



NLA Fall Newsletter

October 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS

WINTER RAMA 2018

Saturday, January 6, 2018
at Nelson Lake Landing

ANNUAL MEETING 2018

Saturday, June 9, 2018
at Hayward Vet's Center

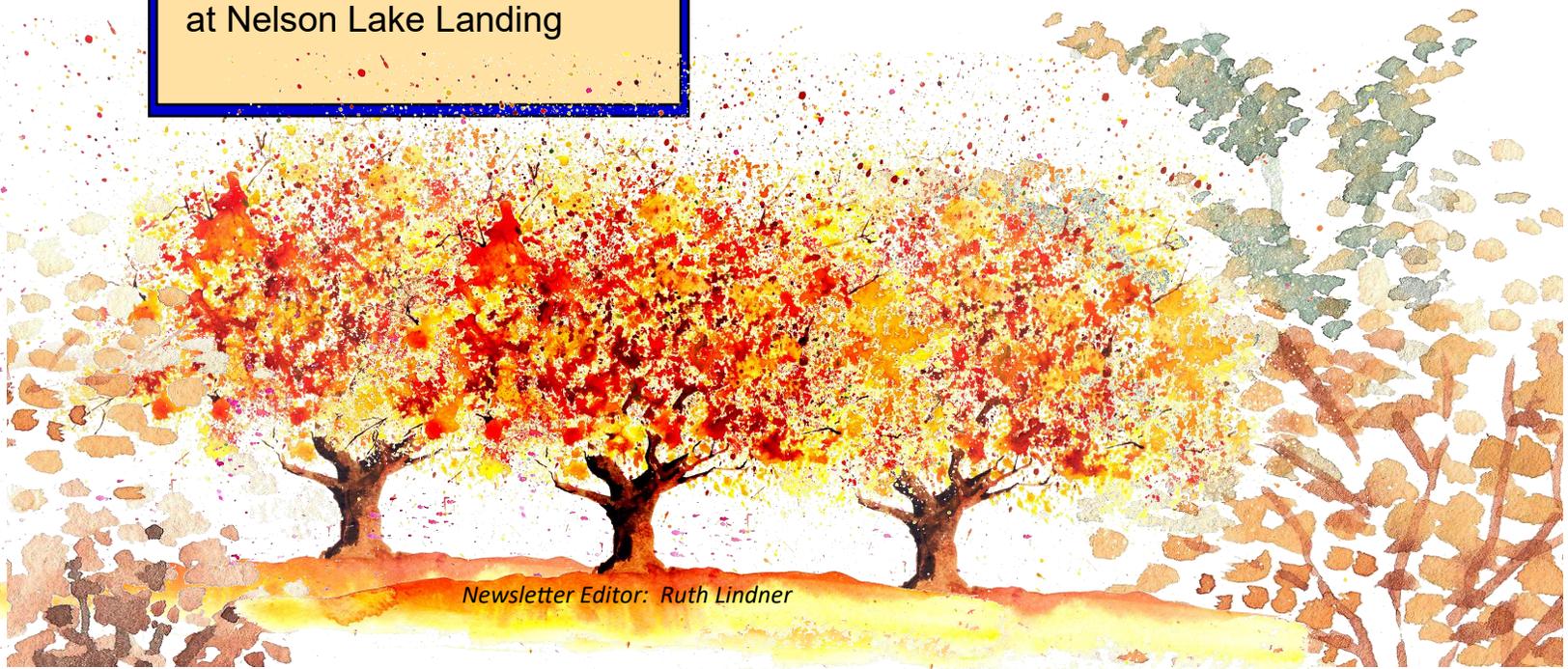
ANNUAL PICNIC 2018

Saturday, August 11, 2018
at Nelson Lake Landing

NLA 2017

Again this year our Association has been very busy leading efforts to improve Nelson Lake and providing our members and community with fun activities. The summer went by quickly and we now look forward to seeing the emergence of beautiful Fall colors painting our shorelines for us to enjoy, and to see the true beauty of Nelson Lake. Enjoy this most wonderful time of the year!

