

BALSAM, RED CEDAR, HEMLOCK,
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2021 Annual Meeting

July 10, 2021

Agenda – July 10, 2021

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Valerie Bausch
2. Introductions of Current Board of Directors – Valerie Bausch
3. Secretary's Report - Approval of 2019 & 2020 Minutes – Rose Kopras
4. Treasurer's Report – John Page
5. Director Committee Reports – All
6. President's Direction for 2021 / 2022 – Valerie Bausch
7. Farewell to Board Members – Gerry Johnson
8. Election of Board Members – Valerie Bausch
9. Q&A / Adjournment



Current Board

Officers:

- ❑ President - Valerie Bausch
- ❑ Vice President - Gerry Johnson
- ❑ Treasurer - John Page
- ❑ Secretary - Rose Kopras

Committee Directors:

- ❑ AIS - Tom Goodwin / Brett Heinlein
- ❑ Communications - Ryan Linder
- ❑ Coupon Book - Runae Maloney
- ❑ Fish Habitat - Dan Ellefson
- ❑ Lake Information & Safety - Len Christianson
- ❑ Membership - Sue Sleik
- ❑ Nature - Valerie Bausch
- ❑ Shoreline & Island Restoration - Michael Klutho
- ❑ Water Quality - Tim Lewis



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2021 Secretary's Report

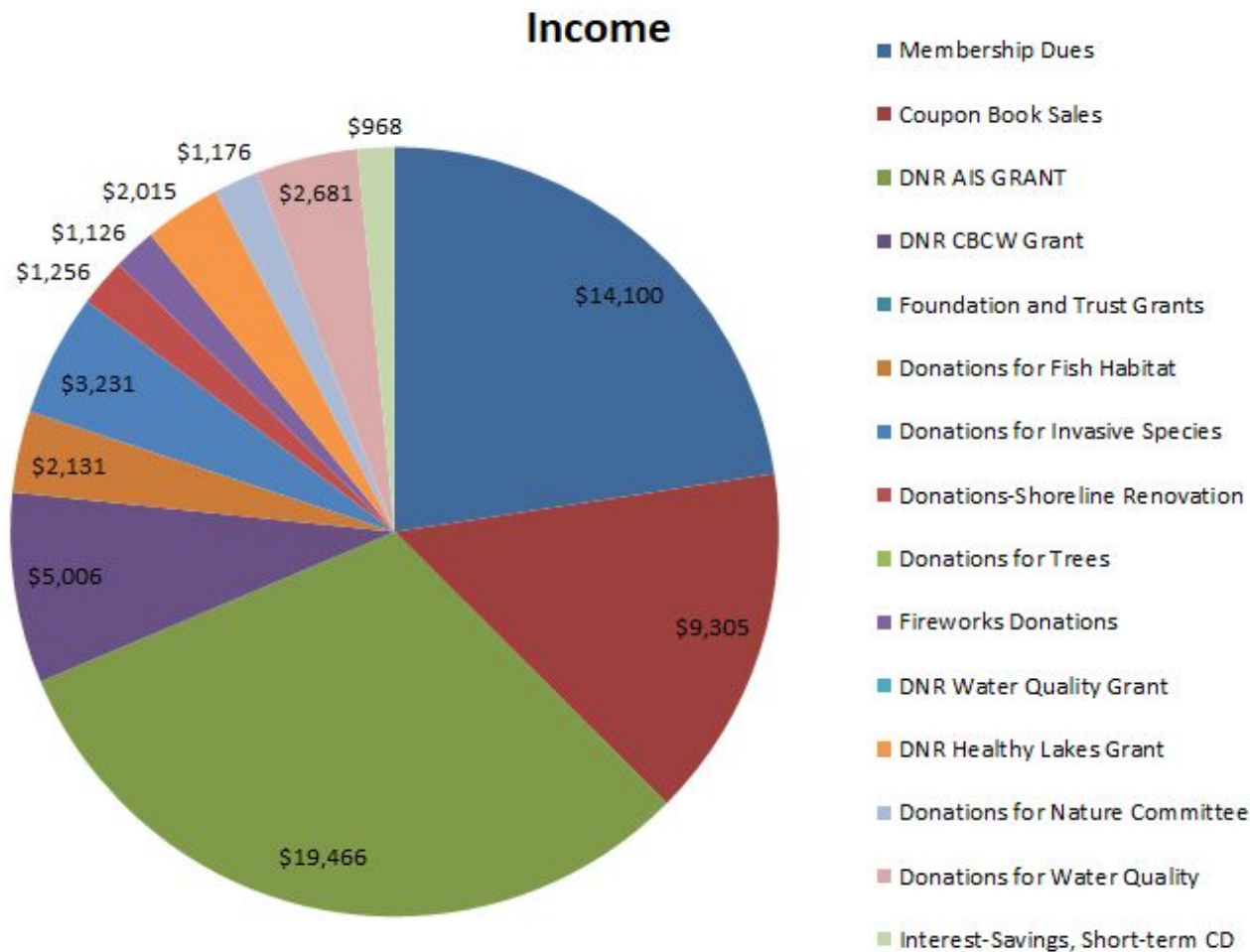
Rose Kopras



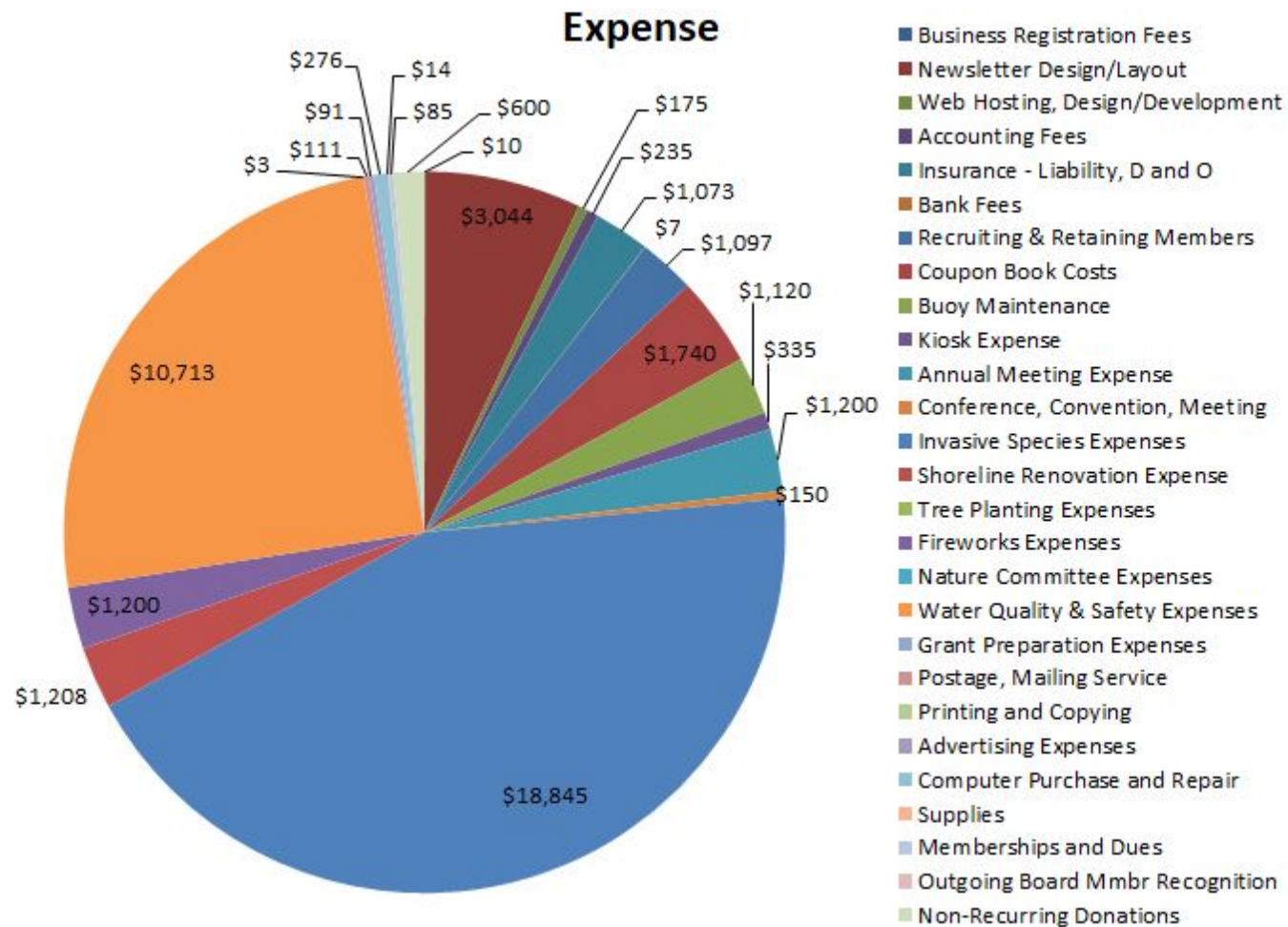
2021 Treasurer's Report

John Page

Income: Total = \$62,461



Expenses: Total = \$43,333





2021 Committee Reports

Directors

