

NAMAKAGON

WINTER 2014



Breeze

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Namakagon Lake Association Members,

My how time flies, it seems like just the other day that I was trudging through 3 feet of snow with buckets of sap trying to make some syrup or thinking of where to put my tip-ups for the Governor's Fishing Opener.

Our lake was ice free for about 6 months this year! Thanks global warming!

As I was again setting my tip-ups this deer season I thought about all the things that went on this past summer and all the great volunteers the lake association has. A heartfelt "thank you" to everyone one of them.

As you read though this newsletter take note of what the Namakagon Lake Association has been doing this past year and what is coming up in the next. Have a wonderful New Year and get out on that ice to enjoy the frozen half of our year!

Greg Dehring, NLA President

KEEPING LAKE NAMAKAGON INVASIVE FREE

A few years back I wrote an article for this newsletter about boat landing supervision and it's cost to the NLA members/landowners around the lake. I feel it is time to revisit this topic.

In the past, the NLA has had a great volunteer group that supervised a couple of our 9 boat landings and did an awesome job. Like any volunteer group, sooner or later the volunteers get "burned out" and the group dwindles. With the adoption of the landing cameras we had help and the cameras have proven to be a valuable asset. The only drawback to the cameras is that they cannot see all and if there is a violation spotted, it cannot be stopped. There is still a need for landing supervisors talking with and educating the boaters who are using the lakes in our town. Inspection of livewells, bilges, and ballast tanks to see that they are empty before launching into a lake is very important.

Northland College has supplied the NLA with students to do supervision and that has really helped but they cannot supply enough students to cover the whole boating season. We still need local landing supervisors to help cover the times that cannot be covered by these students.

The lakes in the Town of Namakagon are surrounded by lakes that contain invasive species, mainly but not limited to Eurasian milfoil. If a boat has been in one of these lakes in the past 5 days and then launches in a town lake it can deposit invasives in the lake and then the problems start. If there is an introduction of invasive species into the lake the eradication process is long and expensive. I am sure many of you know property owners who have land on lakes with invasives. Ask them the costs involved in controlling the invasives or if they catch it in time getting rid of them. I have friends that are on lakes where they are spending between \$50,000 - \$100,000 per year just to control the invasives. Some of these costs are covered by grant money from the DNR but most is paid through property taxes which causes an increase to the taxpayer.

The point I am trying to make through all of this is that we as NLA members have to each do our part to make sure Lake Namakagon stays as beautiful, pristine, and invasive free as possible. We need to have a strong group of volunteers and paid supervisors to cover boat landings and to keep a watchful eye when out on the water. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see an ad asking for landing supervisors for the 2014 boating season. The NLA will train them and pay them at a rate of \$12 per hour. If you can help or if you know of someone who could help please call the number in the ad. During the year we also send out a request for volunteers for our events such as Fun on the Water, Spring lake cleanup, and others. If each member volunteered for 1 hour per year, the NLA could be doing great things for the lake. Taking a proactive approach like we have is a lot cheaper than having to be reactive as many lakes are doing at this time. If you wish to help please contact any of the board members listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

So far we have been "lucky" not to have invasives in Lake Namakagon and with the more people we have out watching over the lake the greater our luck is. See you out and around the lake.

Jim Krueger

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

- The NLA is looking for boat landing supervisors paid at a rate of \$12 per hour on Fridays Saturdays and Sundays from May 2nd to Memorial Day and from Labor Day until October 19th. We will train all.
- We need a landing coordinator to schedule the landing monitors during these times

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

Board Members Present: Jeanne Baxter, Barb Best, Greg Dehring, Delores Dumanch, Jim Krueger, and Steve Musser

NLA Member Attendees: 5

Minutes of September 1 Meeting

Read by Baxter and approved as corrected. The correction was the 9-12-13 balance of \$39,164 that included the CD value. Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report:

Read by Steve Musser and current balance is \$38,422.48. Motion to approve was moved by Krueger, seconded by Dehring, and passed.

