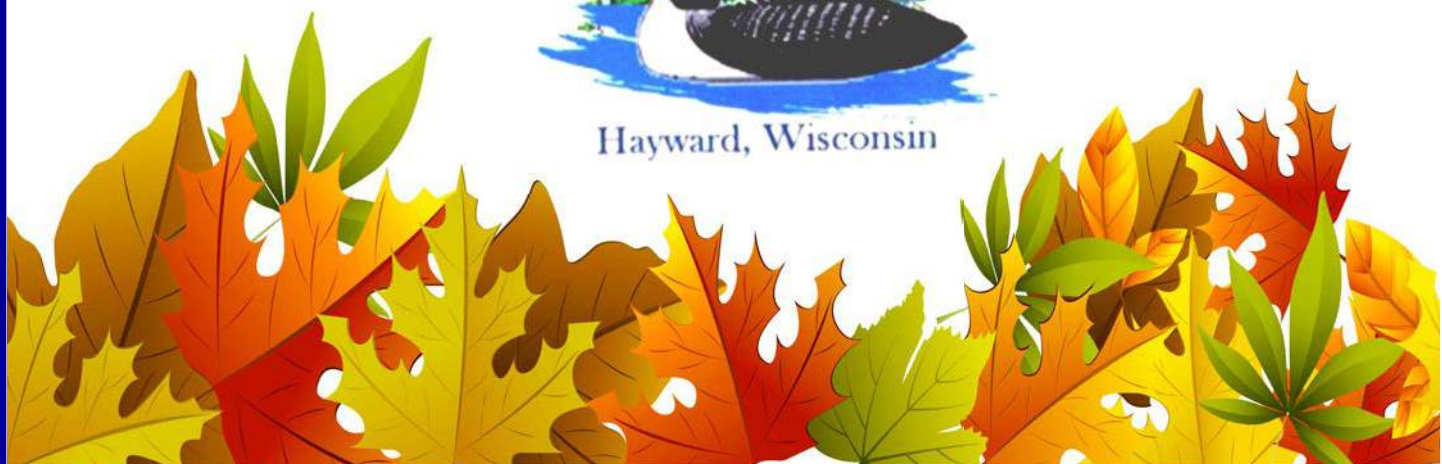


Nelson Lake Association

FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER



The leaves have turned and winter is at the doorstep. Nelson Lake is a great place to enjoy every season!

Upcoming Events

WINTER RAMA

Saturday, January 6, 2024

Noon—4:00 P.M.

**at Nelson Lake Landing
Resort**

KAYAKING EVENT

Saturday, August 17, 2024

10:00 A.M. — Noon

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

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 8, 2024

9:00 A.M. — Noon

at Hayward Veterans Center



ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, August 17, 2024

4:00 P.M. — 6:00 P.M.

at Nelson Lake Park



From the President

Rick Lindner



It's been a wonderful summer on the lake. Great weather for lake enjoyment, although we could have used a little more rain. The lack of rainfall resulted in low water levels which caused a problem getting boats off lifts and getting in and out of some locations on the lake. A couple late summer storms stemmed the decline and water level recovered enough to avoid extended problems.

We found out last spring that the DNR decided to cancel the walleye stocking plans for Nelson Lake this fall. During the last 10 years they have been stocking about 25,000 extended growth walleye fingerlings each odd-number year. Prior to that they stocked about 12,500 every year. The decision to cancel stocking this year was made because they have not been able to confirm sufficient survival rates during the fall electro-fishing surveys.

The DNR has not decided if future stocking will be done so the Board of Directors decided to pursue private stocking. Gordy Christians did some research and found that we could purchase 1,250 large fingerlings from the St.Croix hatchery at a cost of \$5,000. The Board approved the expenditure and we entered into a contract for delivery this fall. On September 19th the St Croix hatchery delivered 1,308 large walleye fingerlings averaging 6.9 inches long, with many up to 9 inches.



It may be possible that a small number will have better survival rates. If we look at the past years when a lower number were being stocked every year the survival was better than years with large numbers every-other year. Unless the DNR continues doing the electro-fishing surveys in the fall it will be impossible to determine if we have any success, other than by angler reports during the summer. Even then it will be difficult due to the significantly smaller number that we can afford to stock.

