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2013

# NEWS

Spring 2013

*Nelson Lake Association a 501(c)3 Non-profit Organization*

## Important Dates

### *On the Lake*

## 2013 Annual Meeting

**June 8, 2013**  
**9:00 A.M. – Noon**  
**Hayward Vet's Center**



### Agenda

- 9:00 AM Coffee, Continental Breakfast  
9:30 AM Lac Courte Oreilles Experience with Invasives  
10:00 AM Clean Boats/Clean Waters on Nelson Lake  
10:30 AM Trumpeter Swans Soar In Wisconsin  
11:00 AM Annual Meeting Business  
Approval of June 2, 2012 minutes  
Financial Report  
Membership Status  
Nominations and Elections  
Committee Reports
- 12:00 Noon Adjourn to June 14 ,2014

## Annual Meeting

**Saturday, June 8**  
**9:00 AM - Noon**  
**Hayward Vet's Center**

## Garage Sale

**Friday, July 12**  
**&**  
**Saturday, July 13**  
**Lenroot Township**  
**Parking Lot**

## Annual Picnic

**Saturday, August 10th**  
**4:00 PM**  
**Park Island Resort**

## Winter Rama

**Saturday, January 4, 2014**  
**12:00 Noon**  
**Nelson Lake Landing**

# Hayward Vet's Center

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

By: Bill Wilcox

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Lately it seems as if I have a one track mind, the topic which keeps coming to mind is aquatic invasive species. Wisconsin has a multitude of risks from the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River but the ones that keep haunting me are Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Watermilfoil. These two are the most likely to invade Nelson Lake and could cause drastic changes that would impact how everyone uses the lake.

Recently I looked at a map which showed which lakes in Sawyer County had one or both of these. There are 13 lakes that have Eurasian Watermilfoil in Sawyer County and 6 that have Curley Leaf Pondweed. Many of these are popular lakes that are fished by local fisherman as well as tourists. In reviewing the boat launch inspection reports of the 638 boats that were inspected at Gerlach Landing, it was not uncommon to have boats that came directly from one of these lakes. Fortunately, people have become much more aware of the threat and are taking preventive action.

So what can we do? First, if we take our boats to another lake, make sure we inspect our boats, trailers, and equipment, remove all attached plants and animals, and drain all water from boats, vehicles and equipment before leaving the other lake. Second, know how to identify Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curley Leaf Pondweed. And third, when you are on the water be alert and if you suspect you have found some report it to any of the NLA Board members. Early identification and rapid response is critical.

**NLA NOMINATIONS**

The office of Vice President, Secretary and two Directors at Large will expire in June and an election to fill these positions will be held at the annual meeting on June 8 th. The Nominating Committee will recommend candidates for each position. If you are interested in running for one of the positions please contact a member of the Nominating Committee:

- |              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Casey Stangl | 715-634-1213  |
| John Welter  | 715-634-4175  |
| Kathy Preuss | 715-634-7572  |
| Jon Mostrom  | 715-634--0657 |

**Board Members Needed**



## Changing Of The Guard

By : Bill Wilcox



Art Saxum received a certificate of appreciation and a gift certificate in recognition of the four years he served on the Board. We will continue to call on him as his schedule permits. Thanks for all your help.



The Board appointed Jon Mostrom to replace Art Saxum. Jon and his wife Jonnie are full time residents and reside on Norway Point Road. Welcome aboard.

## FROM THE TREASURER By: Casey Stangl

### FINANCIAL REPORT

As of March 31, 2013, we have \$1,859.65 in our checking account. The Capital One Money Market has \$24,458.12. We have a total of \$26,317.77 but \$110.00 are prepaid funds.

General Fund	\$ 12,678.59
Fish & Wildlife Fund	\$ 882.75
Invasive Species Fund	\$ 12,573.96
Lake Projects	\$ 182.47

### MEMBERSHIP

We ended the year with 254 members. Thank you for support. Currently, we have 200 memberships paid for the new year. Thank you for your great response.

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**NLA Invasives Program**

By: Bill Wilcox

**Prevention**

The first priority of the NLA Invasives Program is to prevent any invasive from entering the lake. We are doing this with signage that reminds boaters to clean, inspect, and drain.



The second line of defense is the boat launch inspections at Gerlach Landing. This is not the only landing that boaters use but it is the only one that we can justify a paid inspector. The inspections not only make sure the boats are ok but the people get a reminder that this is important. Not only did Donna Ritter inspect 638 boats last summer but she gave the message to 1,620 people in the process.

