

NAMAKAGON

WINTER 2016



Breeze

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Well another summer is in the books. It's October 21 and even though the leaves hung around a little longer they are mostly gone. Most people who live here do so because they enjoy the changing seasons. The first cool nights, the smell of the woods in fall, the first snowfall, as well as the first warm days of spring with the sounds of spring peepers in the night and the songs of Robins and other birds returning for summer.

The lake goes through changes too although in different ways. The thermocline of summer breaks down from top to bottom. The ice and snow that follows reduces light penetration and the weeds grow slower and partially die off. These are seasonal changes and they happen every year. Other changes can be temporary or permanent and caused by Mother Nature or man. Mother Nature caused some noticeable temporary changes recently. How about our water level and clarity after the July rain storm or the two severe and snowy winters a few years ago? The long lack of light stunted our weed growth and it is still recovering.

Man can cause permanent and temporary changes too. Think about the dam built in the logging days, it raised the lake level four or five feet, a good permanent change for navigation and property owners, not so good for the sturgeon that used to live here. Another manmade change is the recent discovery of Hybrid Eurasian Milfoil in the Lakewoods harbor. Will this change be temporary or permanent? I guess that is up to us.

Get out and enjoy the lake and the woods this fall. Maybe I'll see you there.

Greg Dehring, NLA President

FRIENDS AND FELLOW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS...

At this year's Namakagon Lake Association annual meeting I received some questions that really made me think about how little information is given out, particularly from a financial perspective. This is an attempt to correct that situation.

First, what is it that the Lake Association (NLA) does? Basically we work to maintain the environmental integrity of Lake Namakagon for the lake owners and our neighbors in the surrounding area. This is done through educational programs (Fun on the Water), buoy monitoring, water studies, grant management and launch monitoring (ILIDS).

Since January of 2012 the NLA has paid out almost \$60,000 to fund various water quality and AIS studies, launch monitoring operations, and the removal efforts to eliminate potential infestations of harmful water plants. These funds have come from various sources including the State of Wisconsin, the townships of Namakagon and Grandview, and from the Namakagon Lake Association. Please note that the majority of the funds have come from various grants received by the Association.

What is coming; we will be installing new cameras at the Lakewood's boat launch. Continued water monitoring and water studies. Continued efforts to try to insure that "aquatic invasive species" stay out of the lake. We will be working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to maintain and improve the fishing in Lake Namakagon.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Steve Musser

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

ALL AT 9AM NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL

- APRIL 29TH
- JUNE 10TH
- JULY 15TH
- AUGUST 19TH (ANNUAL MEETING)
- SEPTEMBER 30TH

ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to Jim DeRoma and Amanda Staudemeyer who were elected to the NLA board at the Annual Meeting. They will be serving as members at large.



To view minutes of recent meetings of the NLA please see...

<http://nlaonline.org/namakagonlakeassociationnewslettersminutes.html>

MILFOIL IN THE NAMAKAGON CHAIN

For years I have been writing about the dangers of Eurasian Milfoil and how it is not "if" but "when", as to the introduction of the invasive weed into the Namakagon Chain. The "when" was this last June. A hybrid Milfoil was found by a DNR specialist who happened to be on vacation in Cable. Plants were found growing in the Lakewoods Marina. Hybrid Milfoil is a cross between Northern Milfoil (good milfoil) and Eurasian (bad milfoil). The hybrid can be more invasive than Eurasian or less depending on it's DNA makeup. So far from what we have seen, it is not as invasive but still bad for the chain of lakes.

Right away our thoughts went to "lets chemically treat the marina" and we will get rid of it. We learned fast that treatment is a last resort as it kills to much of the good weed cover and that will cause a worse situation in future years. What we learned was that this milfoil needs sunlight and the great thing we have going in our favor is that we have a heavy cover of good weeds in this lake and dark water which slow down the growth of the hybrid.

In early July we received word from the DNR that testing of the weeds taken from the marina showed that yes, what was found in the marina was hybrid milfoil and we needed to start planned pulls of the weed. We sent word out to the membership for volunteers and with the leadership of Bayfield County Invasive Species Coordinator Andy Teal, did our first hand pulling during the third week of July. Inspection of the marina found hybrid milfoil in the northeastern corner of the marina. We found scattered plants throughout that part of the marina and pulled about 5 pounds of wet weeds.

During the second week of August, 8 milfoil specialists from the DNR boarded 3 boats and toured the complete lake looking for any other areas that may have hybrid or Eurasian milfoil. Less that a dozen scattered plants were found just to the west of the marina along the shore. This makes sense because of the strong southwest winds that we had right after the "Great Flood of 2016" which most likely pushed some fragments over to that area. No other plants were found anywhere in the lake and these plants were pulled by the specialists. That afternoon we also had DNR divers in the marina doing an inspection and hand pulling of the milfoil. The interesting thing here was that we moved boats to inspect under them and found that the milfoil will not grow in the shade of a docked boat or under the docks in the marina. Again it supported the idea that this milfoil needs sunlight.

Since August we have done 2 more inspections and hand pulls under the leadership of Andy and the help of our membership volunteers. The DNR approved a \$20,000 Rapid Response Grant which allows the DNR to bring in specialists to do an in depth evaluation of the whole lake and funding to support the process of eradication of the milfoil.