Our association has done everything recommended to promote natural walleye recruitment, without any success confirmed by surveys. The efforts have included Fish Sticks, minnow stocking with the walleye, sucker stocking, and one drawdown. The only recommendation remaining to pursue is multiple drawdowns to help remove weed cover from spawning beds. This lake was once a natural walleye factory with 20 times more walleye than we have today. Hopefully we can find some key to success with the walleye population.

Best wishes to all,

Rick



From the Treasurer

Financials as of September 1, 2023

General Fund	\$34,047.23
Fish & Wildlife	\$ 9,181.91
Lake Project	\$ 2,162.18
Invasive Species	\$ 8,874.16
Nelson Lake Park	\$ 3,382.62
Scholarship Fund	<u>\$ 115.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$57,763.10</u>



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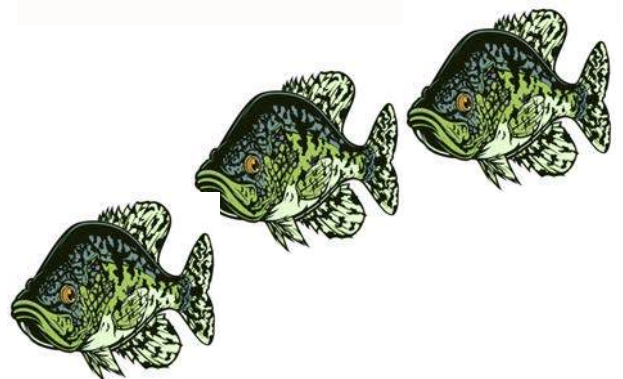


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Board Elections

Any interested member of the Nelson Lake 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.



AEDs On Nelson Lake Could Save a Life

By Mike Hallum—Board Member



Hello Nelson Lake Association Members,

This is just a friendly reminder about the AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator) that we have placed around the lake. To our newer members, here's the quick history of the AEDs that are on Nelson Lake. Three years ago a member of the association who worked for Pioneer Seed was able to get a grant for AEDs to be placed around the Lake. With the help of the Sawyer County Ambulance, 3 units were purchased and placed at resorts on the Lake. Revelles Resort, Nelson Lake Landing, and Park Island Resort are the three resorts that are now housing the AEDs.

The Units are inside and close to the entrance of each resort. They are clearly marked for easy access. These units are available to anyone on the lake that needs them in the case of a cardiac event. Just grab the closest one available. These units will tell you what to do if you were to need it. Just stay calm and listen to the directions.

The association just wants to remind all members that we still have these lifesaving tools available. So next time you are visiting one of the three resorts look for the AEDs and make sure to tell people about them. Remember, you could save a life by using these units.

Welcome to our new Communication Staff Volunteers



NLA Changes...



Going forward you will see NLA communications being created and sent out by new wonderful volunteers.

We are so grateful to have such talented NLA members that are willing to support the Association in various ways! It will be fun to see positive changes ahead for our Association. Many thanks to these great volunteers. The new "communications team" is listed below:

Kim Simonson — Began publishing our Newsletters with the Fall 2022 edition.

Andrea Dimon — Will be creating the graphics for conveying important information to our members; i.e. posters for annual meeting, picnic, raffle prizes, and other NLA events and announcements.

Jelan Heidelberg — Recently began sending email communications with Constant Contact to members and also posting the information on Facebook.

thank you



The beach has seen a lot of use again this summer. Families are getting to the beach by boat, car and ATV/UTV. We appreciate how people are taking care of the beach area, there hasn't been any issues with littering.

Three more truck loads of sand were brought in and leveled this summer to fix erosion issues from the harsh winter.

If you haven't checked out the beach yet we encourage to do so. We ask that people using the beach carry-out any everything that they bring in.



NLA Environmental Scholarship

The Nelson Lake Association Environmental Scholarship winner this year is Samantha Chaon. She is a graduate of Hayward High School. Samantha participated in many school activities. Her plans are to attend Northern Michigan University and major in biology with a zoology concentration.

She would like to work with endangered animals.



Fishing Has No Boundaries (May 19 & 20, 2023)

Once again Nelson Lake board members were active with Fishing Has No Boundaries (FHNB). On May 19th & 20th FHNB (Hayward division) hosted the main event at the Chippewa Flowage. There were hundreds of volunteers and participants.



The weather on May 19th was blustery and chilly. The participants (James and Sharron) each caught fish. Although we did not catch many fish, we did catch fish from multiple species (Crappie, Northern, Blue Gill, Sun Fish, & Bass). It was a catch and release day although the crappie may have been in the running for the biggest crappie of the day.

