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

2011 Annual Meeting

June 11, 2011
9:00 AM – Noon
Hayward Vet's Center



Agenda

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| 9:00 AM | Coffee, Continental Breakfast |
| 9:30 AM | Septic Survey Report – Eric Wellauer |
| 10:00 AM | Invasives:
Shoreline Monitoring - Bill Wilcox
Boat Launch Inspections– Art Saxum |
| 10:30 AM | Fish Sticks Project –Bob Terry &
Dan Vertanen |
| 11:00 AM | Annual Meeting Business
Approval of June 12, 2010 minutes
Financial Report
Membership Status
Nominations and Elections
Committee Reports |
| 12:00 Noon | Adjourn to June 19, 2012 |

Hayward Vet's Center

Important Dates

On the Lake

Annual Meeting

Saturday June 11
9:00 AM - Noon
Hayward Vet's Center

Garage & Bake Sale

Friday & Saturday July 15 & 16
Friday 5:00-7:00p.m.
Saturday 7:30a.m.– 3:00p.m.
Lenroot Town Hall Parking Lot

Annual Picnic

Saturday August 13th
4:00 PM
Park Island Resort

Winter Rama

Saturday January 7, 2012
12:00 Noon
Nelson Lake Landing

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Bill Wilcox

Our newsletter and other communications usually focus on what the Nelson Lake Association does on and for Nelson Lake. I thought this time I would highlight some activities the Association and members do to support other organizations through the Association contacts:

Fishing Has No Boundaries: Fishing Has No Boundaries is an organization that provides fishing opportunities for adults and children that are either physically or mentally challenged. Each May they hold a 2 ½ day event on the Chippewa Flowage. For the past several years a group of volunteers from Nelson Lake have helped transport donated pontoon boats to and from the event including the Nelson Lake Association pontoon. We also provide a driver for the Association pontoon and there are individuals who donate their time and boats to ensure the participants have a great time. Last spring Fishing Has No Boundaries provided a special fishing opportunity for 115 participants. A separate event is later held on Nelson Lake for Hayward school participants again with donated pontoons and drivers. Later in the year there is a Nelson Lake tour for Hayward Nursing Home residents, again with donated pontoons and drivers.

Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin: Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin is an organization that holds an annual Family Fishing Event in February to raise money to support walleye stocking in our part of Wisconsin. WFNW helped the Nelson Lake Association fund the stocking of extended growth walleyes over the past 6 years with the funds they raise at the Family Fishing Event. For the past several years the NLA has purchased and donated a framed walleye print to be given away as one of the raffle prizes. The NLA has people who help in the planning of the event and others who work the event providing assembly and take down help, traffic control, fish registration, and prize distribution. This year WFNW had just under 1,100 participants with 370 of those being 17 years old or younger and raised \$22,000 to support walleye stocking in this part of Wisconsin.

If you would like to get involved with either of these organizations or volunteer for one of the events, all you need to do is contact me or one of the Board members.

NLA NOMINATIONS

The office of Treasurer and three Directors at Large will expire in June and an election to fill these positions will be held at the annual meeting on June 11th. 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:

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Diane Cooper	715-634-2800
Bob Terry	218-341-6019
Bill Wilcox	715-634-7128



Board Members
Needed

Visit our website at www.nelsonlakeassociation.org

Wisconsin Fishing Report

Reprinted from *The Wisconsin Fishing Report – Spring 2011*

Nelson, Sissabagama and Whitefish lakes

— These very different waters all share one thing in common: formerly excellent walleye fisheries have been displaced in recent years by excessive numbers of largemouth bass. This species of bass is known to prey upon young walleye and compete with adult walleye for available food. As a result, natural reproduction and stocking of small walleye (one to two inches) have failed in these lakes. DNR biologists have teamed up with lake associations and Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin to aggressively stock “extended-growth” walleye fingerlings that are big enough (six to eight inches) to avoid being eaten by most largemouth bass. Beginning in 2011, the minimum length limit on walleye will be 18 inches on these three lakes in hopes that increased numbers of walleye will eat enough small bass and panfish to establish a desired state of balance. There will be no minimum length limit on bass on these lakes in 2011. Anglers are encouraged to harvest largemouth bass of all sizes starting the first weekend in May in Sissabagama Lake (Southern Bass Zone) and the third weekend in June in Nelson and Whitefish lakes (Northern Bass Zone). Anglers are encouraged to voluntarily release all smallmouth bass in order to shift the bass fishery to one that is compatible with walleyes. - *Dave Neuswanger, fisheries team leader, Upper Chippewa Basin*



Submitted by Pamela Ruetten

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE BANDERDINKER?

First and Foremost, the BANDERDINKER is a paddle event. Our mission is to squeeze the most fun and silliness out of a day of paddling with friends.