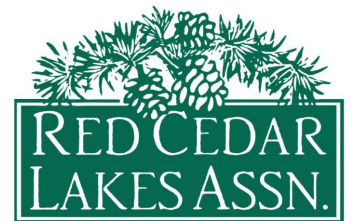
Nature Committee

Valerie Bausch

- ❑ Identify and define educational programs
- ❑ Maintain involvement with existing Nature Projects:
 - ❑ Loon Watch Monitoring
 - ❑ Wild Rice Mapping
 - ❑ Purple Loosestrife Monitoring
 - ❑ Dark Skies



Loon with chick on Bass Lake
Photo courtesy of Tom Goodwin



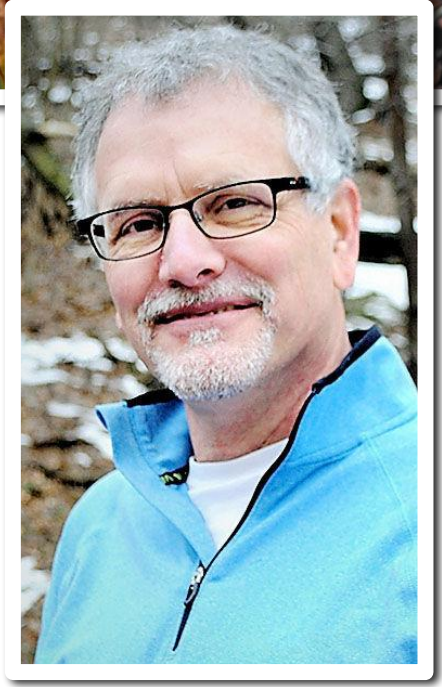
“All of This and Robins Too”

SAVE THE DATE

- ❑ Saturday June 4, 2022
- ❑ 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- ❑ Location: TBD
- ❑ Presenter: **Steve Betchkal**
- ❑ **FREE & Family Friendly!**

Steve is the current President of Gaylord Nelson Audubon Society, a Master Birder, & photographer

In 2017 he worked in the Galápagos Islands for Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic.



Communications Committee

Ryan Linder

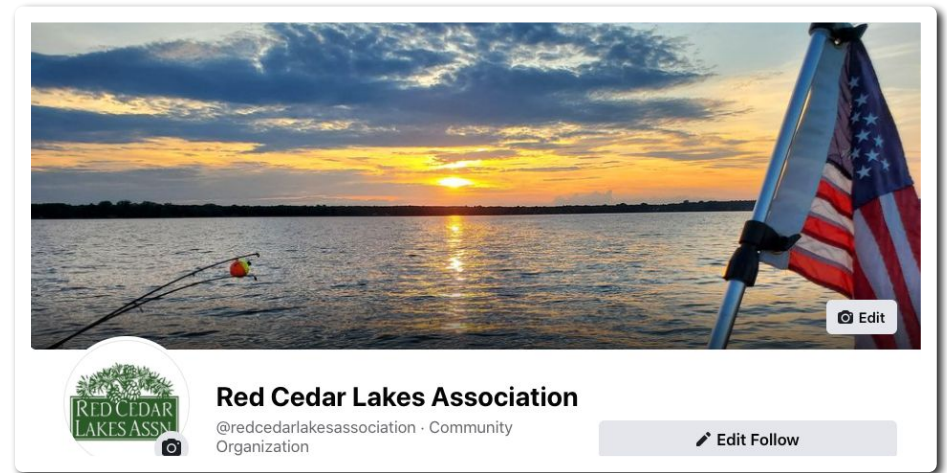
- ❑ We produce a Newsletter twice a year near Memorial Day and Labor Day to keep you informed about what's going on in our association and on our lakes
- ❑ Visit our RCLA website with updated content throughout the year
 - ❑ Newsletters
 - ❑ Lake studies
 - ❑ Reports
 - ❑ Volunteer opportunities and events



www.redcedarlakes.com



- ❑ Facebook 
- ❑ RCLA Events & News
Posted Frequently
- ❑ 135 Followers/123 Likes
- ❑ Community engagement
& photos are encouraged!
- ❑ JOIN the RCLA  page!



