

# ***Nelson Lake Association***

# **SPRING NEWSLETTER**

## **2022**



**Time for fishing, picnics, boating, biking, swimming, kayaking, gardening,  
and enjoying our beautiful Nelson Lake**

## **Upcoming Events**

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Saturday, June 11, 2022**

**9:00 A.M. — Noon**

**at Hayward Veterans Center**

### **KAYAKING EVENT**

**Saturday, August 13, 2022**

**10:00 A.M. — Noon**

**Depart from Gerlach's landing @ 10 A.M.**

### **ANNUAL PICNIC**

**Saturday, August 13, 2022**

**4:00 P.M. — 7:00 P.M.**

**at Nelson Lake Park**

### **WINTER RAMA**

**Saturday, January 7, 2023**

**Noon—4:00 P.M.**

**at Nelson Lake Landing**





# From the President

## Rick Lindner



Although the Fisheries survey last fall did not confirm an increase in Walleye spawning survival I have had reports of small walleyes being caught during the early ice fishing season last fall. They were probably from the 2021 fall stocking that was done by the DNR. At five locations throughout the lake a total of 29,312 extended growth walleye were stocked into Nelson Lake during October, 2021. I was hoping there would be a Fyke Net survey done this spring, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic the survey schedules have been disrupted and a date for that survey has not been defined. So all we have to go on is the ice fishing reports which indicated a good number of nice walleyes being caught. I would like some feedback from members of the Association, so when you go fishing this spring please send me the date, the number of walleye you catch, the length of the fish, and if they were kept or released. Send the info to [ricklindner@yahoo.com](mailto:ricklindner@yahoo.com) and I will try to record and report the result.

We are fortunate to have a team of dedicated Boat Inspectors working at the landings to make our Clean Boats / Clean Waters program a success. Ron Kirchdoerfer has been working at the Park Landing since 2016, Steve Bottolfson has been also at that landing since 2020, Rich Brouillette has been at Gerlach Landing since spring of 2021, and Gavin Erickson has been there since July 2021. Boat inspections are done on all weekends and holidays from May through September. Please give them your full cooperation when you use the landings. This year there will be a special focus on making sure boats are not bringing in water from any other water body, as we want to prevent the spread of Spiny Water Fleas into Nelson Lake.



I regret to inform you that David Hahn will not be at Gerlach Landing this year. Some of you are aware that David suffered a stroke last July and passed on January 14th this year. David often mentioned how much he enjoyed working at the landing. He enjoyed meeting people and the new friends he made there. He is dearly missed.



# From the Treasurer Glenn Rolloff



## Financials as of April 3, 2022

General Fund	\$22,708.60
Fish & Wildlife	\$ 8,693.11
Lake Project	\$ 1,693.54
Invasive Species	\$ 10,055.21
Nelson Lake Park	<u>\$ 2,907.62</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>\$46,058.08</u></u>



## **NLA MEMBERSHIP**

**NLA Membership  
stands at  
247**

# NLA Board Members



Rick Lindner  
President



Harold Burton  
Vice President



Glenn Rolloff  
Treasurer



Steve Bilitz  
Secretary



Gordy Christians



Tom LeMay



John Welter



Mike Hallum



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Jeff Hanson	Director at Large	612-719-9072
Casey Stangl	Director at Large	715-699-1213
Mark Schaezner	Director at Large	612-860-9064

## Board Elections

At our Annual Meeting in June the positions of Vice President, Secretary and two Director positions are up for election. Harold Burton will be running for re-election as Vice President. Steve Bilitz will be running for re-election as Secretary. Gordy Christians and Tom LeMay will be running for re-election as Directors At Large. Any interested member of the association can run for a position on the Board of Directors. The Board meets six times per year, on the first Monday of even-numbered months. Please contact Rick if you are interested in being a candidate for the NLA Board of Directors.



***Nelson Lake Association***  
**40th ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Saturday, June 11, 2022**

**9:00 A.M. — Noon**

**At Hayward Veterans Center**



**AGENDA**

Join Us  
For NLA  
Updates!

9:00 am	Coffee, cookies & donuts
9:30 am	Lenroot Town Report (Gordy Christians)
9:45 am	Drawdown Proposal (Gordy Christians)
10:00 am	Annual Meeting Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval of June 12, 2021 Minutes</li><li>• Financial &amp; Membership Reports</li><li>• Nominations and Elections</li><li>• Tagalder Beach Plan</li><li>• Other Business</li><li>• Door Prize Presentations</li></ul>
12:00 Noon	Adjourn to June 10, 2023

**Masks are optional**



# JOIN US!

## Kayak Around The Big Island

- Saturday, August 13, 2022
- Meet at Gerlach's Landing at 10:00 A.M.
- Kayak around the Big Island. We should return to the landing by Noon.



## **This Kayaking Event will take place the morning of the NLA Annual Picnic**

**(NLA Annual Picnic is from 4:00—7:00 P.M. at Nelson Lake Park)**

### **KAYAK AROUND THE BIG ISLAND (2022)**

Once again we are planning to kayak around the Big Island, on Saturday, August 13. This year we are planning to start at 10:00 A.M. from Gerlach's landing so that we are finished around noon. This will avoid some of the boat traffic between Gerlach landing and Norway Point.

