

NAMAKAGON

JUNE 2011



Breeze

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

SHORELAND RESTORATION

The results of the survey of land owners completed as part of our WDNR grant indicated that there is an interest in shoreland restoration. The NLA Board has directed that a Shoreland Restoration Committee be formed to determine the interest of the membership in pursuing options for restoration and whether there is sufficient interest to apply for a WDNR grant. All interested parties should contact Mr. Jim Krueger, who has graciously offered to coordinate until the committee is formed. We intend to have a program on Shoreland Restoration at the August 20th Annual Meeting.



NEW NO-WAKE ZONE

The WDNR has approved a slow no-wake zone from the Birch Lane bridge to the Dam.

Coming Soon!

FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE NLA

Stay up to date with the latest information!

ATTENTION LOON LOVERS – UNITE

Would you like to be a part of a Loon monitoring team?

The Loon Ranger Monitoring program is a part of Loon Watch run by Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute of Northland College. I attended the training session on May 7th this year because I was trying to find out why there is no data collected for Lake Namakagon. I know there are many of us on the lake who watch "our" loons carefully and know well how they are doing.

I discovered the trick on a large lake is to cooperate as a team, put our observations together; and then have one person send in a united report. I am willing to do this if I can gather a team. All I need is a list of people around the whole lake who will give me their phone numbers and permission to call them once in July and once in October. We really only need to know five things from observing "our part" of the lake.

1. How many Loons do we think live in the part of the lake we are observing?
2. How many territorial pairs do we think live in the part of the lake we are observing?
3. Do we think they have a nest in the part of the lake we are observing?
4. How many chicks do we think hatched from that nest?
5. How many of those chicks do we think survived until fall?

If you are interested in helping me with this project please call me at 715-794-2601. Thank you!

Janet Porter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES

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| June 24, 2011 | 2011 NW Wisconsin Lakes Conference, 7:30-3:45, Northwood School, Minong, WI |
| June 25, 2011 | NLA Meeting, 9 AM, Grand View Town Hall (tentative) |
| July 23, 2011 | NEW DATE, Fun on the Water, National Forest Campground |
| August 20, 2011 | NLA Annual Meeting, 9 AM, Namakagon Town Hall |

THE NLA HELPS YOU SHOP FOR UNIQUE GIFTS: BEAUTIFUL AERIAL IMAGES OF OUR LAKES

The BCLF has partnered with a professional photographer who has taken beautiful aerial images of our lakes in the summer and the fall. These professional images can be purchased in two sizes, 18x24 for \$50 and 12x16 for \$35. All prints come with a 30-day, unconditional money-back guarantee. They make excellent gifts for family, friends, and guests. All of the images can be seen at www.bayfieldcountylakes.org. The BCLF will receive a 30% commission from each sale, but for groups sales to a lake association, they will give 10% of the commission to the association. So help support the NLA through a purchase of one or more. You go to the website and order directly, or consider buying as part of the NLA group. At the Fun on the Water event July 23rd we will have order forms available (payment required at the time of ordering, checks accepted). Alternatively, select your image and send a check to the NLA for the full amount, please indicated on the check which images and sizes you are ordering. (All images to be ordered after July 23rd)



Namakagon - North View



Namakagon - SW View



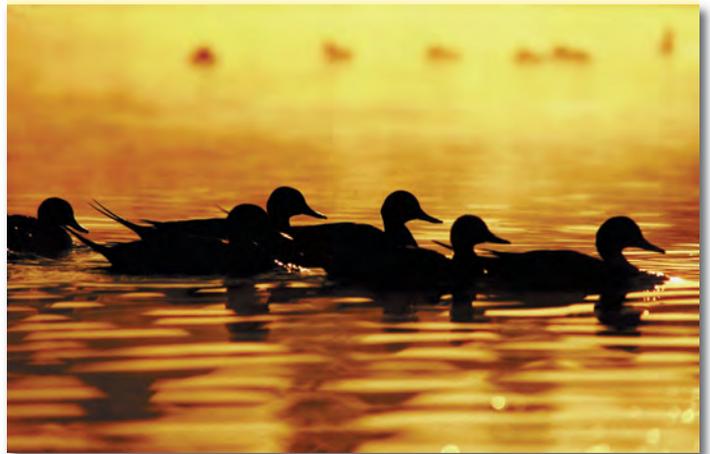
Garden Lake

BAYFIELD COUNTY LAKES FORUM (BCLF) AND LAKE NAMAKAGON PARTNER FOR "TOXIC TACKLE SWAPS" – GET THE LEAD OUT!