Thank You for your support!



NLA Board Members



From the President Bill Wilcox

Well, here it is the first day of Fall as I write this. It is beginning to look like Fall but it sure doesn't feel like it, 85 degrees. As I look back at the

past summer, it has been another active season for the Nelson Lake Association and a lot of volunteers (thanks a bunch), and once again it appears that we have avoided any new invasive species. We now have a few things to do to get ready for Winter (swap the buoys) and before we know it we will be snowmobiling and ice fishing. This winter we plan to again support two ice fishing events, drop some more trees on the shoreline, and get together to celebrate at Winter Rama.

This June will be the end of my fourth term as president, and 12 years is long enough. At the next annual meeting we will elect a new president and I look forward to assisting the new president in any way I can.

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From the Treasurer Cara Goldman

We extend a warm welcome to the new members that have joined the Nelson Lake Association this year & thanks to all members for their support during this past year!



Nelson Lake Association currently has 233 members.



FINANCIALS:

General Fund.....	\$33,206.93
Fish & Wildlife.....	\$ 3,395.53
Lake Project.....	\$ 364.43
Invasive Species...	\$ <u>5,651.32</u>
TOTAL	\$42,618.21

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Fish Stocking — *Bill Wilcox*

The DNR stocked 27,000 extended growth walleyes in Nelson Lake this fall. The fish have been raised at the Spooner Fish Hatchery all summer and were 6 to 8 inches long. They were stocked in three different parts of the lake; Gerlach Landing, Bog Bay, and Patrow Landing. In an attempt to help them make the transition from being fed at the hatchery to finding food in the lake, the Nelson Lake Association stocked 200 pounds of fat head minnows (approximately 300,000 minnows) at each of the three stocking locations. The hope is that will improve the survival rate. The cost of the minnows was \$2100 and the cost was split with Walleyes For Northwest Wisconsin.

We started stocking extended growth walleyes in 2003 with 75 from the Red Cliff Tribe. Since that time we have stocked a total of 157,575; 1,861 from Red Cliff, 44,199 from NLA, and 111,515 from the DNR.



Walleye and Minnow Stocking in Nelson Lake 2017



Walleye Stocking

27,000
extended
growth



Minnow Stocking — approximately 900,000



DNR's Citizen Lake Monitoring Program



**Matt Diederich,
DNR Citizen Lake Monitoring Program**

DNR Lake Monitoring Network

If you are boating on Nelson Lake and happen to see an 8" round disk being lowered by rope into the water, you are observing Rick Lindner or myself performing a clarity check as volunteers to the DNR's Citizen Lake Monitoring program.

This program, initiated by the Wisconsin DNR in 1986, uses volunteers to collect water quality data throughout the state. Today, the program has grown to include over 1,000 volunteers monitoring lakes statewide. (For more information, go to the DNR web site at <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes> and select citizen lake monitoring).

The Secchi readings are scheduled every eight days to correspond with satellite imaging of the lake. The information is entered into a DNR data base. This allows the DNR to predict water clarity parameters based on the satellite pictures.

In addition, I collect water sample for the chemistry data once a month during the summer. A phosphorous sample and a chlorophyll sample are prepared, packed in ice, and shipped to the State Lab of Hygiene in Madison for analysis.

The Citizen Lake Monitoring Network supports the Wisconsin DNR's program to monitor and maintain the quality of the water resources within our state. The Nelson Lake Association is proud to be an active participant in this effort.

Article by Matt Diederich

***Fish Sticks* — Rick Lindner**

In 2011 the Nelson Lake Association Board of Directors decided to pursue obtaining the necessary permits and DNR support to begin an experiment in creation of fish habitat on Nelson Lake. The experiment became known as the Fish Sticks project. Following DNR recommendations trees were placed in 5-tree clusters in the shape of an 'A', cabled together and cabled to the shoreline. Trees were cut from county forest land by Forestry personnel, then dragged to the ice, placed on the shoreline and cabled in place by NLA members.

