ENVIRONMENT: Enjoy wildlife from a distance.

SAFETY: Head the boating regulations - go slowly.

PEACE: Watch your noise and your wake.

ENJOY: Have fun - share the moments with your friends.

CONSIDER: Other people and creatures on the lake.

TRASH: Take your trash home.

Important Dates

Next Meeting: Next NLA Meeting Scheduled for 9 a.m., Saturday, October 3rd

2015 Meetings: Saturdays, 9 a.m., Namakagon Town Hall

April 25
June 13
July 11



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

STOP Help Stop... the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

- Non-native, exotic species, such as Eurasian Water Milfoil, Purple Loosestrife, and Zebra Mussels threaten to harm the quality of our Wisconsin lakes.
- Before you launch your boat, please inspect and clean it, including the motor and trailer, to prevent the spread of exotic species into our Wisconsin lakes.
- Never Empty Your Bait Bucket or Release Live Bait into the Lake
- Please immediately report any exotic species to your local lake association, The Wisconsin Wetlands Association, or the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- Visit the Wisconsin DNR website, www.dnr.wi.gov/invasives or contact the DNR at 608.266.9270 for more information or to answer questions about aquatic exotic species.

BE AWARE of your ACTIONS and HELP PRESERVE the ENVIRONMENT!

NAMEKAGON RIVER PARTNERSHIP

News from a new citizen-volunteer river organization working to celebrate and conserve the upper Namekagon River.
<http://namekagon.org/>

NLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Greg Dehring	(715) 794-2346
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Members at Large:	Kent Lage	(715) 794-2030

Email board members: board@nlaonline.org
Visit our website: www.nlaonline.org

MISSION STATEMENT

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ALERT: IT IS TIME TO PAY OUR ANNUAL DUES!!!
NLA DUES RUN WITH THE CALENDAR YEAR, JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION RENEWAL OR NEW MEMBER REQUEST FORM

Membership Due Annually on Calendar Year Basis (January 1 to December 31)

- Individual Membership (Per Person) #___ X \$20.00 = _____
- Family Membership (Max 2 votes) #___ X \$25.00 = _____
- Wildlife Watcher . . #___ X \$25.00 = _____
- Loon Lover #___ X \$50.00 = _____
- Lake Steward #___ X \$100.00 = _____
- Keeper of the Lake #___ X \$200.00 = _____
- Other: #___ X _____ = _____

Name of voting member _____

Name of voting member _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail address: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: Namakagon Lake Association, Inc., PO Box 536, Cable, Wisconsin 54821

NLA is a 501C3 non-profit and members may deduct dues and contributions.