The profits of all this fun will be given away - entirely - to charity. We are a charitable non-profit organization established in Wisconsin.

The charities were selected for the positive impact they have made locally, nationally, and internationally.

Our board of directors is comprised of positive minded people of all different backgrounds and beliefs mostly from the Hayward, Wisconsin community. One board member resides in Holmen, Wisconsin. One board member resides in Evans Georgia.

THE CHARITIES:

JDRF - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. For more information, visit www.jdrf.org

Northwood's Strings - Many children in this wonderful program are on full financial scholarships. For more information, visit www.nwstrings.org.

Hayward Wesleyan Church Community Benevolence Fund - A fund specifically used to help people in the Hayward, Wisconsin area during times of dire financial difficulties. It is used to pay medical bills, fuel bills, or other qualifying expenses. While this fund exists credit to the Hayward Wesleyan Church, it benefits the entire community regardless of faith or other criteria. The Red Cross refers people to this fund for help. Hundreds of families have been helped through the Benevolence Fund in this past year alone.

Come Join Us:

June 4, 2011 From 8:00-12:00

Gerlach Landing will be buzzing on June 4th join the fun!

Spectators are invited to join us for a little music and food from 10:50 to 1:00.

Dinker Drag Races sponsored by Apple Awards will take place in front of Gerlach Landing at Noon.

Website for more information: www.banderdinker.com



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Winter Rama 2011 *By Bill Wilcox*

If you Missed Winter Rama You Missed...Friends



Food...



Dessert Winner: Dawn Saxum

Chili Winner: Hank Koch

Fun...



Winner: Wendy Kronwall

Directory Corrections

Sawyer County Lakes Forum

Following are some corrections to the 2011 Membership

<u>Published</u>	<u>Correct</u>
Lawnson, John & Maureen	Lawson, John & Maureen
Mayer, Robert & Grace 13027N Minnesota Ridge Lane	Mayer, Robert & Grace No Hayward Address
Mayer, Ross 715-634-1732	Mayer, Ross & Pamela Niska-Mayer 715-634-5128
Sherwood, Dick & Karen Owatonna, WI 55060	Sherwood, Dick & Karen Owatonna, MN 55060

The Sawyer County Lakes Forum (SCLF) needs someone willing to take on the job of web-master. The Forum does not have the funds to hire a professional web-master and needs to find a volunteer to do this. They already have a web page but are looking for someone to use the current site or create a new one. It is important for the SCLF to be able to keep the lake association members current on Board initiatives in the county. If you are interested in helping please contact Mary Ann Churchill at 715-462-9140.

Fish Sticks Update *By Bob Terry*

An update on the Nelson Lake "fish sticks" project shows the project is moving forward. On February 16, 2011, Bob, Dan and Bill met with the Sawyer County Forestry Dept. and the Forestry Committee of the Sawyer County Board to discuss obtaining trees from the nearby County Forest, for use in habitat improvement in the lake. The Sawyer County Forestry Committee, with guidance from Gregg Peterson, county forester, approved our use of up to 500 trees from the Sawyer County Forest for the project.

Even though no grant monies are available from the state, it is the intent of the Nelson Lake Association to move forward with the project, due to the importance to the lake habitat. The first habitat improvement will be this winter near the log jam, on the North end of the lake. Plans to expand the project into southern and western areas of Nelson are being planned in years two and three of the project. Look for more info this fall, along with the chance to volunteer for this important project.



Picture Courtesy of Scott Toshner

Donations needed for Nelson Lake Association Garage & Bake Sale July 16, 2011

- Good Furniture
- Working Small Appliances
- Bikes in good condition
- Other Sporting Goods
- Usable Tools
- Books, Tapes, CDs & Software
- Pottery, Bowls, Good Dishes, etc.
- Items that you know are in fairly good condition and will sell!
- PLUS everyone's fresh baked favorites !!!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

Bill Wilcox 715-634-7128

Mary Walker 715-634-3134

Bake Sale!

FROM THE TREASURER *By Casey Stangl*

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of March 31, 2011, we have \$1839.34 in our checking account. The Capital One Money Market has \$14287.74. We have a total of \$16,127.08.