To protect Wisconsin's water birds, raptors and other wildlife from lead poisoning, the NLA in cooperation with the BCLF will participate in a 3-part pilot project to study public response to the proposed switch from toxic fishing tackle to safe substitutes.

Lake Namakagon was chosen by the NRB as the host lake for this pilot program due to its popularity as a tourist destination; variety of fish species and fishing opportunities; variety of water birds, raptors and other wildlife; and the interest from the BCLF and NLA in supporting this program. BCLF will coordinate the project and NLA volunteers plan to oversee the tackle exchanges at the lake. Other lake volunteers will oversee other toxic tackle swap opportunities. The NLA represents over 400 waterfront owners and other members and was formed in 1995 for the purpose of preserving and protecting Lake Namakagon and its environs. The Bayfield County Lakes Forum is a non-profit volunteer lake advocacy organization and not affiliated with the Bayfield County government.

Lead is a toxic metal that has adverse effects on the nervous and reproductive systems of mammals and birds. Found in most fishing jigs and sinkers, this metal is poisoning wildlife such as loons and eagles the very symbol of Wisconsin lakes. However, there is hope. Alternatives to traditional lead tackle such as sinkers and jigs made from non-toxic materials like tin, bismuth, steel, and tungsten-nickel alloy are now available at several retailers. All local bait and tackle retailers are encouraged to stock lead free sinkers and jigs, both to serve Wisconsin anglers and to protect our wildlife.



Jim Krueger and Phil Rasmussen are working with the WDNR to improve fish habitat on Lake Namakagon through the "fishsticks" initiative. Please contact Jim if you have an interest in this important activity. Learn more at

www.fishhabitat.org

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 by President Phil Rasmussen

Board Members Present: Steve Riley, Tim Browne, Linda Fischer, Denise Dupras, Lisa Holt

Board Member Absent: Julia Campbell

NLA Member Attendees: 3

Minutes of September 18, 2010 Meeting

Reviewed by Board and membership in attendance. A motion to approve was made by Lisa Holt and seconded by Linda Fischer. The minutes were approved.

Treasures Report:

Submitted by Tim Browne. The General Accounting balance as of 1/6/2011 was reported as 17,938.67. A motion to approve was made by Denise Dupras and seconded by Lisa Holt. The report was approved. There was discussion about investing in a computer and the program Quick Books after a new treasurer is elected this summer to allow better ability to track expenses/payments to meet grant needs, and also provide a snap shot yearly of the finances of the NLA. Denise made a motion that "NLA reimburse Mr. Larry Stroup for his "autopay" of the website hosting and domain name." Motion seconded and approved. She will take care of switching to NLA autopay for this going forward.

Grant Update:

The Board and members discussed the challenges of applying and meeting the requirements for fulfilling the grants. Denise has been working on completing the requirements for a prior grant and she and Steve will work to complete what is necessary for current grants. Julia will coordinate with Eric Lindberg to complete the work needed towards the monitors. There were additional expenses associated with monitor landings for the Muskies Inc Tourney. As in the prior year Muskies Inc made a donation towards these expenses. It will be noted in the Newsletter and a thank you sent to the organization. Denise made a motion that "NLA pay the additional costs associated with monitoring during the Muskies Inc tournament and that the donation from the organization be applied to those costs." Motion seconded and approved. Opportunities to work with Northland College on current and future grants will be investigated by Steve Riley working with Mike Gardner. Members in attendance were very supportive of moving forward with this. The sanitary survey done by FOTH does not meet the needs of the town or provide sufficient information regarding the health of the lake. Denise made a motion "Authorize Steve Riley to work with Northland College to assume our grant writing/fulfillment activities and retain them for help in completion of current grant activities if possible." Second by Lisa Holt. Motion approved.

Membership:

The Board and membership supports sending an invoice out in the next newsletter for the 2011.

Schedules:

The list of meeting dates and events was reviewed and confirmed.

Newsletter:

A list of items to include in the newsletter was developed. The newsletter will be sent out this month.

