

Membership – Ran Hoth, Nathan Westphal

Our Lakes, our Legacy, your Voices. We need more lake users to join the MKLPA so that our combined voice gets stronger and carries more weight with State and Local agencies that seem to have no money for our most important asset. Thanks to every member listed here and thanks to all volunteer Shore Captains for reaching out to your friends and neighbors!



https://minocquakawaga.org/membership/

MKLPA 2026 Membership - Paid

Red = MKLPA Shore Captains

Soaring Eagles - \$1500+
Steve Anderson
Steve Beckwith
Lakeside Dock & Lift
Aldo Madigrano
Margaret Massarelli
Charles Mills
Michael & Lynn Redenbaugh
Barbara Schmidt
William Schnettler
Jean Shannon
John Skoug
Nathan Westphal
Calling Loon - \$750 - \$1499
Mike Fischer
Duane Foulkes
Timothy & Carol Melms
Scott Miller
William Niesen
Mark And Wendy Peterson
Michael Reinsdorf
Michael Scandin
Barry Seidel
Brian Seramur
Kurt Veldhuizen
Matt Vonachen
Linda Ware
Waters Edge Condo Owners
Sean Wayne
Yaris Family Foundation
Mallard - \$250 - \$749
Diane & Randy Africano
Mike Ahern
Patrick Ahern
Kim Backenkeller
Michael Bagnoli
Lynn Baker
Fred Bartkowski
David Battermann
Carol Binkley
Mike Blake
Kirk And Lynn Booher
James Bourne
Brinkland Boat Basin Assoc
Erin Connell
Judith Cousineau
David Crabtree
Christy Damon
Richard Dubois
Marie Jane Eftax
Fieldstone Village Condo Inc
Michael Fleming
Michael Francis III
Mary Fried
Howard Garoon
Rebecca Griffin
Chuck and Heather Heise
William Heiting
Randall & Elaine Hoth
Jeffrey Hoyer
Thomas Hribar

Scott & Kelly Johns
Cindy Juiris
Scott Kaufman
Mary Ketner
Graham Leola King
Mike Kock
Matt Kock
Kathy & Sandy Kreps
Charles Kreps
Timothy Krolczyk
William Kronzer
Jennifer Laskowski
Cory Lefever J
effrey Liegel
Albert Luke
Don Lynch
Kathy Mader
Barbara Mancheski
Neil Mandel
Kurt Mansavage
Don Marquardt
Michael McCall
Gail McNutt
James & Alice Meyer
Dale Nagel
Susan Nelsen
William Nimsgern
Al Orsborn
Chad Otte
Gary Pearl
Tony Piette
Lora Harms
Pittman Ted
Anthony Pogodzinski
Pointe Resort Homeowners
Dave Protz
Andrew Reilly
Patrick Richardson
Mike Robinson
Anthony Rogerson
Sarah Schmidt
Bruce Smith
Richard & Linda Styza
David Toivonen
Michael and Donna Tolish
Todd & Staci Wellentin
Steven Werlein
Jeff Willoughby
Jenele Zitzner
Cary and Susan Zunft
Heron - \$60 - \$249

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Leslee Bayer
Beacons Condo Assoc
Jim Beckwith
Ann Barbara Been
Richard Bergman
Michael Bergstrom
Ben Beutke
Roger Bielinski
Jeff & Jacque Birchman
David Boye
Bonita Brandenburg
Kevin & Teresa Bratton
Dennis Breitrick
Steve Brenner
Vicki Breunig
Malerie Brill
The Little Brown Jug
Charles Buchheit
Mike and Evelyn Burch
Richard Burdette III
Anthony Bylak
Scott & Kelly Campbell
Todd Carothers
Patrick Clark
John Clark
Mark Clarke
Brian Connell
Jack and Holly Crabtree
Stephanie Daniele
Doug Dederling
Eugene Degner
John and Melissa DeVantier
J Diefenbach
Tim Doerr
Katie and Brian Drerup
Norma Duerst
Bob and Teri Duffy
John Dunbar
Mel Duncan
Sara Dyke
Kris Eckles
Lynn Eggebrecht
Lester Entringer
Charlie Erker
Jeffrey Ewens
Ron Fairchild
John Faust
Lawrence Finnerup
Robert Fitzke
Michele Flannery
Dr. John Flannery
Delores Frost
Richard Garrett
Chris & Amy Goray
Geraldine Groskopf
Alan Guernsey
Dick Gustafson
Edgar Hagnauer
Patrick Handrick
Debra Hasbrook