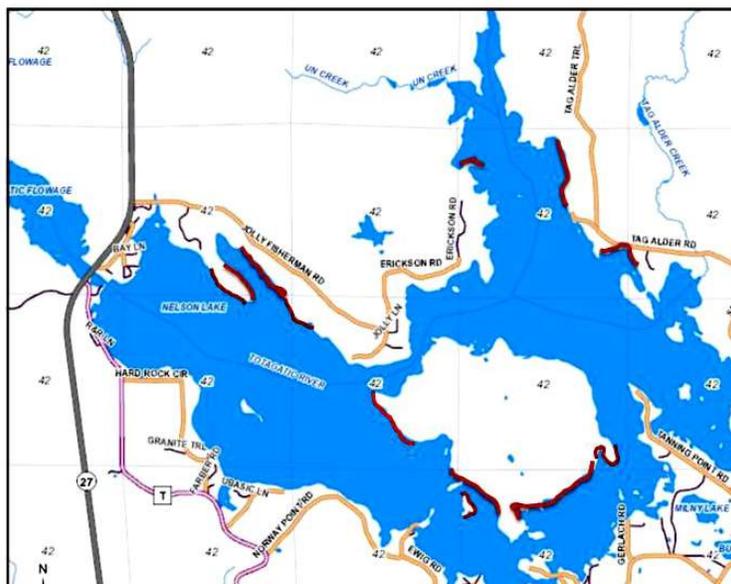
The project began in 2012 at three locations near the former Tag Alder Landing, where the Totagatic river flows into the lake. One area was the north side of Crappie Bay, another was the Log Jam shoreline north of the landing, and the third was across the river from the landing.

In 2013 Fish Sticks were placed along the north shoreline of North Bay. This required a special trail to be built from Jolly Fisherman Road to the bay during the summer months so trees could be dragged onto the ice during the winter. In 2014 Fish Sticks were placed on the south shoreline of North Bay using the same trail as the previous year.

In 2015 we moved to the south shore of the Big Island and changed the approach to single trees on the shoreline which were marked by the DNR during the summer to be cut and cabled to the stump during the winter. **This same approach was used in 2016** on another portion of the south shore on the Big Island.

So far nearly 1000 trees have been placed and cabled in the first 5 years of the program. This winter the plan is to use the single tree approach again and place trees in the lake along the shoreline from Crappie Bay to Tag Alder Bay, and, if approved by the DNR, along the east side of the river near the north inlet. Ice conditions will dictate when the work will be completed, especially on the river shoreline. If you would like to assist with this project just contact Bill Wilcox (bill.marlene@centurytel.net) or Rick Lindner (ricklindner@yahoo.com) with your phone number and email address so you can be notified when the work will start. Volunteers are always welcome.

Completed Locations



Northern Waters Environmental School



ANNUAL MEETING — The Nelson Lake Association was so pleased to hear from the students and teachers from the Northern Waters Environmental School at our annual meeting in June. This gave us the opportunity to learn what the school was all about and how their curriculum differs from regular public schools. It also enlightened the students as to the many projects the Nelson Lake Association is involved with.

“Learn outside! Work on real-world projects. Explore our community.”



Annual Meeting Snapshots

June 10, 2017



Registration Crew!



Casey Stangl, Diane Stangl and Marlene Wilcox





Welcome To The **Nelson Lake Association** **Annual Picnic**

Raffle Winner

And The Winner Is... Cindy Haug from Strum, WI



Bill Wilcox presenting Cindy Haug with her phone!
Congratulations Cindy!

Cindy Haug from Strum, WI was the winner of the Samsung Galaxy S8 phone. She bought three tickets at Minnow Jim's.

PERFECT DAY FOR A PICNIC!



Annual Picnic 2017



Bill Wilcox presented Hunter and Endre with new fishing rods.

Minnow Race Winners

First and second place winners in the Minnow Race were:



Hunter Smith



Endre Brumbaugh



Enjoy fishing with your new rods!



Annual Picnic 2017



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