Some people choose to join us along the route, and of course, that is just fine. We have had paddlers all ages from teenagers to senior citizens. Last year the age range spanned seven decades. We have also had kayaks of all sizes and shapes: sit-on kayaks, tandem kayaks, custom-made kayaks, etc. Of course, if you would like you could also use a canoe.

Let's go  
KAYAKING



This event is somewhat weather dependent. Plan to dress for the weather and bring along water and sunscreen.



# LENROOT REPORT 2022

## Gordy Christians

The Town of Lenroot continues to upgrade its equipment with the purchase of a new grader and work truck this year. Fortunately, we made the purchase just before there were major supply shortages and price increases. In addition, the federal American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA allowed us to receive a grant to address some of the problems that came to light during lock downs such as broadband access, remote meetings, and health protection measures for town employees. As a result we partnered with Sawyer County and Norvado to extend cable to parts of the Seeley area, Small/Tanning Point Road area, and the Phipps area to be installed this summer. We also are in the process of setting up the town hall to have zoom meeting capability.

### Town of Lenroot Web Site

Our township web site was last updated more than a decade ago. By summer, it will be revised to include almost everything a new resident or visitor might want to know about the town and the resources available. If there is something missing, let us know.

The screenshot shows a Google search for "town of lenroot wi". The search results include the town's website URL, a brief description of the town, and several informational links such as "Voter Information", "Town Officials", "Contact Us", "Commission Members", "Agenda", "Comprehensive Plan", "Archived Minutes", and "Area Links". A map on the right side of the results shows the location of Lenroot in Wisconsin. The local time is displayed as 3:46 PM 4/8/2022.

### Road Maintenance

On July 25<sup>th</sup> a new bridge across the Namakagon River on Tagalder Road will be constructed. This should be completed around the end of September. Traffic will be detoured during construction. The cost of this bridge will be over \$700,000 of which the township is responsible for about 10%. This summer we plan to do several crack sealing and blacktop projects. We will bid out the full list but anticipate prices will be significantly higher than in the past so we will have to pare down the list after bids are opened.

# NELSON LAKE DRAWDOWN PROPOSAL

## Fall/Winter 2022—2023



The Nelson Lake Association Board of Directors is proposing that Nelson Lake water levels be drawn down again starting September 12, 2022 with the desired depth being reached on or before September 30, 2022. Refilling to begin March 13, 2023 and be completed as quickly as possible (preferably before April 15, 2023).

The drawdown done in 2020-2021 allowed for the replacement of stop

logs and cables which will make future drawdowns much easier. The goals of doing the dam inspection, repairing boat landings, and lowering the culvert on Jolly Fisherman Road were completed. But any improvement in walleye spawning was not evident in the fall survey. Reduced weed density in some locations and improved water clarity in the first half of the summer were among the observed changes. Access to the lake at the boat landings was still possible throughout the drawdown. There was little or no public opposition to the drawdown.

The primary goal of proposing another drawdown in the fall of 2022 is again to stimulate improved walleye spawning. Other bodies of water in Sawyer County that experience winter drawdowns such as Moose Lake and the Chippewa Flowage have annual or frequent drawdowns and have healthy walleye populations. It may take more than a single event on Nelson Lake to achieve the potential benefits. This topic will be on the agenda for the Annual Meeting on June 11th.

# TAGALDER BEACH PROPOSAL

Over the last two years the Nelson Lake Association Board Of Directors has been considering a proposal to create a beach area at the site of the former Tagalder Boat Landing. Creating the beach would be in support of the purpose of the association which states that we provide “a public recreational facility for today and future generations”. The beach would be on County Forest Land so it requires the support of the County Land Waters and Forest Resources Committee, County Planning and Zoning, and the Town of Lenroot.

On April 13, 2022, the proposed beach development was presented to the committee by Greg Peterson, the County Forester, with support by Jay Kozlowski, County Zoning and Conservation Administrator, and Gordy Christians, Lenroot Town Board Chairman. After some discussion the committee approved the proposal with the understanding that the cost of development would be covered by the Nelson Lake Association and the Nelson Lake Resort Association, and future maintenance would be handled by the Nelson Lake Association. Greg and Jay agreed to work together to issue the permit for development, and work could begin after road restrictions are lifted in May.



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**"I TAKE CRAP FROM EVERYONE"**



*We ♥ our  
Volunteers*

**Working  
with boaters  
to protect  
our waters**

Thanks to all the volunteers that make Nelson Lake a fun place to live and play. Your assistance with the many activities the association hosts during the year is much appreciated. Our association depends on volunteers like YOU!

*thanks  
you are  
amazing!*



Swapping buoys each spring and fall



*The purpose of the Association is to preserve and protect Nelson Lake and its surroundings, to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of Nelson Lake as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations while respecting the interests of property owners and the public and to provide the opportunity for fellowship among Association members.*

[www.nelsonlakeassociation.org](http://www.nelsonlakeassociation.org)  
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