Board Responsibilities:

Denise reviewed the Board responsibilities list and led a discussion. The group also discussed getting members to run for the Board. With the involvement of Northland in grants, the work of the Board should decrease significantly. There was recognition that clearly identifying leads for our project and also increasing the contribution of non-Board members would be beneficial.

New Business:

1. New sanitary survey of the lake is a high priority and options with Northland College will be investigated.
2. Fish Sticks – Phil Rasmussen and Jim Krueger are working with the DNR to allow felling of some trees to improve fish habitat.
3. Cell tower update – the plan is to install a new cell tower in the Lakewoods area, likely Verizon, this year
4. The Forest Service is supporting the construction of wind turbines on "picnic point". The NLA does not support this action and a motion was made to "send a letter to the Forest Service indicating that the NLA does not support this action and that it may be inconsistent with conditions of the land donation." This was seconded and approved.
5. Fundraising options – Phil will investigate the potential for a fishing tournament as a fund raiser for the NLA
6. February Agenda Items –
 - a. ILID costs at the Landing site and options for payment
 - b. Board Membership – number and responsibilities
7. Upcoming Events
 - a. AIS roundtable – board attendance requested, February/March meeting – request input from membership in newsletter
 - b. USA National Snowshoe Championship – likely need for volunteers, March 12th
 - c. Public forum at upcoming Town of Namakagon meeting to discuss "no wake ordinance" for channel from bridge to dam. February 8, 2011.

Old Business:

1. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Huge thank you to Linda Fischer and Julia Campbell for the coordination of the event. It was well attended and a huge success.
2. Thank you to Charlie Best for the use of his pontoon for buoy removal
3. Thank you to Rick Yerhot for the installation of the new landing signs
4. Buoys – new buoys will not be required when the "no wake zone" signage is posted at the channel, GPS coordinates will be registered with the DNR

Correspondence:

None

Next Meeting Date: February 19th, 9AM, Namakagon Town Hall

A motion to adjourn was made by Denise Dupras at 10:31 and seconded by Linda Fischer. The meeting was adjourned.

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 by President Phil Rasmussen

Board Members Present: Tim Browne, Linda Fischer, Denise Dupras
Board Member Absent: Julia Campbell, Steve Riley, Lisa Holt
NLA Member Attendees: 3

Minutes of January 8, 2011 Meeting

Reviewed by Board and membership in attendance. A motion to approve was made by Tim Browne and seconded by Linda Fischer. The minutes were approved.

Treasures Report:

Submitted by Tim Browne. The General Accounting balance as of 4/16/2011 was reported as 25,119.40. Motion to accept report made by Denise Dupras and seconded by Linda Fischer. The report was approved

Grant Update:

Denise provided a brief grant update. Jim Krueger indicated that the town can no longer reimburse the NLA, so any bills needing payment from NLA should be sent to the town. With an accepted final report to the WDNR, FOTH will be paid. At this time the final amount of the bill is disputed. The NLA will continue to pursue options for retaining the services of Mike Gardner and Northland College for current and future grant activities.

Lake Clean-Up:

Tom Nelson will coordinate the activity this year again and begin calling volunteers soon as the ice is almost out.

Bouy Placement:

Jim Krueger supplied an updated list of the coordinates for all of the buoys and indicated that the WDNR has this list also. He also discussed that it is not the intent for the buoys to be exactly at the coordinates and that movement due to wind and waves does not require repositioning. The buoys will be placed prior to fishing opener.

Shoreland Restoration Committee:

Mr. Bob Parsonage is unable to chair this committee but remains interested in being involved. The Board and membership recommended that the list that Mr. Parsonage has be a starting point for determining if there is sufficient interest to consider applying for a WDNR grant in the future. The committee will be formed from interested members and a chair selected from the group. There will be an item in the upcoming newsletter and Jim Krueger has volunteered to be the contact until the committee is formed.

Bayfield County Lake Group AIS Round Table Report:

Denise attended the meeting and provided a brief report on the meeting. There were no actionable items. Jeremy Bates is the new BC AIS project coordinator. Under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant, a new position the Lake Superior Basin AIS Coordinator was created and filled by Maureen Ferry. She is planning to work with all of Bayfield County. Pam Toschner discussed the 3 types of grants –

planning, protection, and AIS.

