

NAMAKAGON

SUMMER 2012



Breeze

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Namakagon Lake Associations Members,

As we all welcome summer please keep in mind to take care of our lake. Through grants and in cooperation with the Sigurd Olson Institute in Ashland the Namakagon Lake Association has placed ILIDS (camera monitors) on most of the landings in our area. We have student monitors placed at certain landings to provide information to promote the education of AIS (aquatic invasive species). Also positioned at the landings are literature racks with a variety of brochures for boaters and visitors to take and peruse at their leisure. All of the above have proven to be a valuable resource in getting people to stop, check and clean up their boats. We are very pleased with the results our actions have produced and will continue to provide this service for as long as we can. Everyone benefits from a cleaner lake.

There are a couple of positions opening up on the board this coming August at our annual meeting. I know we all are busy and I know we all care about our lakes, but, I do believe that if we as individuals come together on something... like being a part of the Namakagon Lake Association board, it would enhance our chances on making our lakes a better place for all to live. We should each take pride in our lakes and our attempts at improving our environment. Being on the board is not a huge chore, just a caring one. We meet four to five times a year for approximately 1 - 2 hours on a given Saturday at the Namakagon Town Hall. Discussions are varied and all concern our lakes and lake properties. We take pride in the fact that we are actually "out there" doing something for the benefit of our lakes and all who enjoy them.

Please try to remember that the Namakagon Lake Association is here for all of us and we each should take a little time out of our lives to help improve what our lakes have given each and every one of us; past, present and future.

Have a wonderful summer here in the Lake Namakagon area and in the beautiful north woods of Wisconsin.

Linda Fischer

EARLY SUMMER LOON REPORT

June 18, 2012 - One morning, about the second week of May, we discovered we could see from our deck, a Loon sitting on a nest. The nest was near the edge of the water in the wet land. For the next couple of weeks we agonized as the Loon cried when Eagles and Osprey flew over, and as it worked feverishly to shore up the nest during a particularly rainy time when it rained 2" in a day or two.

On Memorial Day week end, close to the time for the eggs to hatch, we saw the Loon was off the nest. It stayed close to the nest all day but in the evening it swam away. There does not seem to be any chicks in the area to show for the Loons hard work.

A pair of Loons did have a successful early nesting in Sugar Bay this spring. Two chicks hatched and have survived until this writing. There are also two chicks in the area out from the Co Hwy D boat ramp.

At this time, we know of four nests on Lake Namakagon. There was a failed nest in Jackson Lake so there may be a second nest. Time will tell. We don't know if there are any nests in Garden Lake. It would be very nice to have eyes to help us cover Garden Lake so that the report at the end of the summer can be as accurate as possible. If you are watching the Loons in this area we would love to hear from you.

Submitted by
Janet Porter
(715) 794-2601

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IMPORTANT DATES

- July 13, 2012, 9:00am (public welcome)
Namakagon Town Hall..... NLA Meeting
- July 21, 2012 (July 22 Rain Date)
Nat'l Forest Campground (Hwy D) Fun on the Water
- August 18, 2012, 9:00am (public welcome)
Namakagon Town Hall NLA Annual Meeting

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 by President Linda Fischer

Board Members Present: Denise Dupras, Steven Riley, Julia Campbell, Steve Musser

NLA Member Attendees: 2

Minutes of June 25, 2011 Meeting

Reviewed by Board and membership in attendance. Discussion ensued regarding the information about FOTH, which at the time of the meeting was believed to be accurate, subsequently this was found not to be the case. The minutes were not altered. A motion to approve was made by Steve Riley and seconded by Steve Musser. The minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report:

Steve Musser submitted the treasurers report. Checking balance was \$10,033.27 and COD \$11,938.49 for a balance of \$21,971.76. There are no outstanding bills. We anticipate a final payment from WDNR in the next two weeks now that the final documentation has been submitted. A motion to approve was made by Denise Dupras and seconded by Steve Riley. The report was approved.

Grant Update:

Steve Riley discussed the plan to submit a Lake Planning Grant to the WDNR. This will be submitted with the Sigurd Olson Institute of Northland College. Mr. Mike Gardner has submitted a draft plan which was reviewed at the meeting. As part of this process Mr. Riley also discussed the tentative budget and what the NLA will request from the towns in support of the grants and on-going efforts to prevent AIS invasion of our lakes. Denise Dupras made a motion "To authorize Mr. Steve Riley to work with Northland College and as our NLA representative, contact the Towns to request needed funds to support efforts to monitor and protect our lake." This was seconded by Steve Musser and approved by the Board.