- ❑ Members communicate with the RCLA Board
 - ❑ Email us through the website or by contacting individual committee chairs listed on the cover of our spring newsletter
 - ❑ Share your pictures with us and let us know if you'd like to see them on the website or a future newsletter
 - ❑ Feedback is always encouraged and welcome





**THANK
YOU!**

1. Thank you to the 43 local businesses that support the RCLA with their coupons.
2. Thank you to the Rice Lake Printery for their help in design, layout, printing, assembly and mailing.
3. Thank you to all of you for donating to our fundraiser.

Coupon Book contains 76 coupons from 43 businesses

Fundraiser Statistics:

- ❑ Donations: \$8,240
- ❑ Expenses: \$1,692

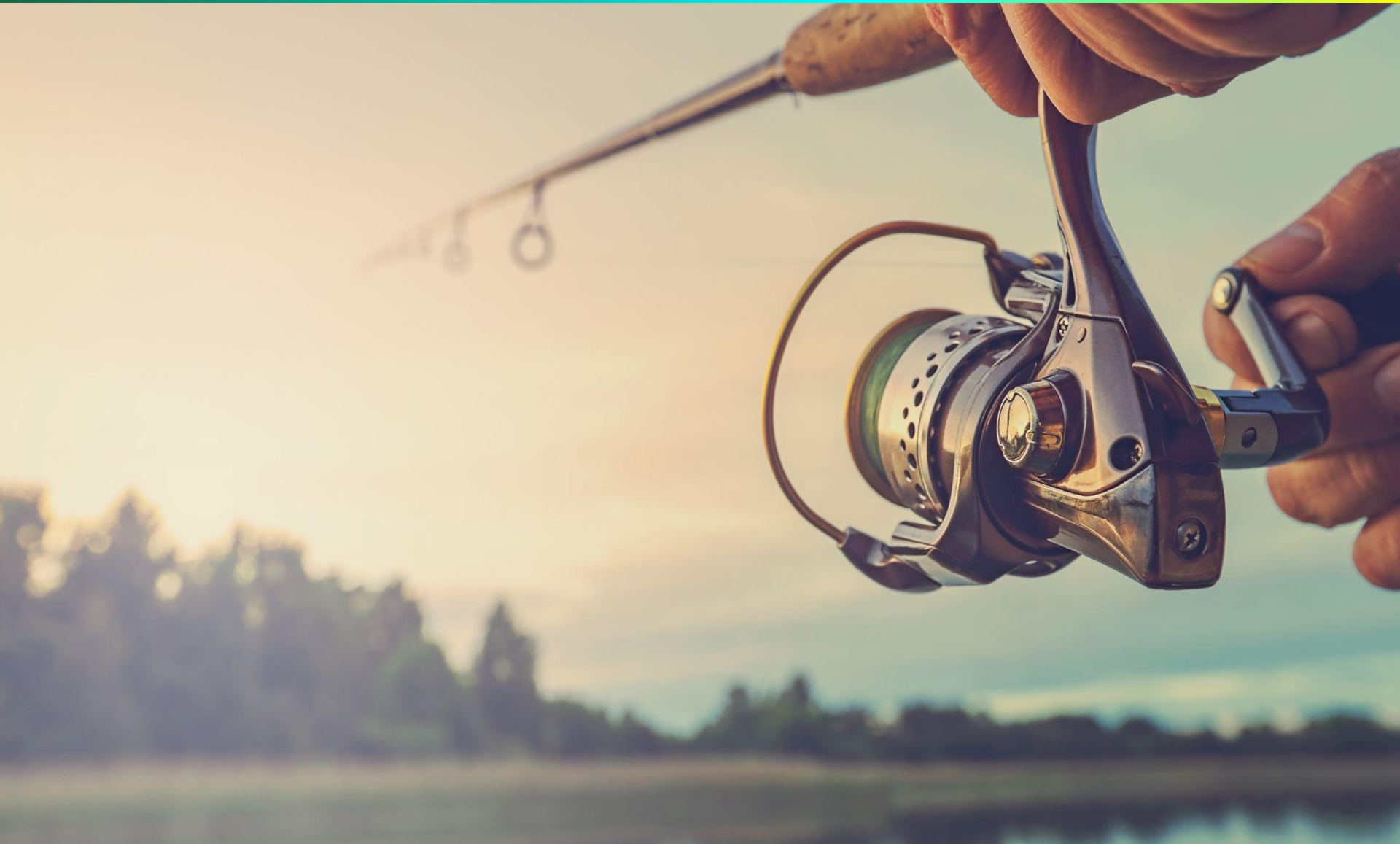
- ❑ 350 books printed
- ❑ 298 mailed to RCLA members
- ❑ 241 returned donations

Where the books are being sold:

- ❑ Dairy State Bank Birchwood
- ❑ Butternut Hills Golf
- ❑ Birchwood Café
- ❑ Tagalong Golf
- ❑ Cedar Lake Grill