Grant Update:

Jim Krueger reported and clarified our grant status, having talked with DNR and others. We have a Landing grant that ends in 2013 and a two-year Management grant that continues through this next year. Discussion followed that emphasized the need for Northland students (or others who have been trained) to be at landings to provide coverage in addition to the I LID's. NLA has previously paid these volunteers at \$12 per hour. Jim will follow through on suggestions that included inviting Drummond students and interested senior citizens who can be trained at a date selected. It was further suggested that a senior volunteer oversee each landing, to assist Northland's supervision. NLA will also consider two shifts, beginning early a.m. on busy summer weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

a. The October 3 Volunteer Dinner:

The dinner (partnered with Community Club) was a huge success. We will consider partnering again next year; a suggestion was made to have instead a Volunteer Lunch at the annual meeting. No decision was made. Discussion re cost of membership dues for single and family was tabled for the November meeting. Jim Krueger will check By-laws and if possible, email By-laws to board.

b. NLA Embroidered Shirts:

Shirts will be offered for sale in the next newsletter (with delivery in spring). Members may agree to purchase denim cotton long sleeve shirts and/or short sleeved white Polo shirts.

c. Lake Report:

Dehring reported water temperatures at 62 degrees with a good bloom of algae that is dying; clear waters underneath.

d. I-Lid Removal:

Eric L. will be invited to the November meeting to discuss and resolve the problems we are experiencing at Lakewoods (camera too fast) Funny Bay (difficulty in monitoring the picture) and Garden Lake (cost of maintaining). This is a top priority for audience members attending this meeting.

e. Newsletter and Articles:

It was decided that our next newsletter will go out January 15, with January 1 deadline for articles; Dehring, President's report; Krueger, articles covering grant info, landing supervision, ad for students and seniors, etc.; Best, Fun on the Water; Baxter, calendar of events; shirts/order form; membership form. Suggestions for other articles and the assigned information should be forwarded to Baxter: drcolead@cheqnet.net

NEW BUSINESS

a. Meeting Dates:

2014 meeting dates are: April 26, June 7, July 26, annual meeting on August 16th, and September 20th.

b. Fishing Tournaments:

Tournaments were discussed, as well as the need to engage and work with tournament organizers. Krueger will explore signage from other lakes that may improve our landings.

c. Landing Supervision:

A major concern of audience members, was discussed under Old Business and recorded under Grant Update and I-Lid Removal.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Nov. 9, 2013, at 9 a.m.

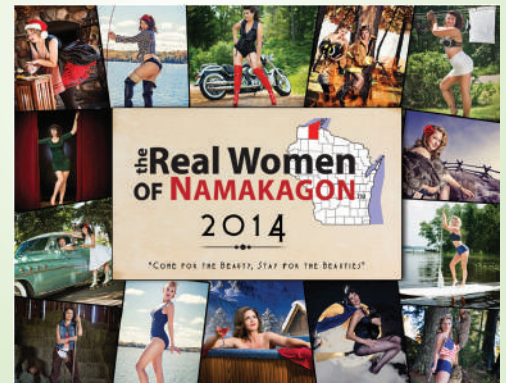
The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Baxter, Co-Secretary

SUPPORT THE NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION

Buy local. Support the NLA. Some of the proceeds from the sale of the Real Women of Namakagon 2014 are being donated to the NLA this year. The calendars are now at an unbelievable price of \$10. Contact the Namakagon Trail Groomers for your copy today <http://www.namtrails.com/merchandise.html>

Now available
at Rondeau's
and Cable
Chiropractic!



STAYED TUNED – DUES UPDATE

The Board has reviewed the dues structure and has accepted a simplified scheme. This will be discussed at the April meeting and information sent out to the membership.

THANK YOU!!!

The NLA would like to thank Charlie Best for removing the buoys this fall. If you see him tell him thanks.

Come visit us on-line!

www.nlaonline.org



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LAKE NAMAKAGON COURTESY CODE

Know and obey Wisconsin boating safety rules.

Be courteous on the water. Remember, anglers fish early and late in the day.

Stay far enough away from the shoreline to prevent wave-action erosion and to safeguard nesting waterfowl.

Inspect and clean your boat, motor and trailer to prevent the spread of exotic species.