NLA Website:

Denise Dupras and Linda Fischer have been in contact with Chris Frasch of CF Web Services LLC to determine options for updating our website. There was consensus that this needs to be done. He has estimated that it will cost about \$1000 to develop the site and that maintenance costs are \$50/hr. He will put in a content management system, that will allow updating by members. Denise has volunteer to do some of the updating. Steve Musser indicated that the cost estimate was very reasonable. Steve Riley made a motion "To authorize Denise Dupras to move forward with the plan to get an updated website." This was seconded by Julia and approved by the Board.

Board Member Proposal:

Denise Dupras discussed that we are one short on the Board. Mr. Greg Dehring was not eligible to run at the time of the annual meeting, but is very interested in serving on the NLA Board. She made a motion "That Greg Dehring be appointed to the NLA Board for a 1 year term." This was seconded by Steve Riley and approved. He will be eligible to run for election for the additional 2 years of a three year term at the 2012 meeting.

New Business:

- Copies of the AIS Review – Bayfield County were available.
- Information from Jim Krueger was shared with the Board regarding Buoys, Beaver and Castle Creek. Mr. Krueger indicated he and the town will continue to repair the buoys and take them out in the Fall. He requests some help from the NLA for putting the buoys in and taking out. Issues related to the movement of the rock buoys near Champagne Island were raised and will be passed on to Mr. Krueger.
- Denise Dupras noted that the Muskies Inc. group contributed \$200 towards the landing monitors during the October tournament.
- Meeting Dates – The next meeting will be April 21, 2012 and the May 5 meeting will be moved to May 19, 2012.

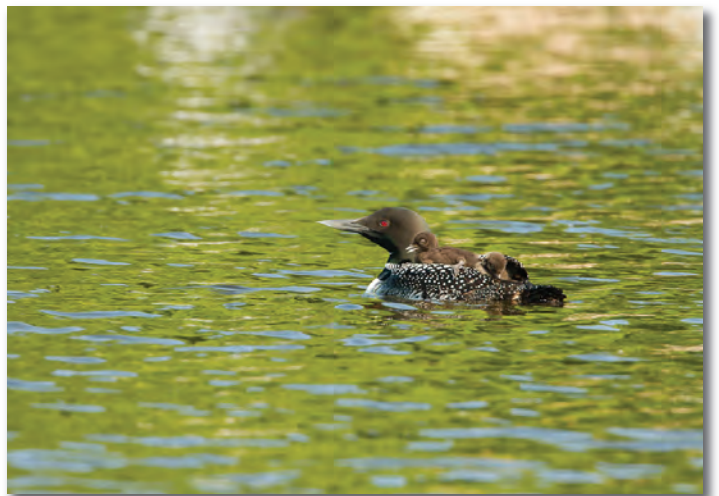
Old Business:

- The FOTH bill has been paid in full now and we expect payment from the WDNR for the 2 grants that have been completed.
- Garden Lake ILID was not functional last year. Power will be supplied by Mr. Jim Biggot from his home since the bar is not open. Julia Campbell has arranged for the DSL to be seasonally downgraded and costing only \$10 a month now. She will contact Cheqtel in the spring and have it turned on.
- ILID Video Review – members have been reviewing the Lakewoods tapes. Most of the tapes do not contain boats as the camera is being triggered by motion. Eric Lindberg will be contacted to adjust the cameras next year. We hope to have students monitor the tapes next year.
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – 32 members were in attendance. We discussed moving the date to earlier in the year so that more seasonal volunteers could attend. There were a number of other activities that day which we suspect limited attendance. We also discussed ways to decrease the cost to the NLA, by having Board members plan and make the meal.
- Newsletter – a newsletter will be sent out before the end of the year.
- Membership – an invoice to members will be sent out early in 2012. Dues cover a calendar year and payment by June 1st is required to be eligible to vote.

Correspondence:

The new website will ensure that the board@nlaonline.org is functional and will route mail to the secretary.