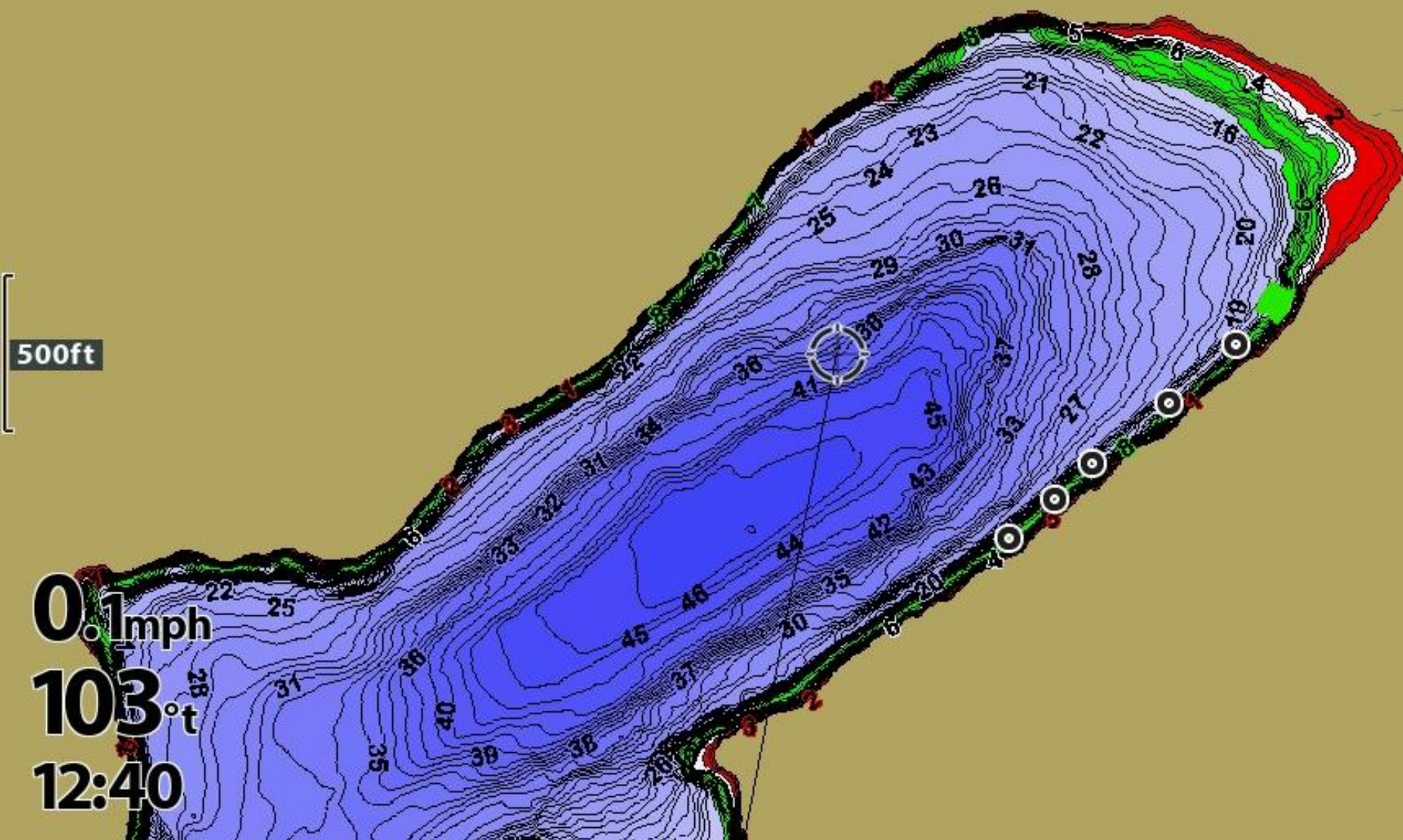
Fish Habitat Committee

Dan Ellefson



Fish Sticks Installations – Summer 2020

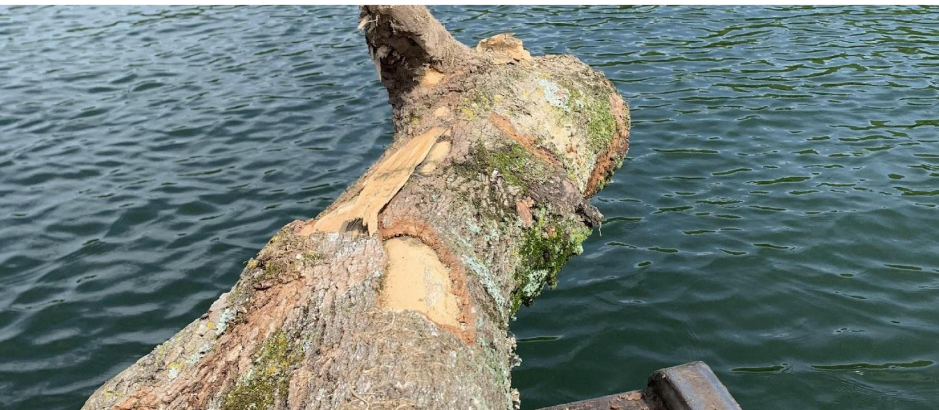
William J. Petersen Trust



Mikana Marine & Resort



Fish Habitat



Lake Information & Safety Committee

Len Christianson



MANAGE YOUR WAKE



BE A RESPONSIBLE WATER SPORT PARTICIPANT BY COMPLYING WITH THE WSIA (WATER SPORT INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION) GUIDANCE FOR WAKE BOAT OPERATORS.

- Maintain a minimum distance of **200 feet** from any shoreline and others enjoying the lake.
RED CEDAR LAKES ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDS 400 FEET.
- Minimize repetitive passes in the same area.
- Keep music at reasonable levels.

Remember your wake has an impact on:

- Property damage
- Shoreline erosion
- The lake bed and wildlife habitat
- The safety of others on the lake
- The transportation of AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) in the ballast tanks and on trailers





MANAGE YOUR WAKE

If you witness boats violating distance laws call the Sheriff's Department:

On Red Cedar and Hemlock	715-537-3106
On Balsam Lake	715-468-4720
Or Wisconsin DNR Enforcement	1-800-847-9367

Take the test. Go to WSIA.NET/WAKE-RESPONSIBLY for more information on how you can keep our lakes safe and your sport friendly.



The Red Cedar Lakes Association is NOT responsible for enforcement of boat or lake violations. Please call the Sheriff or WI DNR.



Membership Committee

Sue Sleik

We currently have 645 members in 2021 compared to 654 in 2020. Thank you to those of you that have renewed your RCLA memberships and to the 65 new members who have joined!

