

# *Nelson Lake Association* Fall 2024 NEWSLETTER



*Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree—Emily Bronte*

## Upcoming Events

### WINTER RAMA

**Saturday, January 4, 2025**

**Noon—4:00 P.M.**

**at Nelson Lake Landing  
Resort**

### KAYAKING EVENT

**Saturday, August 16, 2025**

**10:00 A.M. — Noon**

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



**Mark Your  
Calendar**

### ANNUAL MEETING

**Saturday, June 14, 2025**

**9:00 A.M. — Noon**

**at Hayward Veterans Center**

### ANNUAL PICNIC

**Saturday, August 16, 2025**

**4:00 P.M. — 6:00 P.M.**

**at Nelson Lake Park**



# From the President

## Dale McPherson



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### From the President

As we look out our windows the change of seasons is becoming beautifully evident and speaks of the end of boating and water play season and the coming of what is next-Wisconsin winter. I'll hang my neck out here and predict it will not be like last winter that brought no snow. More to come on that I suspect.

This year saw some changes involving our Nelson Lake Association as well. Harold Burton decided to step down after serving on the Association's Board of Directors for eighteen years. A sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to Harold for his many years of service. Scott Wied was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board and we welcome Scott and his contributions.

Rick Linder, who has served on the Board for twelve years, with the last six years as Association President, chose to take a bit of a sidestep and is now Vice President. Thankfully, Rick remains very active and an integral member of the Board. I sincerely appreciate his help and guidance.

As I write this, the drawdown of the lake is in process. After the four-foot drawdown, the boat landing at the damn will be repaired and an additional span of concrete will be added to the lower end. This is necessary due to the damage at the end of the ramp. All are reminded of the results of power loading of boats and asked to not do so at any of the ramps on the lake. Cooperation is greatly appreciated.

The old pontoon which was used for the changing of buoys and for Fishing Has No Boundaries events was in tough shape, so the Association upgraded with the purchase of a 1995 model to use for these functions. The old pontoon is listed for sale on Facebook Marketplace.

The earlier swap out of the buoys from summer to ice buoys was necessary this year due to the drawdown and that has been completed.

Turnout at the annual picnic was the best it has ever been with 134 in attendance to enjoy the delicious food, the giveaway of the raffle prizes and, of course, the minnow races. Thanks to all who attended. It's a nice way to show some appreciation to the members for their support of the Association throughout the year.

Information regarding future events on the lake are available on the webpage, on Facebook and email and are posted at the various resorts. Stay tuned and stay in touch.

Thank you to the members for your continued support of the Association through your contributions in terms of dues and deeds. Together we can continue to enjoy Nelson Lake as a great place to live and recreate.

Sincerely,

Dale McPherson

President





# From the Treasurer

## Financials as of September 1, 2024

General Fund	\$28,925.67
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Fish & Wildlife	\$ 140.00
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Lake Project	\$ 1,124.28
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Invasive Species	\$ 7,061.33
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Nelson Lake Park	\$ 3,609.62
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Scholarship Fund	\$ <u>607.00</u>
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TOTAL	<u>\$41,467.90</u>
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PLUS

Tom Whalen Memorial Fund	\$ 2,515.00
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NLA Membership

Stands at 254  
Households

# NLA Board Members



Rick Lindner



Dale McPherson



Tom LeMay



John Welter



Scott Wied



Glenn Rolloff



Steve Bilitz



Jeff Hanson

Dale McPherson	President	612-210-4449
Rick Lindner	Vice President	715-410-0411
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Scott Wied	Director at Large	608-792-9505



Mike Hallum





Gordy Christians



Mark Schaezner



Casey Stengl

 			
NELSON LAKE			
Species	Season	Daily Bag Limit	Length Limit
Walleye	General gamefish*	3	18" minimum
Northern Pike	General gamefish*	1	32" minimum
Largemouth Bass	General gamefish*	5, both species combined	None
Smallmouth Bass	Catch and release only from first weekend in May to third weekend in June		None
Panfish (Crappie, Bluegill, Yellow Perch, Sunfish)	Open Year Round	10 combined	None
*General gamefish season runs from the first Saturday in May through the first Sunday in March 3-line fishing and motor trolling is allowed (3 hooks, baits, or lures per person)			



# Annual Meeting by Rick Lindner



The Annual Meeting of the Nelson Lake Association membership was held on June 8th, 2024, at the Hayward Veterans Center. There were 68 members in attendance.