A motion to adjourn was made by Denise Dupras at 9:55 and seconded by Steve Riley. The meeting was adjourned.



NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by President Linda Fischer

Board Members Present: Denise Dupras, Greg Dehring, Julia Campbell, Barb Best

NLA Member Attendees: 1

Minutes of November 12, 2011 Meeting

Reviewed by Board and membership in attendance. A motion to approve was made by Julia Campbell and seconded by Greg Dehring. The minutes were approved.

Treasures Report:

Not available at the time of the meeting.

Grant Update:

Denise Dupras updated the Board. A Lake Management Planning Grant was prepared by to the WDNR. This was submitted by the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute for the February deadline but was not complete and so was not funded. Mr. Jim Krueger indicated that the support letter was sent to Mike Gardner. Mr. Steve Riley has received a letter from Alan Brew, Interim Co-director which was read at the meeting. Mr. Randy Lehr will now be working with us to develop and resubmit a grant for the August 1 deadline. Mr. Riley has indicated via email that he will be meeting with the WDNR as well as staff from the Environmental Institute when he returns from Florida.

Communication with towns of Namakagon and Grand View:

Denise Dupras and Linda Fischer submitted an annual report of activities to the towns of Namakagon and Grand View. Mr. Krueger indicated that this was much appreciated. Denise Dupras will also prepare a brief synopsis following meetings to update the towns on the NLA and its activities.

ILIDS:

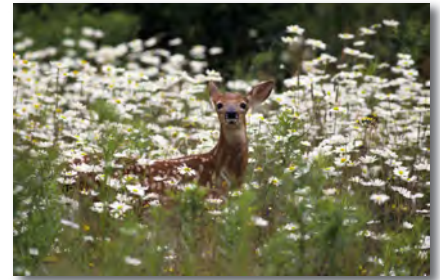
Highway D landing is finished and the ILID should be able to be installed this spring. Julia Campbell will be in contact with Eric Lindberg to determine when the installation will occur. She will also check on getting the Garden Lake camera up. There was discussion of the requirement for review of all tapes and Denise Dupras and Linda Fischer offered to coordinate the scheduling of tape reviews. The goal would be to have these done by student monitors and volunteers on a weekly basis. State funded cameras require tape review and include both Lakewoods and County D landing.

Landing Monitors:

At this time with the changes at the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute, it is unclear if we will have students available to monitor the landings. Julia Campbell has tried to contact Randy Lehr but has not heard back. The Board discussed the secondary plan to rely once again on volunteers. We also discussed the possibility of hiring local teenagers and that they would need to be trained and that the AIS specialist, Jeremy Bates could come down and train them. Julia Campbell told the Board that things didn't run as smoothly last year because of a different coordinator for the students at Northland. Julia Campbell will further look into this.

Lake Clean-up:

Tom Nelson is again coordinating this activity.



Buoy Placement:

Mr. Jim Krueger indicated that some buoys are in already and that he has the buoys at the landings. Tim Browne, Tom Nelson and Dave Baum will help to put the buoys in. He also told the Board that Mr. Paul Butt donated a "slow no wake to dam" sign that is on the bridge near Four Seasons. The Board will thank Mr. Butt

Fun on the Water:

Dates have been set for July. Saturday the 21st is the primary date with Sunday the 22nd as back up. Linda Fischer will contact Mr. Al Stawicki who is the event coordinator.

New Business:

- Mr. Jim Krueger updated the Board on the Telemark Point situation. A lawyer was able to find a document that outlines the stipulations on conditional use. It appears that Mr. Short who purchased the property will now have to apply for a permit, which under current zoning would not allow the previously planned 2 dock with 29 spaces.
- Meeting Dates – The next meeting will be June 2, 2012 (The previously scheduled meetings for May and June will be cancelled due to unavailability of Board members)

Old Business:

- Literature holders need to be ordered now that the final signage is completed. Denise Dupras will get these ordered.
- Membership – the drop in membership was discussed at the Namakagon town meeting. The Board recommended that we do a US and electronic mailing for membership recruitment and also develop a short survey to determine why prior members were no longer members. Denise Dupras will work on this.

