

KIMBLE LAKE HOMEOWNERS' ANNUAL MEETING 2008

The annual meeting of the Kimble Lake Homeowners' Association was held on Saturday, May 24, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. at the Old Milwaukee Club in Ideal Corners. A social time with coffee and treats was hosted by Old Milwaukee Club owner, Jeff Feldman, who had graciously offered the use of his establishment when the Ideal Community Hall was unavailable. During this time President, Steve Erickson, welcomed new lake residents, the Roberg, Martins, and Gens families and also encouraged KLHA members to sign up to help with association committees.

The meeting was officially called to order at 9:10. Board members present included Steve Erickson, Karen Olsen, Jeff Baumgartner, Gary Schwartz, Ric Rowe, Nels Johnson, and Jane Maas all of whom were introduced to the assembly. Special recognition was given to Gary and Karen who were serving at their last meeting.

Steve introduced Len Nelson, of Deblin Tree Service, who gave a presentation on the health and care of trees in our lake area. He discussed the many insects and diseases that affect our trees and gave suggestions as to correct watering and maintenance with non-toxic treatments for insects and fungus.

Karen led the assembly of residents in reading the Kimble Lake Vision Statement together.

The minutes of the May 26, 2007, meeting was approved following a motion by Marlowe Kingstadt and a second by Karen Olsen.

Gary Schwartz presented the treasurer's report and the proposed budget for 2007-2008. He also indicated that there were 83 paying members of the KLHA in the last year.

Spending last year: \$2660.01

Budgeted last year: \$3865.00

Emergency water donations for 2007: \$6165.00

Survey/Treatment costs for 2007: \$12213.00

Emergency water donations for 2008 (so far): \$12600.00

May 24, 2008, KLHA General Fund: \$870.88

May 24, 2008, Emergency Water Fund: \$14146.87

Balance (May 24, 2008): \$818.00

Estimated dues: \$2000.00

Estimated balance: \$2818.88

The report was approved after a motion from Dick Maas and a second by Harvey Hollenbeck.

The president's report was given by Steve Erickson. After thanking association members for his opportunity to serve as president, he recognized the "founding board members," the committed people who serve on the board and committees, and the many people who have contributed to the emergency fund. Achievements of which to be proud included:

1. An over 80% property owner membership

2. A successfully implemented plan to identify and treat Eurasian water milfoil
3. A first private stocking of walleye fingerlings along with a DNR stocking
4. An active social and activities calendar
5. A successful petition drive for forming the Kimble Lake Improvement District
6. The Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners' approval of the LID on May 13, 2008

He reminded everyone that the challenges continue and that the primary mission in the next few months will be to establish a board of property owners that will administer the Kimble Lake Improvement District which will be responsible for contracting services for treatment of milfoil, conducting an annual meeting of property owners, submitting a budget for approval to Crow Wing County, and performing other responsibilities needed to control the milfoil.

Denny Loechler acknowledged Steve's "full time job" as board president and his commitment to Kimble Lake concerns in the past year.

Nels Johnson directed residents to this meeting's information packet and the page called "What Can Be Done to Help Prevent the Spread of Milfoil?" He emphasized the following:

1. Protect your shoreline.
2. Fertilize with care.
3. Maintain your septic system.
4. Don't uproot lake vegetation.
5. Don't operate a boat in shallow water except when docking.
6. Help prevent nutrients from entering the water.
7. Check boats and trailers when leaving or entering boat ramps.
8. Drain lives wells and clean boats carefully.
9. Enjoy the water!

Denny Loechler presented WAPOA information on "inspection" training sessions for those interested in helping identify milfoil and other invasive species. Denny offered to take the names of those interested. He had also met with the governor about having a DNR presence at lakes with infestations.

Steve thanked Larry Knutson for putting in the lake markers and Gary Schwartz and Denny Loechler for putting in the loon nests each spring.

Committee reports:

Communications Committee – Marsh Peschauer recognized Sally Olson, Laura and Brandon Pederson from the Pederson Team at The Real Estate Company, and Jerry and Colleen Botko for their help in putting together, printing, assembling the newsletter for distribution. He asked for help on this committee and suggested the following new ideas for the future:

1. Add an opinion column.
2. Develop a website.
3. Produce a coffee table book of Kimble Lake scenes.

4. Prepare a new pictorial directory for 2009 or 2010.

He, also, suggested using email addresses for getting current information to KLHA members.