The weather on May 20th was sunny and warm, the participants (Samantha and Cade) caught and kept many fish (primarily Blue Gills and Sun Fish). They decided to keep the fish for the annual fish fry at their group home.



Annual Meeting

by Rick Lindner

The Annual Meeting of the Nelson Lake Association membership was held on June 10th, 2023, at the Hayward Veterans Center. There were 57 members in attendance.

The meeting began with a video presentation by Max Wolter, DNR Fisheries Specialist, in which he discussed past results from walleye stocking and changes to the walleye stocking plans. The video



has subsequently been posted on the NLA web site and Facebook for everyone interested to see.

Gordy Christians presented the Lenroot Township Report which summarized the 2022 actions and plans for 2023. The plans included work on various town roads and blacktop around the pavilion at Nelson Lake Park to make it handicapped accessible.

The Treasurer's report by Glenn Rolloff included the financial balances in the association savings certificate and checking account, and membership information which reached 301 in 2022 with 207 already having renewed their 2023 membership at the time of the annual meeting.

Every year four positions on the NLA Board of Directors are open for election. This year all four current members ran for re-election unopposed. They were Glenn Rolloff (Treasurer) and Casey Stangl, John Welter, and Dale McPherson (Directors at Large). The re-elections were approved by the membership.

The meeting ended with the NLA scholarship being presented to Samantha Chaon (see Scholarship article in this newsletter), and a drawing for two \$25 door prize certificates that can be used at any Nelson Lake Resort. The door prizes were won by Dave Yohnk and Bill Knobel.

Many thanks to all who attended the Annual Meeting. Your input helps make our association a success

Annual Picnic by Rick Lindner

The annual picnic was enjoyed by 134 attendees this year on August 19th. It was a very warm sunny day with the temperature reaching 87 degrees. I want to thank all the Board members and membership volunteers who helped with setup and take-down. A special thanks to Pete and Gina Cianci who worked months ahead to coordinate the food service and picnic supplies. The food was catered by Tall Pines Resort and Lynn's Meats. Many attendees complimented the food selections and expressed their continued preference for catering instead of pot luck. We plan to continue catering in the future.



The Minnow Races were once again a popular attraction with 10 participants. The winners were Cade Welter and Arie K (last name not provided) who each won a new fishing pole. The fishing poles and kids gift bags with fishing lures were provided by Minnow Jim's bait and tackle



shop on Nelson Lake Road.

The raffle drawing was conducted at the picnic. Thanks to all the resorts on Nelson Lake who sold tickets, and all who purchased tickets to make this event possible.

- First Prize - the Camp Chef Griddle was won by Brad Christiansen. The ticket was sold by the Basshole bar at Nelson Lake Lodge.
- Second Prize - the Kayak was won by Lizzie Burton. The ticket was sold by Harold Burton.
- Third Prize - the Yeti Cooler was won by Grace Tate. The ticket was sold by Bullhead Bob's.

The proceeds from the raffle cover most of the expenses for the picnic and the raffle prizes.

A big THANK YOU to all that attended the picnic.

KAYAK AROUND THE BIG ISLAND



This year we had 20 participants on the kayak around the big island, 16 in kayaks, three in a canoe, and one dog (in a kayak).

The weather cooperated with a light wind from the south, sunny skies and temperatures in the 70's. The main group started from the Gerlach boat landing at 10 AM, including paddlers from Tanning Point Road. Two additional paddlers joined in route prior to Norway Point. The first mile up to Norway Point was the most challenging with wind and waves. Once we made the turn at Eagle Pass we had the wind at our back and we sailed through the pass. The back side of the island was sheltered from the wind and waves and was a delightful paddle. As we rounded the island by Tanning point the waves and wind picked up but was certainly manageable. We finished the paddle with a short crossing from the island to Gerlach landing.

The entire group finished the 4.5 miles in about 1.5 hours. The participants included: Cheri Arzola, Deb Abbott, Bob & Mariam Ubbelohde, Jessica Ubbelohde, Emily & Wyatt Yost, Brent & Michelle Oja, Paula Bilitz, Scott & Jan Strandemo, Shelley Bell, Deb Roedel, John Schaenzer, Sara Schaenzer & Brittany Russell, Mark Schaenzer, Sara Burton & GG (the dog).



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