**Early Detection**

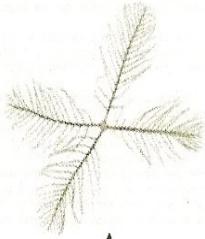
Since it is not possible to inspect every boat that enters the lake, it is important we detect any introduction as early as possible. To do this we have divided the lake shore into 31 segments of approximately 1 mile each and have solicited members to check a section twice a year. All sections don't always get checked so we have asked some members to do a special inspection of the high risk areas, the boat launch areas.

<b><u>Diane &amp; Phil Cooper</u></b>	<b><u>Jim &amp; Cindy Thoreson</u></b>	<b><u>Bob &amp; Mary Walker</u></b>	<b><u>Bill &amp; Marlene Wilcox</u></b>
Reiske's	Sunrise Bay	Four Seasons	Small Road
Birch Point	Nelson Lake Landing		Tagalder
Revelle's	Nelson Lake Lodge		

In addition to the actions above, we want every member to know how to identify Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Watermilfoil, be alert while on the water, and report immediately if they suspect they have found any.

**Eurasian water-milfoil**  
*Myriophyllum spicatum*  
(Non-native)

Leaves in whorls of 3-5 and may be widely spaced along the stem.



Note: More than 12 pairs of leaflets

**Northern water-milfoil**  
*Myriophyllum sibiricum*  
(Native)



Note: Usually 12 or fewer pairs of leaflets

**Curly Leaf Pondweed**  
*Potamogeton crispus*



Illustrative view of Curly Leaf Pondweed  
Note: Wavy leaves resemble lasagna noodles



**Curly Leaf Pondweed**  
Single Leaf



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Note: Margins of leaf are serrated (finely-toothed)