Membership income is \$13,760 and donations are at \$10,691

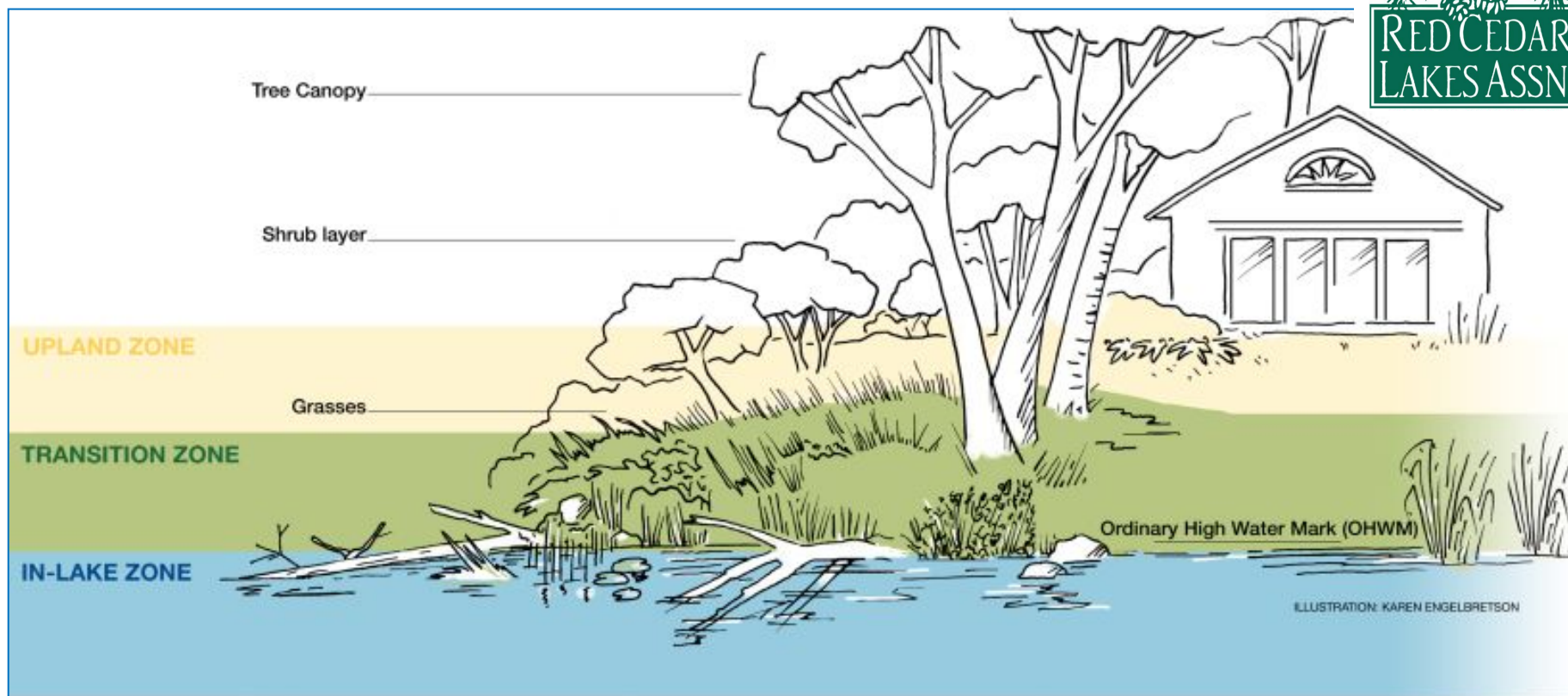
Corporate Members - *please thank these businesses for their support*

- ☐ Birchwood Café
- ☐ Cedar Lakes Grill
- ☐ Cedar Ridge Wealth Management
- ☐ Cheers
- ☐ Dairy State Bank
- ☐ The Gathering Place
- ☐ Loch Lomond Beach Club
- ☐ Mikana Marine & Resort
- ☐ Pines at the Lake
- ☐ Thomas Marine



Shoreline & Island Restoration Committee

Michael
Klutho



Awarded 9 grants from DNR to construct...

- ❑ 4 rain gardens,
- ❑ 4 native plantings and
- ❑ 1 rock infiltration project
- ❑ Each will help reduce direct water runoff into our lakes and thereby improve and maintain lake quality