The milfoil will not go away and the only way we will be able to control it will be through monthly inspections and pulls throughout the Spring, Summer, and Fall of 2017 and beyond. To accomplish this we will be calling out to the NLA membership for volunteer help many times next year. Please find time to come over to the marina and spend a couple hours helping and learning about the process.

A special thanks to the Andy Teal and DNR Biologist Pamela Toshner for all of their help in getting this program moving. Most of all a big THANK YOU to the almost two dozen members that took the time to come out and help during this last Summer and Fall Hope all of you have a great Holiday season and Winter.

Jim Krueger

LOON REPORT 2016

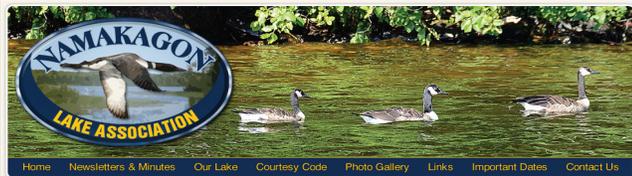
This year was remarkable for loon watching. At one point there were loons sitting on 9 different nests on Jackson and Namekagon Lakes. Unfortunately, as is often the case, the weather and predators, caused the loss of some of the nests. Two nests successfully hatched 3 loonlings, which survived through the summer. A later, second nesting, produced 2 additional loonlings, which also survived. As of my last pontoon ride on October 1st the loonlings were still all accounted for and a few adults remained on the lake. The young loons are usually the last to leave the lake and will not return for 3-4 years when they will come back to their lake of origin.



FUN ON THE WATER REPORT

The weather threatened to cancel the FOTW event this year, but we persevered. Many thanks to Al Stawicki and Linda Fischer who organized the event and all of the individuals who turned out to make it a success. While the turnout of participants was lower than past years, those who made it had a wonderful time.

Check our website for
current information and updates
www.nlaonline.org



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 Link](#)
- 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 membership! The details are below:
- NLA membership dues follow the calendar from January 1 to December 31 of each year.
- NLA is a 501(c) 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) status on the renewal blanks that will go out with the next newsletter.
- There is also a "member 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/lakes/lakepages/lakedetail.aspx?wbic=2732600>

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

RESPECT:
The rights of others.

ENVIRONMENT:
Enjoy wildlife from a distance.

SAFETY:
Heed 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.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

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| President: | Greg Dehring | (715) 794-2346 |
| Vice President: | Jim Krueger | (715) 798-2365 |
| Treasurer: | W. Steven Musser | (715) 794-2286 |
| Co-Secretary: | Denise Dupras | (715) 798-5087 |
| Co-Secretary: | Linda Fischer | (715) 794-2166 |
| Members at Large: | Amanda Staudemeyer | |
| Members at Large: | Jim DeRoma | |

Email board members: board@nlaonline.org

Visit our website: www.nlaonline.org

2016 NLA MEETING ACCEPTED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section 3 - VOTING:

a. ENTITLEMENT TO VOTE: Each membership of the Association shall have one vote on or in respect of any matter in which members of the Association have the right to vote under the terms of the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws or any applicable statute or rule of law. There shall be no cumulative voting for directors or on any other matter. Upon demand of any member, the vote for directors or the vote upon any question before the meeting shall be by ballot. Except where otherwise required or provided by statute, by the Articles of Incorporation or by other provisions of these Bylaws, all elections shall be had and all questions decided by a majority vote of the members voting. To be eligible to vote, all members must be 18 years of age and a paid member by **August 1st** prior to the Annual Meeting.

b. VOTING BY MAIL: If the notice of annual or special meeting or of voting shall specify that voting is to be by mail vote, each member may vote by written ballot mailed to the address specified in the notice. Voting will be done by ballot only. **Ballots will contain a proxy option for those that cannot attend the meeting.** Ballots shall be mailed out at least 21 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Ballots being returned by mail must be addressed to Namakagon Lake Association, P.O. Box 536, Cable, WI 54821, must be received one day prior to the election, and opened by the election board on the day of the election. On the day of the election, nominations from the floor and write-ins are also welcome.

ARTICLE IV - WAIVER OF NOTICE, ACTION WITHOUT MEETINGS, IRREGULAR MEETING

Section 2 - ACTION WITHOUT MEETING:

Any action by the Directors or by the members without a meeting, which is taken or authorized in writing, **signed, by fax or electronic substitution (i.e. email)** by all of the Directors, or by all of the members of the Association as the case may be, shall be valid and effective.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



**Help stop the
spread of Aquatic
Invasive Species!**

**BE AWARE OF YOUR ACTIONS
AND HELP PRESERVE THE
ENVIRONMENT!**

MISSION STATEMENT

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The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 536
Cable, WI 54821



NLA MEMBERSHIP

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)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership (Per Person) #__ X \$20.00 = _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Watcher . . #__ X \$25.00 = _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership (Max 2 votes) #__ X \$25.00 = _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Loon Lover #__ X \$50.00 = _____ |
| Name of voting member _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Steward #__ X \$100.00 = _____ |
| Name of voting member _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Keeper of the Lake #__ X \$200.00 = _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: #__ X _____ = _____ |

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail address: _____

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