New Business:

1. The WDNR has approved a slow no wake zone from the Birch Lane Bridge to the Dam.
2. New signage is required at all landings and a new AIS sign will replace current older signs.
3. Fun on the Water Date – Linda has begun discussions with Al Stawicki for the 2011 event. Options for changing dates to the Saturday will be explored.
4. Julia Campbell will be contacted to determine if we should hire or get volunteers for monitoring landings this year.
5. Ruth Lull has volunteered to author a facebook page for the NLA.
6. Annual Meeting Program – Denise will contact Mike Gardner to coordinate a program on Shoreland Restoration for the meeting.
7. Jim Krueger updated the Board on expected road construction/gravel pit work to begin this fall.

Old Business:

1. Fish sticks project was discussed.
2. Newsletters – options to decrease costs, consideration of email distribution were discussed. Denise will check with Jamie to determine if fewer pages would decrease the cost. A newsletter will go out before the next meeting.
3. Cell tower update – Chequamegon Communications is not pursuing the tower, Verizon now is being considered
4. The NLA website needs updating
5. The Board and membership recommended we keep 7 Board members rather than decrease to 5.
6. We need to start recruiting individuals to run for the Board.
7. County D Landing remains in limbo.

Correspondence:

None

Next Meeting Date: May 21st , 9AM, Grand View Town Hall

A motion to adjourn was made by Denise Dupras at 3:21 and seconded by Tim Browne. The meeting was adjourned.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please help the NLA and consider becoming involved with our lake projects. Please contact any of the listed members.

Contacts

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| 1. Lake Quality Monitoring –
Secchi Disks: | Jon Hoffert, Clyde Wishart |
| 2. Fun on the Water: | Linda Fischer, Al Stawicki |
| 3. Landing Monitors: | Julia Campbell |
| 4. ILID File Reviewing: | Julia Campbell, Denise Dupras |
| 5. Lake Clean-up: | Tom Nelson |

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Memberships must be post-marked by June 1, 2011 to be a member eligible for voting at the August Annual meeting.

FUN ON THE WATER 2011

Youth Safety and Skills Day
Bring the Whole Family!

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2011



Fun games for the kids include:

**Lake Skills and Water Safety • Casting Contest
Kayak Races • Diving for Treasure • Frisbee Golf
Sand Sculptures • Water Balloon Toss
Soccer Skills contest**

- DNR/Bayfield County Sheriff Presentation
- NLA Appreciation lunch, games, t-shirts, and awards.
- New this year! Adult games (Horseshoes and Boci Ball), Prizes, and Raffles
- Toxic Tackle Swap and Trade-In: Free small sinkers and jigs! Bring in your lead and swap for free!



\$10.00 per family (\$5.00 per person)

NLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Phil Rasmussen	(715) 794-2561
1st Vice President:	Lisa Holt	(715) 794-2384
Secretary:	Denise Dupras	(715) 798-5087
Treasurer:	Tim Browne	(715) 794-2405
Director:	Steve Riley	(715) 794-2069
Director:	Linda Fischer	(715) 794-2166
Director:	Julia Campbell	(715) 798-2446

Email board members: board@nlaonline.org

Visit our website: www.nlaonline.org

WE WANT YOU

This year three Board members complete their terms. We want you to consider running for a position on the Board. Increased involvement with the Sigurd Olson Institute at Northland College, will help the NLA to continue to complete for grants without increased demands or pressures on Board members. Be a Board member and help us continue the stewardship of our wonderful lake paradise.



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!

MISSION STATEMENT

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 membership fees 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 proactive role in the formulation of water and shore land regulations, and responsible use of this unique and irreplaceable resource for all citizens.

The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 536
Cable, WI 54821



ALERT: IT IS TIME TO PAY OUR ANNUAL DUES!!!

YOUR DUES ARE PAID THROUGH THE YEAR PRINTED NEXT TO YOUR NAME ON THE ADDRESS LABEL

To be eligible to vote, all members must be 18 years of age and a paid member 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION RENEWAL OR NEW MEMBER REQUEST FORM

MEMBERSHIP DUE ANNUALLY ON CALENDAR YEAR BASIS – 2011

- Check here if NEW address or e-mail
- Individual Membership Per Person. . . # ____ X \$20.00 = ____
- 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 EACH VOTING MEMBER

MAILING ADDRESS:

Namakagon Lake Association, Inc.
PO Box 536 • Cable, WI 54821

TOTAL ENCLOSED.

Indicate preferred contact method: US Mail - Home US Mail - Lake E-mail

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail address: _____