A motion to adjourn was made by Denise Dupras at 9:50 and seconded by Greg Dehring. The meeting was adjourned.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- The NLA is looking for volunteers for the up-coming FOTW event. If you are interested please contact Al Stawicki or Linda Fischer.
- As part of our grants we are required to review the ILID camera video capture taken at the landings around the lake. You just need an internet connection to be able to help us with this task. Please contact Denise Dupras if you are interested in helping. (507-358-7757 or duperm1@aol.com).
- The NLA is hiring students again to help monitor landings and provide education to those who enjoy our lake. At times we do not have student coverage and would like to maintain a list of those willing to help. The NLA will provide necessary training. If you are interested please contact Julia Campbell.

"FUN ON THE WATER"

JULY 21, 2012 (RAIN DATE: JULY 22)

Please make sure you have a parking permit is visible on your dashboard!!!!

- 11:00am Sign-in, parent waivers, t-shirts
- 11:30am Casting Practice
Frisbee Golf
Diving for Treasure
Games (Ages 7 and under)
- 12:00pm Casting Contest
Sand Sculptures and Judging
Kayak Practice and Racing
Three-point, free-throw contest
- 1:00pm Lunch
- 1:30pm Warden Schartner (Fishing Contest)
- 2:15pm Water Balloon Toss
- 2:45pm Fun Soccer Kick
Putting for Prizes
Ladder Golf
Games (Ages 7 and under)
- 3:30pm Awards (Event Judges)

"FUN ON THE WATER"

(YOUTH SAFETY AND SKILLS DAY) BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!
Sat., July 21, 2012 (11am - 4pm) • Nat'l Forest Campground (Hwy "D")

**PRESENTATION GIVEN BY THE WISCONSIN DNR AND
THE BAYFIELD COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF**

**LAKE APPRECIATION LUNCH, GAMES, T-SHIRTS, AWARDS
\$10.00 PER FAMILY / \$5.00 PER PERSON**

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Checks payable to Namakagon Lake Association c/o:
Al Stawicki, 45020 Sugar Bay Drive, Cable, WI. 54821



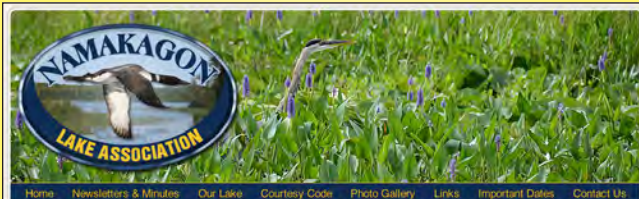

CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

It is that time again; we are looking for folks interested in becoming board members of the NLA. You must be a member of the NLA to serve on the Board. We need you. Show your support and desire to help keep our lake clean and provide recreational opportunities for fishermen, boaters, kayakers, and all those who enjoy the waters of the great north woods.



Come visit us on-line!

www.nlaonline.org



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LAKE NAMAKAGON COURTESY CODE

Know and obey Wisconsin boating safety rules.

Be courteous on the water. Remember, anglers fish early and late in the day.

Stay far enough away from the shoreline to prevent wave-action erosion and to safeguard nesting waterfowl.

Inspect and clean your boat, motor and trailer to prevent the spread of exotic species.

Please immediately report any exotic species to the Namakagon Lake Association.

NEVER empty your bait bucket or release live bait into the lake.

Empty AND dry all live wells, bilges, and baited tanks BEFORE entering the lake.

Operate motorized boats at slow speeds in shallow water.

Observe "no wake" zones.

Operate your boat or personal watercraft with consideration for

Welcome to Lake Namakagon

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

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 pro-active role in the formulation of water and shore land regulations, and responsible use of this unique and irreplaceable resource for all citizens.



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.

Important Dates

April 21, 2012
NLA Board Meeting

NLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| President: | Linda Fischer | (715) 794-2166 |
| 1st Vice President: | Julia Campbell | (715) 798-2446 |
| 2nd Vice President: | Steven Riley | (715) 794-2069 |
| Secretary: | Denise Dupras | (715) 798-5087 |
| Treasurer: | W. Steven Musser | |
| Members at Large: | Barbara Best | |
| Members at Large: | Greg Dehring | |

Email board members: board@nlaonline.org

Visit our website: www.nlaonline.org

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

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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.

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION RENEWAL OR NEW MEMBER REQUEST FORM

MEMBERSHIP DUE ANNUALLY ON CALENDAR YEAR BASIS – 2012

- 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: _____