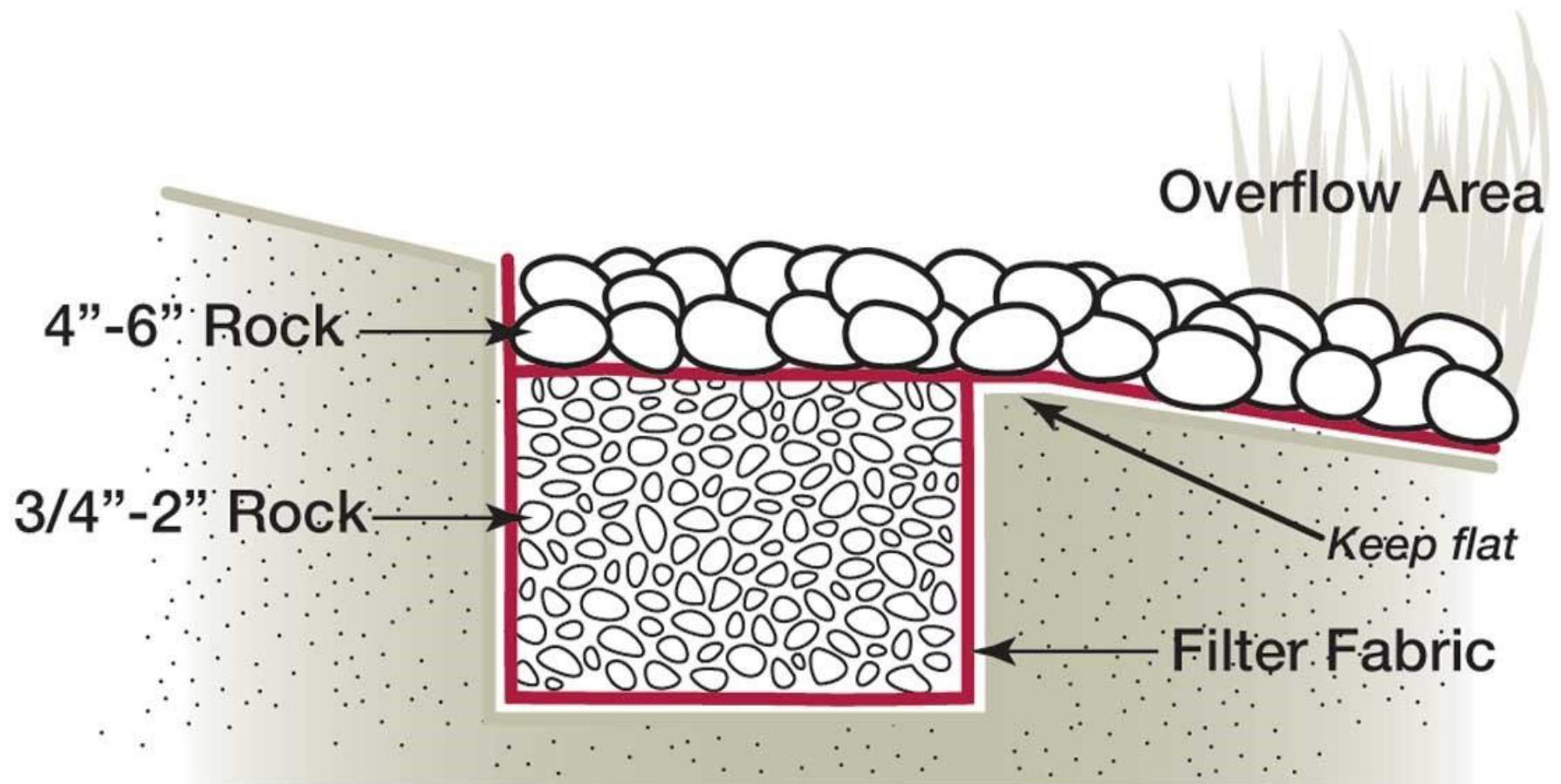
Rain Garden



Native Planting



Rock Infiltration



Looking ahead...2021-2022

- ❑ Identify and solicit interest from additional lakeshore owners to participate in a “Healthy Lakes” **grant application for 2022**, and if awarded constructed in 2023-24.
- ❑ Assess **islands** to determine erosion and possible remediation.

Water Quality Committee

Tim Lewis

Water Quality can be best described as...

- A. High level of clarity
- B. Low levels of phosphorous
- C. Sustainable fisheries and wildlife habitat
- D. Quality recreational opportunities (e.g., swimming, boating, etc.)
- E. ALL OF THE ABOVE AND MORE...

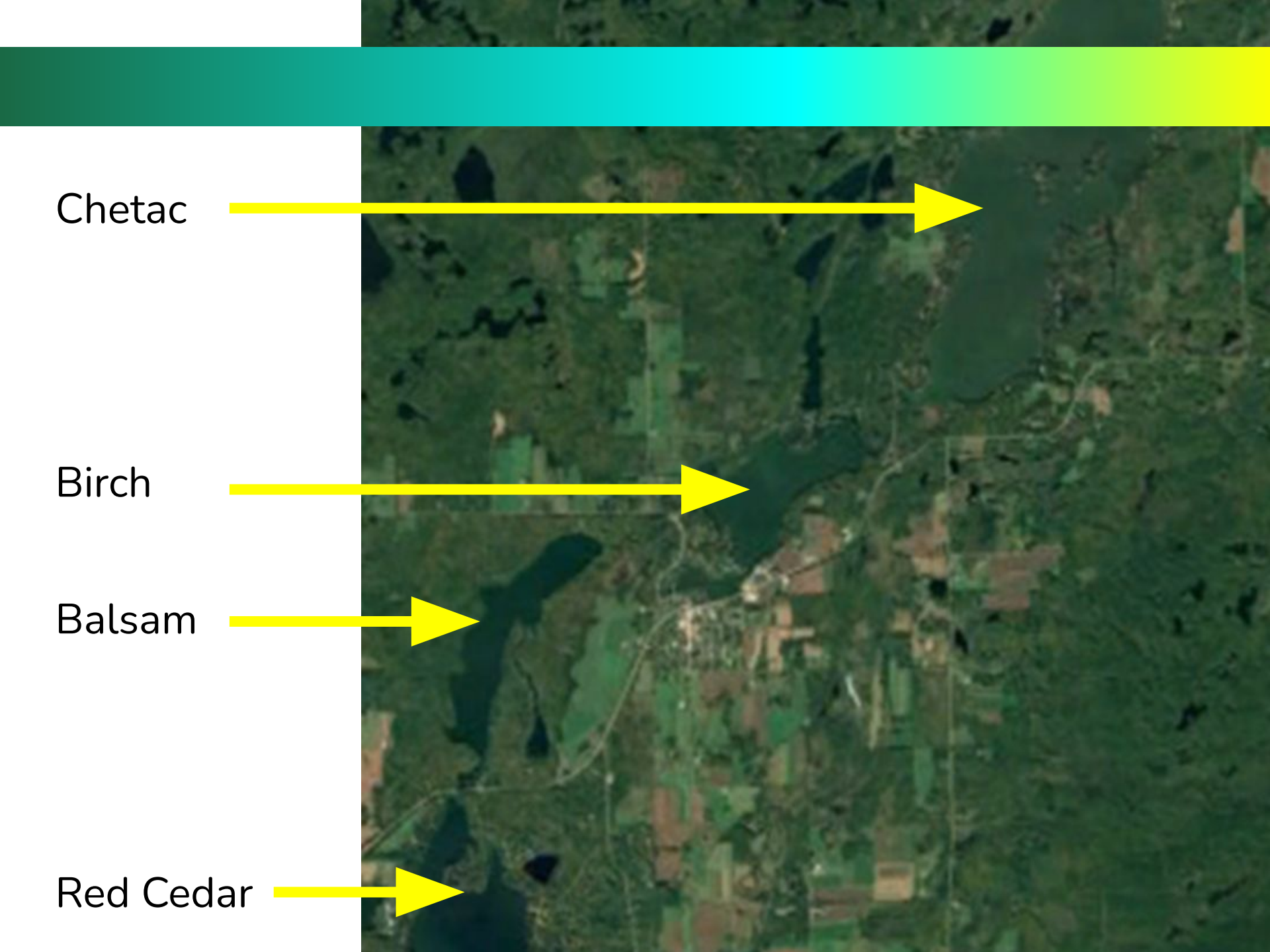


Key Focus in 2021 Includes...