Winter buds ("turions") resemble small brown pine cones  
Actual size 4-5 cm



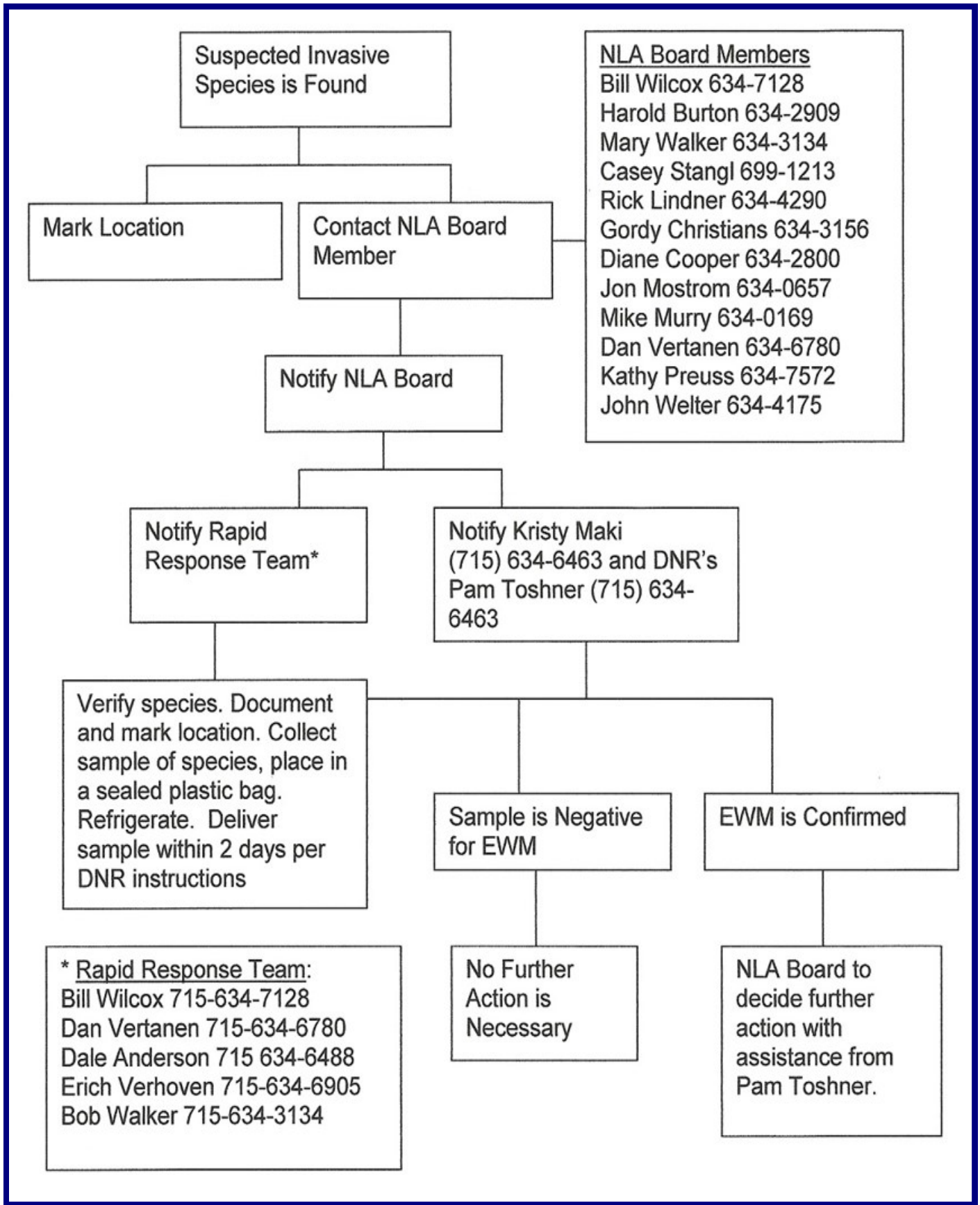
Adopt-A-Highway

by Bill Wilcox

Many of the roads around Nelson Lake are kept clean of trash by members who want to keep our roads free of litter. If on your travels, you should happen to spot a can, bottle, or other litter, please take the time to stop and pick it up. Thanks.



# Nelson Lake Rapid Response Plan



On August 16, 1983 Jeanne Nelson held an organizational meeting of the Nelson Lake Property Owners Association at the Ranch Supper Club in Hayward “to ascertain if there is interest in forming such an organization in the first place”. Listed benefits on the invite included: town roads, shoreline, boating controls, fish management, zoning, pollution control, and “last but not least, taxes”. 106 signed in at the door, about 40 couldn’t get in, and she received an additional 29 letters of interest. 14 people volunteered to draw up a set of bylaws.

There was an organization named Nelson Lake Association, Inc. at the time but membership was limited to businesses and to be a full member you had to be a resort owner. Somewhere along the way that organization changed its name to Nelson Lake Resort Owners Association, Inc. and in 2001 the Nelson Lake Property Owners Association changed its name to the Nelson Lake Association, Inc.

The steering committee met on August 24, 1983 to work on proposed by-laws. Those present were Lloyd Nelson, Gene Highley, Graham Thoresen, Chancey Smith, Bob Eytcheson, Jeanne Nelson, Hazel Hoff, Ron Redmond, Isla Hams, and Ralph Johannessen. The first annual meeting was held on September 23, 1983 and called to order by “acting chairman” Ralph Johannessen who then outlined a brief history and development of the organization to date. He then proceeded to read the proposed by-laws and entertained questions from the floor. With a few minor changes the by-laws were accepted and election of officers followed and Ralph Johannessen became the first President of the new Nelson Lake Property Owners Association.

The by-laws stated: “The purpose shall be to protect and preserve the environment, of Nelson Lake, to maintain the natural beauty of Nelson Lake, to keep Nelson Lake clean and safe for all people and to provide a forum for the collection and exchange of ideas and to pursue any other lawful objectives”. The purpose of the organization has remained much the same over the past 30 years with some additions necessary to qualify for DNR grants and qualify for IRS 501(c)(3) tax exemptions.

Check out **Wisconsin Lakes** for current news and information.

**Link:** [www.wisconsinlakes.org](http://www.wisconsinlakes.org)

**Presidents**

Ralph Johannessen  
Frank Benes  
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Bill Wilcox

# NLA Garage Sale

**Donations Needed  
July 12 & 13, 2013**

**Lenroot Township Parking Lot**

- Good Furniture
- Working Small Appliances
- Bikes in good condition
- Other Sporting Goods
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Questions Contact:

Mary Walker  
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## Fish Sticks Phase 2

By: Rick Lindner

The work on the Fish Sticks project went extremely well during the winter. With the preparations completed last fall we were able to proceed with tree placement on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Although we intended to use about 2000 feet of shoreline, the coordinates on the permit limited the work to about 1500 feet along the north side of North Bay.