General Fund	\$10,004.44
Fish & Wildlife Fund	\$ 115.67
Invasive Species Fund	\$ 5,946.95
Lakes Projects	\$ 60.02

MEMBERSHIP

We had 249 members for 2010-11 year. I have just started processing our 2011-12 membership renewals. The response from everyone so far seems very good. I am always pleased with cooperation of the membership of NLA. **Thank you!**

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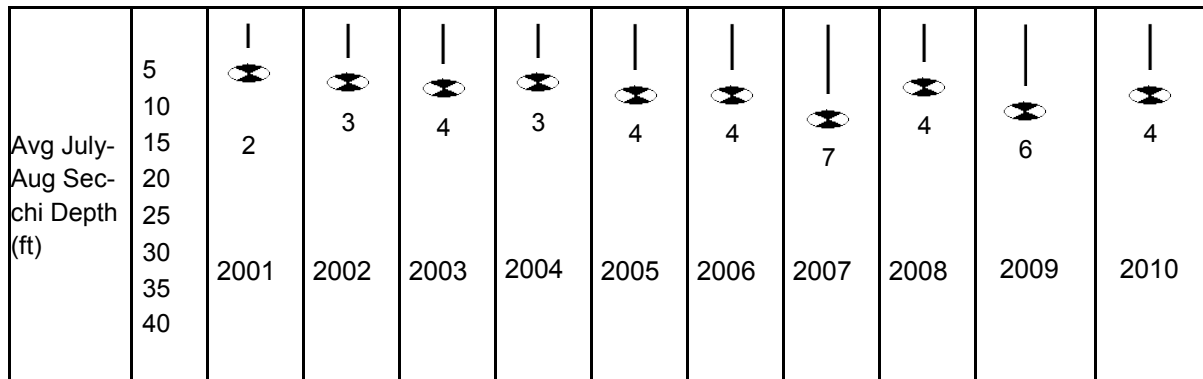
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Water Quality *By Dan Vertanen*

The Nelson Lake Association (Citizen Volunteers), in concert with the Department of Natural Resources, commenced regular measurement of the water quality of Nelson Lake in the summer of 2001 using a black/white secchi target disk. Over time, secchi disk readings provide water quality trends for the lake. As evidenced in the attached DNR website summary reports, the water quality of Nelson Lake has displayed improvement over the years.



Past secchi averages in feet (July and August only).

Year	Secchi Mean	Secchi Min	Secchi Max	Secchi Count
2001	2.4	2.25	2.75	3
2002	3.4	3	4	9
2003	4	2.5	5.5	2
2004	3.3	2.5	4	2
2005	4.5	4	5	2
2006	4.5	3.5	5.5	2
2007	7	7	7	1
2008	3.8	2.5	4.75	3
2009	6.2	4.5	8.5	3
2010	4.5	3.5	5.5	2

Report Generated: 04/20/2011 Continued improvement of water quality is expected as shorelines are restored, 35 foot buffer zones are maintained, non-phosphate fertilizers are used, and 100 % of septic systems are tested and problems abated.

Shoreline Preservation *by Diane Cooper*

Sawyer County no longer has the Shoreline Preservation program in place. They will come out to your property and give you guidance on what kind of plants to plant and where to put your plants. If you have any questions, be sure to contact the county. You can get information on their website at sawyer-county.gov. Please be sure to contact the county before you do anything regarding changing your shoreline.

Take Action to Stop Invasive Species! *By Tim Seidl*

Cleaning boats and equipment before leaving the landing is an important step that citizens can take to prevent the spread of invasive species.

Everyone deserves to enjoy Wisconsin's great outdoors. Our lakes, woods, prairies and wetlands are part of our legacy. Whether you take to the woods or the waters—or just enjoy your own backyard—there are some simple steps that you can take to prevent the spread of invasive species. Please do your part to help protect Wisconsin's natural treasures!

Boaters, sailors, anglers, paddlers...every time you leave a launch:

- INSPECT boat, trailers and equipment and REMOVE plants, animals, and mud.
- DRAIN water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells, and bait containers.
- DON'T MOVE live fish away from a waterbody.
- DISPOSE of unwanted bait in the trash. Use leftover minnows only under certain conditions.
- RINSE boat and equipment with hot or high pressure water OR dry for at least 5 days.

Campers:

Leave firewood at home. Buy it within a 25-mile radius of your campsite.

- Burn all wood during your trip.

Inspect clothing and equipment for seeds, insects, etc. before leaving your camping area.

- Use native plant species whenever possible.
- Dispose of seeds in the trash.
- Be on the lookout for invasive species.
- Respond aggressively to rid your land of new invasive species.



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Leave native trees and plants alone; natural landscapes offer the best defense.

Hikers, bikers, ATV riders, and other recreational users:

- Clean your clothes, bicycles, ATV's, etc before leaving a site that is infested with invasive plants.

For more information on how to prevent the spread of invasives during specific activities, contact Kristy Maki at (715) 634-6463 or by email at invasives@sawyercountygov.org.



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Fishing Regulations – 2011-2012

Nelson Lake: Motor trolling is permitted. The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.

After June 17, there is no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" with a daily bag limit of 1.

Unless otherwise posted, the minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 2.



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2011 Annual Meeting

Hayward Vet's Center

See details inside