The meeting began with the Lenroot Township Report by Gordy Christians. Pictures of the clearing work at the park were shown. The township also purchased land adjacent to the Gerlach Landing parking lot and plans to expand

the parking and potentially blacktop it in the future. Gordy also explained the need for the 4ft drawdown to repair the boat launching ramp at the Park Landing. He also discussed the activity he has been leading to purchase 9,500 fingerling size walleye for stocking during the summer.

The Treasurer's report by Glenn Rolloff included the financial balances in the association savings certificate and checking account. Over 300 membership renewal forms were sent and many members had already renewed their membership at the time of the annual meeting.

Every year four positions on the NLA Board of Directors are open for election. This year the elections were unique because Rick Lindner stepped down from the position as President and Dale McPherson agreed to assume that office. Harold Burton retired from the position as Vice President and Rick ran for re-election as a candidate to fill that position. The other three candidates for re-election to 3 year board positions were Jeff Hanson, Mark Schaezner, and Mike Halum. There was one year remaining in Harold's term and Scott Wied ran as a new Board member to complete that term. All elections were approved by the membership.

The meeting ended with the announcement of the NLA scholarship going to Erin Ewert (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 Ron Redmond and Ed Flanum.

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





## NLA Environmental Scholarship

The Nelson Lake Association has been awarding a scholarship to a graduating senior from Hayward High School for many years. We award a \$1000.00 scholarship to most deserving applicant that plans to attend a college or vocational school to major in environmental studies.

This year's scholarship is awarded to Erin Ewert. She will be attending University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and major in biology, ecology & environmental science.

We wish her success in her studies.



## Fishing Has No Boundaries (May 17 & 18, 2024)

Once again Nelson Lake board members were active with Fishing Has No Boundaries (FHNB). On May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> FHNB (Hayward division) hosted the main event at the Chippewa Flowage. There were hundreds of volunteers and participants.

The weather both days was quite nice sunny warm low 70's. The participants caught fish both days. Our guide Bob, did a great job in getting us into the fish (mostly Blue Gill and Sun Fish). The participants wanted to keep the larger fish for a fish fry at their group home.

The board members this year were: Harold Burton (sector boat), Mark Schaenzer (pontoon boat driver), Rick Lindner (pontoon boat provider). Dale and Lisa McPherson helped at the gas dock.



# NLA Picnic August 17, 2024

The annual picnic was well attended with 64 groups ("families") totaling 134 people at the picnic!!! There were numerous compliments on the quality of the food and food service. The food was provided by Tall Pines and Lynn's meats, the food service was coordinated by Pete and Gina Cianci.

The door prizes (\$50 each) were greatly appreciated the winners were:

Nelson Lake Resort – Michele Oja

Nelson Lake Lodge – Pat Johnson

Park Island – Bill Walters

Revelle's – Jennifer Larson

Tall Pines – Barb Hanson

Reiske's – Scott Wied

The raffle prize winners were:

Blackstone grill – James McCormick

Towable – Lizzie Collins

Yeti Cooler – Dan Wisenbeck



The minnow races were well attended with fun had by all (Parents, kids, and coordinator's). The winners were: JoJo Barclay (1<sup>st</sup>), KiKi Larson (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Sakora Scott (Youngest).

At the end of the picnic many of the attendees assisted in taking down the table, chairs, and tents. This made the clean-up fast and efficient.



# WALLEYE STOCKING PLAN FOR NELSON LAKE 2024 – 2027

In the spring 2024 NLA newsletter, A walleye stocking plan for Nelson Lake was outlined. The goal is to increase the walleye numbers. On July 11, 2024, 9700 3" fingerlings were planted at a cost of \$7409. The fish were in good condition with no observed mortality.



This is a new approach from the extended growth walleye stocking done in the past. The NLA board has agreed to continue this level and timing for an additional three years.

## Kayak Around the Big Island (August 17, 2024)

This year we had 13 participants and 3 dogs on the kayak around the big island. The weather cooperated with a light-winds, overcast 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 at Norway Point. We made the turn at Eagle Pass and took a short break for water and snacks. We paddled together as a group the entire way. The Tanning Point people left as we rounded the island. The balance of the group paddled to Gerlach landing. The entire group finished the 4.5 miles in under 2 hours. The participants included: Cheri Arzola, Bob & Mariam Ubbelohde, Brent & Michelle Oja, Paula Bilitz, Scott & Jan Stran-demo, Mark & Susan Schaezner, Ron & Sara Burton, Cathy Yonk. The dogs were GG, Would-he (Woody), and Pip.





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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.*

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