The 50 ft hardwood trees were donated by Sawyer County and marked by the Sawyer County Forester. The Wisconsin DNR provided resources to cut the trees. Trees were cut along the new trail and from the county forest land adjacent to Jolly Fisherman Road. A backhoe from J-R Excavating was used to pull trees out to the road. J-R Excavating also built the trail from Jolly Fisherman Road to the lake last fall.



With excellent participation by volunteers from the association we were able to hook and drag trees to the ice as fast as they were cut. Two volunteers were positioned to attach cables to the trees and hook them to the tow vehicles. About 6 volunteers used their pickups and SUVs to pull the trees down the trail and out onto the ice. Two more volunteers were on the ice to unhook the trees.

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Trees were placed in an “A” pattern on the shoreline by Gruel Landscaping using a bobcat. This pattern provides anchor points on the shoreline and a stable structure to resist movement by wind and/or water current. On April 8<sup>th</sup> volunteers completed the project by cabling the trees to the shoreline.



Due to prior planning and all the volunteer help the project was completed in two half-days. The first half day completed all the cutting, dragging, and placement (it was estimated to take about two days based on last year’s experience). The second half day completed all the cabling to anchor the trees to the shoreline and tie them together. The total cost of the project was \$1668.00, well below the original estimate of \$4026.00. The cost was shared by the Nelson Lake Association, Town of Lenroot, Nelson Lake Resort Owners Association, Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin, and the Northwest Area Builders Association.

Thanks to all the participants in the phase 2 project this winter. Special thanks goes to John and Linda Welter for providing lunch at Nelson Lake Landing for everyone working on the project on the day the trees were cut and placed on the ice.

#### **Fish Sticks project participants:**

Back row: Jeremy Murdock, Rick Lindner, Bryce Ottman (DNR), Max Wolter (DNR), Fred Goold, John Welter, Casey Stangl.

Front Row: Bill Wilcox, Gary Anderson, Rick Gruel, Eric Verhoven, George Uschan, Erik Gruel, John Mostrom, Scott Toshner (DNR), Russ Warwick (DNR), Gordy Christians.

Also participating in the cabling effort was Bob Terry (not in the picture).



## Nelson Lake Association Scholarship

By: Kathy Preuss

### Nelson Lake Association is Offering a 2013 Hayward High School Student Scholarship

The Nelson Lake Association Board has approved a one-time \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating Hayward High School student.

The criteria are:

Any student who will be attending an accredited college or vocational school enrolled in preferably Natural Resources or environmental studies may apply for this scholarship. It will be awarded at the beginning of the second semester of school after a grade report is sent to the Nelson Lake Association showing a successful first semester GPA 2.0 or higher and proof of second semester enrollment.

The application will be reviewed by the NLA Scholarship Committee, recommendations based upon the criteria will be made to the NLA Board members at the May 6th meeting, with the results submitted the following day to the Hayward High School Guidance Department.



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## Extended Growth Walleye's Stocking History

By: Mary &amp; Bob Walker

Since 2011, the DNR biologists have teamed up with Nelson Lake Association, Nelson Lake Resort Owners Association and Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin to aggressively stock "extended -growth" walleye fingerlings that are 6-8" to avoid being eaten by largemouth bass. The 2013-2014 DNR minimum length limit for walleye on Nelson Lake is 18 inches in hopes that increased numbers of larger walleye will eat enough small bass and panfish to establish a desired state of balance. Below is the chart of stocking from 2004 through 2012 with a DNR commitment to stock 12,515 extended growth walleye's in the fall of 2013.

Nelson Lake Walleye Stocking										
DNR Walleye Size		7.2"	7.1"	6.7"	7"	6.5"			7.5"	Total
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
DNR	20,000	2,499	12,515	4,258	2,012	11,042			12,515	64,841
NLA		6,129	1,995	6,200	9,875	10,000	10,000			44,199
Red Cliff	991	260	300	235	0					1786
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,991</b>	<b>8,888</b>	<b>14,810</b>	<b>10,693</b>	<b>11,887</b>	<b>21,042</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,515</b>	<b>110,826</b>

**2013 DNR Plans for Nelson Lake are to stock 12,515.**

## Winter Rama (and the winners were)



This year we had a tie for the winner of the desert contest and only one medal so the two winners, Hank Koch and Marilyn McIntosh, had to draw a card to see who got the medal.



Keith Cottington took the top prize for his chili which he claimed took him all night to get just right.

Linda Solomonson had the winning touch at the putting contest.





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2013 Annual Meeting

**Hayward Vet's Center**

*See details inside*