Please immediately report any exotic species to the Namakagon Lake Association.

NEVER empty your bait bucket or release live bait into the lake.

Welcome to Lake Namakagon

Namakagon Lake Association - Preserving & Protecting Northern Wisconsin's Lake Namakagon

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It is our goal to preserve and protect Lake Namakagon as an environmentally healthy watershed, by sponsoring educational programs, adopting a pro-active role in the formulation of water and shore land regulations, and responsible use of this unique and irreplaceable resource for all citizens.



R-E-S-P-E-C-T

RESPECT:
The rights of others.

ENVIRONMENT:
Enjoy wildlife from a distance.

SAFETY:
Heed the boating regulations - go slowly.

PEACE:
Watch your noise and your wake.

ENJOY:
Have fun - share the moments with your friends.

CONSIDER:
Other people and creatures on the lake.

NAMEKAGON RIVER PARTNERSHIP

News from a new citizen-volunteer river organization working to celebrate and conserve the upper Namekagon River.

<http://namekagon.org/>

NLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Greg Dehring	(715) 794-2346
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Members at Large:	Barbara Best	(715) 794-2691
Members at Large:	Kent Lage	(715) 794-2030

Email board members: board@nlaonline.org

Visit our website: www.nlaonline.org

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES UPDATE – LOCAL BODIES OF WATER

While Garden, Jackson, and Namakagon remain free from AIS, the most dreaded Eurasian water milfoil, has been documented by the Wisconsin DNR in a number of surrounding lake. Please continue to keep our waters clean.

Ham Lake • Little Trade Lake • Shallow Lake
Buskey Bay • Chequamegon Bay • Eagle Lake
George Lake • Hart Lake • Lake Millicent
Sand Bar Lake • Tomahawk Lake • Twin Bear Lake
Callahan Lake • Clear Lake • Connors Lake • Hayward Lake
Lake Chippewa • Little Round Lake • Mud Lake
North Fork Chief River • Round Lake • Squaw Lake
West Fork Chippewa River • Whitefish Lake

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

STOP Help Stop... the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

- Non-native, exotic species, such as Eurasian Water Milfoil, Purple Loosestrife, and Zebra Mussels threaten to harm the quality of our Wisconsin lakes.
- Before you launch your boat, please inspect and clean it, including the motor and trailer, to prevent the spread of exotic species into our Wisconsin lakes.
- *Never Empty Your Bait Bucket or Release Live Bait into the Lake*
- Please *immediately report* any exotic species to your local lake association, The Wisconsin Wetlands Association, or the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- Visit the Wisconsin DNR website, www.dnr.wi.gov/invasives or contact the DNR at 608.266.9270 for more information or to answer questions about aquatic exotic species.

BE AWARE of your ACTIONS and HELP PRESERVE the ENVIRONMENT!

MISSION STATEMENT

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The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 536
Cable, WI 54821



ALERT: IT IS TIME TO PAY OUR ANNUAL DUES!!!

YOUR DUES ARE PAID THROUGH THE YEAR PRINTED NEXT TO YOUR NAME ON THE ADDRESS LABEL

To be eligible to vote, all members must be 18 years of age and a paid member by JULY 15TH, 2014.

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION RENEWAL OR NEW MEMBER REQUEST FORM

MEMBERSHIP DUE ANNUALLY ON CALENDAR YEAR BASIS – 2014

- Check here if NEW address or e-mail
- Individual Membership Per Person. . . # _____ X \$20.00 = _____
- Wildlife Watcher # _____ X \$25.00 = _____
- Loon Lover # _____ X \$50.00 = _____
- Lake Steward # _____ X \$100.00 = _____
- Keeper of the Lake. # _____ X \$200.00 = _____
- Other: # _____ X _____ = _____

NAME OF EACH VOTING MEMBER

MAILING ADDRESS:

Namakagon Lake Association, Inc.
PO Box 536 • Cable, WI 54821

TOTAL ENCLOSED. _____

Indicate preferred contact method: US Mail - Home US Mail - Lake E-mail

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail address: _____