Tim Lewis

- A. Volunteers to regularly sample water on each of the 3 main Lakes and 5 streams and report to Citizen Lake Monitoring Network
- B. Coordinate with WDNR and outside consulting services to identify further testing instruments and locations
 - a. Received 2 Water Quality Grants for \$75K





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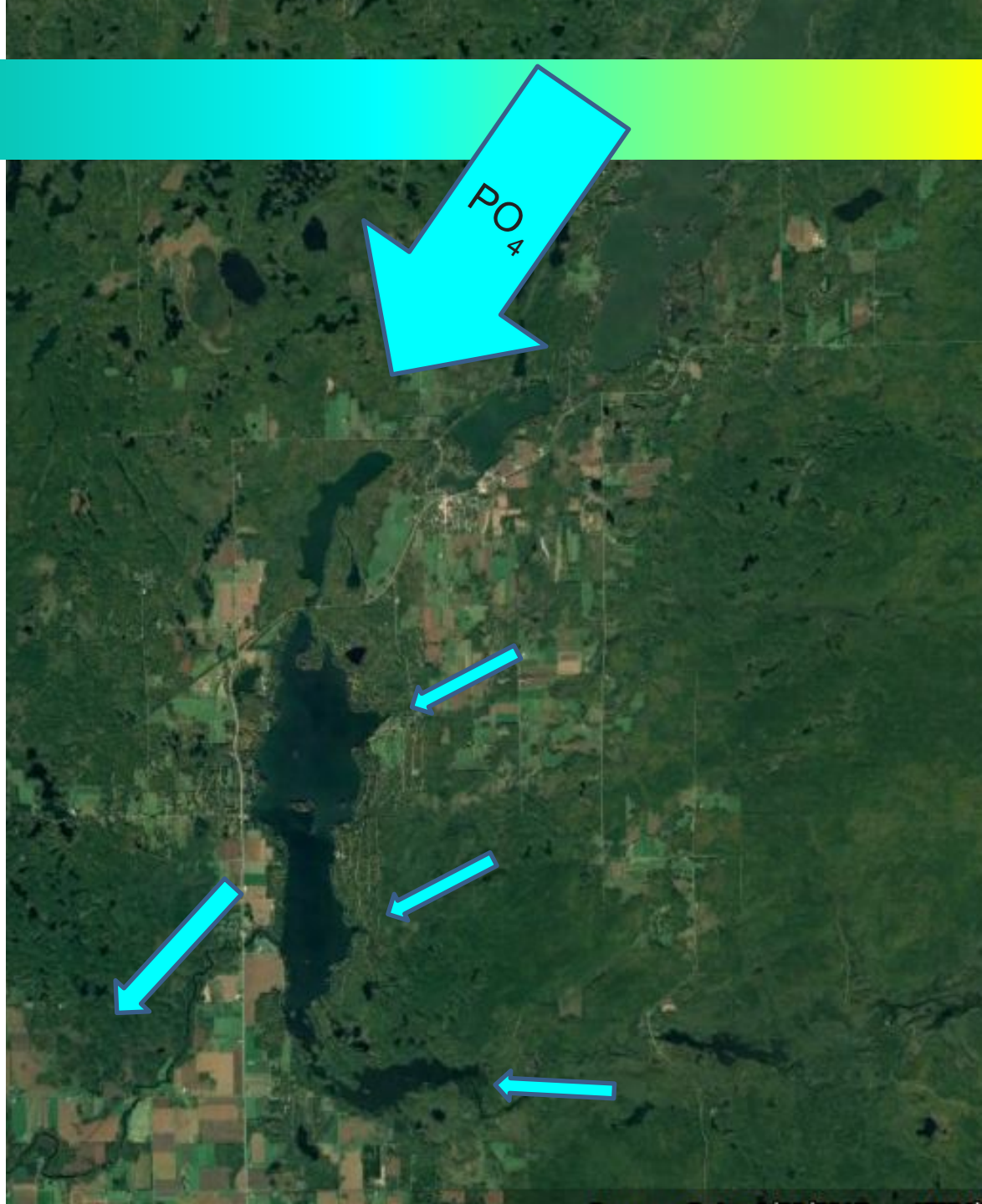
Birch

Balsam

Red Cedar

Monitoring...

- ☐ Rainfall
- ☐ Streams Flow
- ☐ TSP & Phosphate
- ☐ Lake Clarity
- ☐ Temperature
- ☐ Dissolved Oxygen



Aquatic Invasive Species Committee

Tom Goodwin &
Brett Heinlein

- ❑ Good News! Aquatic Invasive Species remain stable in our lakes
- ❑ We continue to have just four species of AIS (Curly Leaf Pondweed, Chinese Mystery Snails, Purple Loosestrife and Rusty Crayfish)



- ❑ Zebra mussels and Eurasian Milfoil are in neighboring lakes and probably our biggest threats

2019 – 2021 Grant:

- ❑ Provides up to \$180,885 (state funding) for AIS control and water quality studies
- ❑ Remaining funding - \$131,254 (state funding)
- ❑ Current grant runs through June 2022
- ❑ Will be requesting grant extension to use remaining funds



2021 AIS Actions:

- ❑ CLP herbicide treatment in the channel between Balsam and Red Cedar Lakes
- ❑ 2.4 water acres treated in May



2021 AIS Actions:

- ❑ CLP bed mapping was completed by Freshwater Scientific Services in June
- ❑ Shoreline property studies for Hemlock and Bass Lake
- ❑ Woody debris studies for Hemlock and Bass Lakes
- ❑ Ongoing monitoring of AIS through the summer
 - ❑ Zebra mussel plates
 - ❑ Raking weeds near boat landing and stream entrances
- ❑ Eradication of Purple Loosestrife
 - ❑ Hand removal during July & August by Nature Committee
- ❑ CLP turion study to be completed this fall by Freshwater Scientific Services