Gary Haug
Chris Hedges
Mary Herrick
Bradley Herrold
David Hill
Mark Hinzman
Chris Horak
Michael Horn
John Howard
James Hughes
Hughes' Island Retreat
William T Hunter Jr
George Hutchinson
Elizabeth Hutchison
Jacob Idlas
Jeff Jaciek
Enright John
Rachel Johnson
Richard & Barbara Johnson
Joan Junge
Edward Kairis
John Kizorek
Jeffrey Klement
Kevin Klubertanz
Sally Knaeble
Brian Knoll
Steven Knutson
Tom Kobza
Gerald Kozey
Veronica Kress
Patrick Krutza
John Kwitek
Doug Labertew
Debra Lambert
David Lang
Bruce Lasko
Sally Lewis
Lidwins Northwoods Retreat
Glen Luetschwager
Edward Lundgren
JJ (John) Manning
Richard Martin
Martin & Sandra Wambsganss
MJ McCall
Andy Mccall
Patrick Mccarthy
Doug and Jae McCoy
Mary Mcferrin
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Joel Mueller
Gerard Neugent
Wendy Niemi
Thomas Noel
Jan Ohlander

Jon Pagel
Jan Parker
Penny Penny Gillespie
Lori Petersen
Sally Pfeifer
Michael Pfiffner
Roger Praefke
Leslie Pritchard
Ron Pusateri
Chad Radke
Joseph Rand
Mark Rasmussen
Kirby Redman
Dennis & Chris Reilly
Darlene Reisenbigler
Bear Pack Retreat LLC
Chris Revie
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Guy Roe
Ron & Pam Paxson
Ron Paxson For Ward Eric & Bryan
Ted Rumatz
Judith Russell
James Russler
Ruth Russler
Corey & Susan Sandquist
Glenn Sansburn
Justin and Tina Scharer
Galen Scharer
Dale Scharine
Janice, Scott & Jason Schenning
Deb Schillinger
Alicia Schmitt
Jerald Schnoor
Seifert Family LLC
Gerald Selk
David Shalkhauser
Emily Shannon
Darcy & Joel Silver
Christopher Sitzmann
James Smith
Reet Soot
Kay Sorenson
Christy Steinle
Bill and Jana Stelter
Dave Stout
Judy Stromberg
Virginia Swartout
Vince Sykora
Mary Taylor
John & Carrie Tedstrom
Karen Thompson
Marc & Lynn Toigo
Bill Unruh
Roger Utnehmer
Mary Varga
Matthew Viegut
Pete & Carrie Waite
David and Kelly Weiland
Kim Widmer
James Wiesner
Chris Wiken
Scott Williams
Donald Williams
Tom Wipperfurth
Wisconsin Valley Imp Co
Jeffrey Witt
Steven Wolfe
Neil Yaris
Gail Yelton
Kathy and Jerry Yonke
Daniel Zahn
Robert Zieserl
Carey JT Zunft



Message from the President – Steve Beckwith
As I reflect on 2026, I am proud to say we have both an amazing team of volunteers working hard to protect and improve our lakes, as well as an engaged lake community that understands the importance of supporting these efforts. It is your ongoing support that allows the MKLPA to continue to make strides in protecting the reason we are here – our lakes! A sincere THANK YOU to all of our members!

- Highlights from 2026:
- Continued aggressive efforts to control Eurasian Water Milfoil
 - Over \$90,000 spent on EWM mitigation efforts (lake survey, grant and permit applications, EWM removal) across both lakes
 - This effort was 90% self-funded through dues/donations/fundraisers as we face a sharp decrease in DNR grants this year and going forward
 - Increased focus on promoting Safe Watercraft Operation as lake traffic grows
 - 345 hours of Minocqua PD and County Sherriif boat patrol coverage on our two lakes this summer
 - Successful implementation of two designated wake surf zones to protect lake bottom and shoreline
 - MKLPA informational booth at Minocqua Antique & Classic Boat Show
 - Launched voluntary Natural Shorelines effort to improve water quality and aesthetics
 - Education of riparians of importance of natural shorelines
 - Introduction of grant support available to individual homeowners
 - Focused on increasing Membership and engagement in MKLPA
 - Kicked-off 13 "Shore Captain" volunteers focused on engagement and recruitment of new members
 - Average donation increased by 53% over 2024 baseline.
 - Highly successful Pig Roast fundraiser netting \$18,000

- Launched new Fisheries committee to improve fishing quality and habitat on our two lakes

While we are making good strides to connect with all of our riparians, we still have work to do. As of today, only 35% of lakeshore residents are members of MKLPA. Word of mouth is the best way to grow our membership, so my challenge to each one of you is to talk to your neighbor and explain the importance of what MKLPA does for our lakes and encourage them to join. Member input is what drives our efforts, so please don't hesitate to reach out to me at stevebeckwith28@gmail.com with your feedback or suggestions.
Thanks again, and we'll see you on the lake!

TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF OUR LAKES

EWM Update – Peter Meyer

Over the summer of 2026, in partnership with Aquatic Plant Management, we were able to remove 1,285 cubic feet of EWM from Minocqua and Kawaga. This consisted of the dive teams under water for 211 hours focusing on 7 priority sites using DASH (903 cubic feet of EWM) and 6 priority sites using hand harvesting (382 cubic feet). Initially mechanical harvesting was scheduled for the season, but due to lack of density this was put on hold saving MKLPA funds from the initial budget. No chemical treatment was planned for 2026, but this will be discussed more going into the winter for the 2027 season. As we mentioned in our previous newsletter, our lakes are in significantly better shape regarding EWM than in the past. However, EWM is not going away and will take continued efforts to control.