Fish Environment Committee – Denny Loechler indicated that the DNR had stocked 800 (or 37 pounds) of walleye fingerlings and that the KLHA had stocked another 800 at the cost of \$750.00. This is to be an “every other year” plan if we can get approval from the DNR. Denny also mentioned that he is participating in a “loon watcher program.”

History Committee – no report at this time

Safety and Recreation Committee – Steve thanked Gary for sending out boating rules to lake residents.

Social Committee – The Social calendar prepared by Sharon Giebenhein includes:

Garage Sale - Saturday, June 14, at Norway Ridge

Voyage on the Kimble Chain – Saturday, June 28

Boat parade – Saturday, July 5. Joyce Hansen and Janet Dryer will coordinate.

Coffee party – Saturday, July 26. Fritz and Arlene Rohkohl’s home

Happy hour – Saturday, August 16. Jerry and Colleen Botko’s home

Campfire cookout – Saturday, October 4. Steve and Patti Erickson’s home

Water Quality Committee – Jerry Botko reported that he and Bob Maas check water quality once in each of 5 months over the summer and report the results to the DNR. He gave a demonstration on water testing, showing the equipment used. He indicated that the 2007 measurements ranged from 18 to 20 feet of clarity. The last measurement, on May 19, 2008, showed a clarity of 11 feet. The water is also collected and tested for phosphorus and chlorophyll.

The president’s and committee reports were accepted after a motion from Tom Hanson and a second from Larry Knutson.

Old business:

Maxine Knutson will continue to take orders for Kimble Lake clothing.

Martha Pechauer expressed the need to update the lake directory and to add information about new residents. Jane will collect this information.

Ron Pettit questioned the procedures for establishing the LID, finding milfoil, and hiring the company that treated the lake. In response to these concerns, Steve presented a complete history of when the DNR first discovered the milfoil and the following plan to hire Ron Duy for treatment of the lake. He discussed the importance of early treatment of lakes in this area. He indicated that the DNR did treat Kimble Lake but only 1 time, so the KLHA board contracted Ron Duy for further inspection and treatment because of the fact that milfoil will always be present and can only be controlled. Information from Crow Wing County showed the process for forming an LID which would allow

assessment for money added to the property tax statement for milfoil treatment. The petition process showed that at least 2/3 of the property owners supported this concept. On May 13, 2008, the LID was approved by the Crow Wing County Board. Steve thanked attendees for wide-range support and contributions for milfoil treatment and indicated that results showed success.

Second, the liability concerns expressed at the county board meeting were addressed. Ron Duy has a \$2,000,000 liability policy.

Third, rocks in the creek into Lake Ossawinamakee have stopped boat traffic between Ossawinamakee and Kimble Lake which will decrease chances of zebra mussels invading Kimble. Placement of the rocks was part a 5 year agreement at the end of which the DNR will check with channel residents concerning their feelings about the rocks. Steve's recommendation would be to keep them in the channel.

New business:

Gary and Karen are retiring after 4 years on the board. The election of new board members included Jane for second 2 year term and Jeff for a second 1 year term and the addition of Ellen Miller and Ed Sisola to the board. These candidates were approved by unanimous ballot after a motion by Marlowe Kingstadt and a second by Harvey Hollenbeck.

Steve indicated that the KLHA Board would make updating the directory and the website a priority.

Steve presented a Kimble Lake Improvement District update indicating that a board needs to be created by the Kimble Lake Homeowners' Association Board which will be the governing body of the LID. These people will not necessarily be the same as the Kimble Lake board. Their responsibilities will be to determine the need for treatment, decide who will be contracted, determine necessary costs, hold an annual meeting to present the budget to the both the KLHA and the Crow Wing County Board for approval, and determine the cost addition to property tax statements.

Marsh Pechauer encouraged anyone interested to attend a Star Lake Association meeting on July 7. He feels that an association for lakes on the Kimble Lake chain may be necessary in the future. He will include an article about the new Star Lake Association in the next Kimble Lake newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 after a motion by Norman Schramm and a second by Bud Diekman.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Maas, secretary