CLP Treatment Application



August 28th Education Meeting

AUGUST

28

Topics to include:

- ❑ Lake water quality update
- ❑ Healthy lakes initiatives & opportunities
- ❑ Aquatic Invasive Species Update
- ❑ Fish Sticks program



Clean Boats, Clean Waters — AIS

Brett Heinlein

Clean Boats, Clean Waters

- ❑ Landing monitoring: V & 48, Waldo Carlson, Hemlock, Loch Lomond Beach Club
- ❑ Decontamination Stations at Waldo Carlson, Loch Lomond Beach Club, Hemlock and Balsam



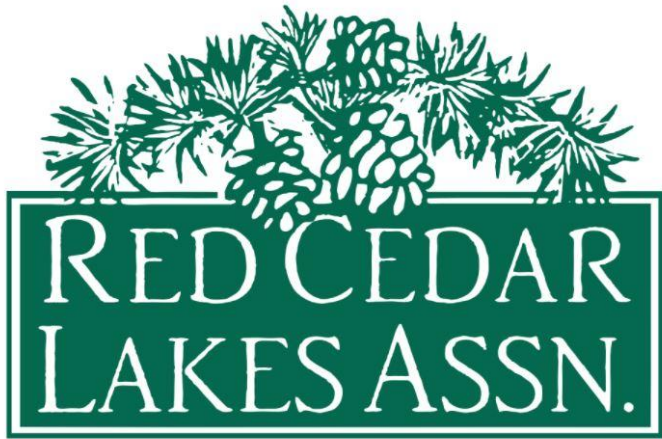
Volunteers Needed

Brett Heinlein

Volunteers Needed

- ❑ Red Cedar Lakes Association needs to achieve 400 hours of landing monitoring to qualify for our grants
- ❑ RCLA pays \$12 per hour for landing monitoring
- ❑ For more information contact Brett Heinlein
 - ❑ (414) 254-0810
 - ❑ bwheinlein0810@gmail.com





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President's Direction

Valerie Bausch: 2021-2022

President's Direction for 2021/2022

- ❑ A “BIG TIME” THANK YOU to all of our members who have volunteered on our many projects and committees
- ❑ Continue to Build our RCLA Budget Equity Position for anticipated AIS Emergency Response Plan expenditures
- ❑ Volunteers are Needed!



Financial Report — Net Worth at Year End

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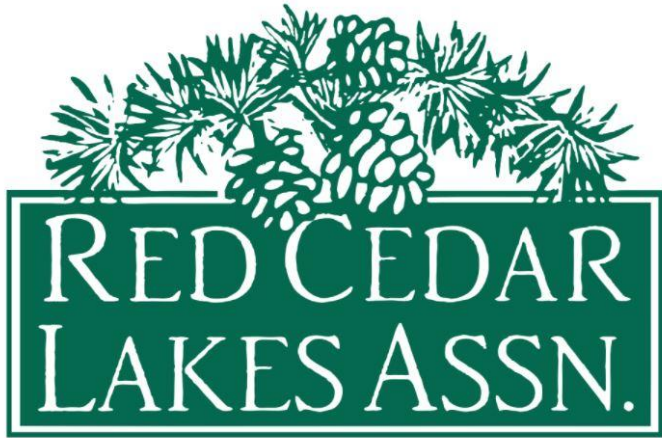
Farewell to Board Members



Ryan Linder - Communications

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Sue Sleik - Membership



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Election of Board Members

2021-2022

Renewing Board Members

Board Officer Renewing for 3-Year Term:

- ❑ No renewals required

Board Directors Renewing for 2-Year term:

- ❑ Valerie Bausch – Nature
- ❑ Michael Klutho - Shoreline & Island Restoration
- ❑ Brett Heinlein - AIS Co-Chair

Change in Board Director Role:

- ❑ Runae Maloney – Moving to Membership Chair

Michelle Fischer – Communications



- ❑ Born in Fargo, ND
- ❑ Currently live in Dayton, MN with my wife Carol
- ❑ I have two adult sons: Fischer and Spencer
- ❑ Carol & I purchased land on Hemlock Lake west of the boat landing last November
- ❑ I'm a special education teacher at Osseo Senior High school and I work with students who have developmental cognitive disabilities
- ❑ My former career was in graphic design
- ❑ My heart is full and I'm at peace when I'm out in nature, especially at the lake!
- ❑ I'm thrilled to be a part of this association and RCLA board
- ❑ I'm looking forward to using my graphic design skills again on the newsletters and website

Tim Plaza – Fish Habitat

- ❑ Live full-time on Balsam Lake with my wife Sue.
- ❑ Born and raised on a dairy farm in Hawkins, WI.
- ❑ The family purchased a cranberry marsh in Rusk County in 1971 and I worked developing it ,as President of Plaza Cranberry Farms, Inc. We grew cranberries for Ocean Spray for 43 years until my retirement in 2014.
- ❑ We retired to Birchwood, as I fished the Red Cedar Chain of Lakes for 35 years and my wife's family was originally from Rice Lake and Birchwood.
- ❑ I am an avid fisherman and spend a lot of time in my woodworking shop where I enjoy working on projects when it's too miserable to fish.
- ❑ Our travel plans have been recently curtailed, but we are anxiously anticipating more travel adventures.
- ❑ My wife and I have two sons (also life-long fishermen), their wives (apprentice fisherwomen) and four young grandchildren (fisher kids in training).
- ❑ Looking forward to having the opportunity to work with the Board and improving the habitat on the lakes for everyone to enjoy.



Kathy Salvi – Coupon Book

- ❑ Residences: WI: Mikana (Red Cedar Lake) / Mooresville NC (Lake Norman Area)
- ❑ Occupation—Retired
- ❑ Grandchildren: 6 girls (Our daughter and her husband were married on Stout's Island)
- ❑ Hobbies: Fishing, Gardening, Cooking, Reading, Bird Watching
- ❑ Reason for joining: As new residents, our family used our coupon book as an introduction to the surrounding areas. The coupon book served as an opportunity to meet new people, explore different places, and support our local businesses. I am excited to share my personal experiences with others as an example the impact the book can have. I look forward to getting to know the people in our area on a more personal level. I believe now more than ever that everyone has a contribution to make, and I look forward to finding out what mine can be to my new community.



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