Water Safety – Mark Clarke

Working with both the Minocqua Police Department and the Oneida County Sheriff, we had good coverage on our lakes this summer totaling 345 hours of active police boat patrolling. We are continuing to work on ways to secure a dedicated boat patrol for 2027. In addition, we rolled out **Designated Wake Surf Zones** on our two lakes. In these areas, boats operating in surf mode create minimal impact to our lake bottom and shoreline, preserving our lake while still being able to enjoy their sport. Thank you to all the conservation-minded surfers who are using these designated areas!



<https://minocquakawaga.org/safety/>

Clean Boats Clean Waters – Mary Taylor

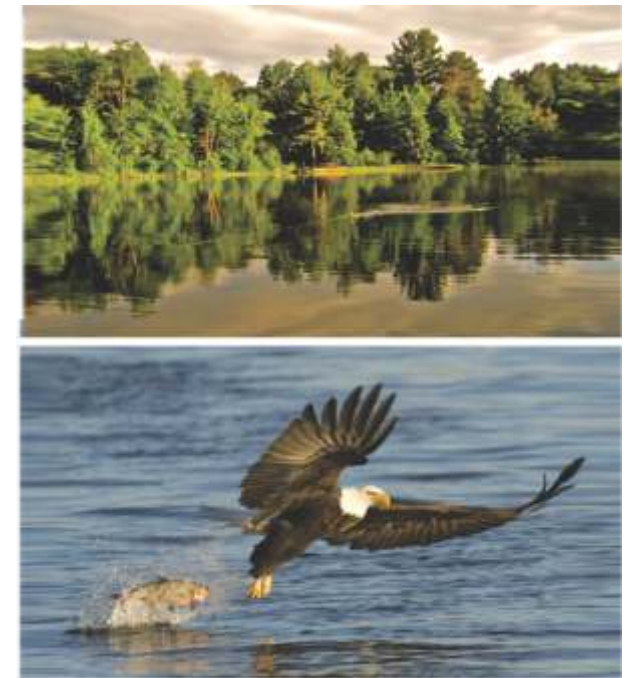
Our Clean Boats Clean Waters team had a successful and busy summer meeting boaters at Schoolhouse Bay, the Thirsty Whale Landing and the Dam on Lake Kawaga. They inspected boats, educated the owners about invasive species and provided information about MKLPA and boater safety.



<https://minocquakawaga.org/clean-boats-clean-waters/>

Fisheries – Al Luke

Over the winter MKLPA will be forming a fisheries committee to formulate multi species preferences for future fisheries management of the chain. We are seeking members to join this committee to get the best possible input. If interested, please contact MKLPA. At the end of this summer, the committee involved in the recent 10-year program to restore walleye populations in the Minocqua Chain reconvened to review current status and consider next steps. A new 5-year planning process was proposed and is under consideration. Drafts will be shared publicly. Plans have advanced to pilot the placement of deep-water tree drops this winter, intended to increase structure for greater production of game fish forage. Watch our website and our MKLPA Facebook page for details and updates.



Natural Shorelines/Water Quality – John Tedstrom

While we have made good progress on Eurasian Water Milfoil, we have an ongoing phosphate problem. If you were on the lake in September, particularly on Kawaga, you probably experienced an algae bloom. This was due primarily to the high phosphorus and nitrate levels in our lake combined with the warm weather. In fact, the DNR rated Kawaguesaga water quality "Poor/Impaired" in their 2025 survey due to the high levels of phosphorus found.

You may think that what happens on your individual property doesn't matter. But in reality, the combined impact of 900 homes is changing the health of our lakes! We need to work together to protect and preserve what we love about our lakes.

What causes algae blooms:

- Nutrient Runoff from lawns, gardens, and properties surrounding the lakes washes high levels of phosphorus and nitrogen into the water when it rains.
- Rainwater flowing off roofs, driveways, parking lots, and roads carries chemicals, pet waste, and organic debris.
- Leaves, grass clippings, and firepit ash left near the shoreline or blown into water add extra phosphorus directly to the water.
- Disturbed lakebed sediment caused by high-speed boat traffic and wake surfing in shallow areas stir up more phosphorous and nitrogen from the bottom.
- Warm temperatures, heavy precipitation and calm water conditions also contribute to triggering algae blooms.

What can we do about this? **Everyone** who owns a piece of our shoreline can help reduce harmful runoff. This is why we launched our Natural Shorelines campaign this year. The simplest thing we can do is stop mowing all the way to the shore. For more information on how you can improve your shoreline, go to the **MKLPA Website** or contact John Tedstrom



<https://minocquakawaga.org/what-can-you-personally-do/>