

KIMBLE LAKE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING 2009

The annual meeting of the Kimble Lake Homeowners' Association was held on Saturday, July 25, 2009, at the Ideal Township Community Center. A social time with coffee and treats was hosted by the Social Committee of the association. Members attending received an annual meeting report, a new lake directory, and a copy of The Landowner's Guide to Lake Stewardship, published by Crow Wing County.

At 9:10, President, Steve Erickson, welcomed everyone and then introduced Pam Perry who is the Minnesota Non-game Wildlife Specialist. Her presentation, "Loons in Minnesota," included information on the biology, nesting habits, and the populations of loons here and in other states. She also gave some insight on the DNR loon monitoring program.

At 10:05, Steve officially called the association meeting to order with the introduction of board members. Those present included Steve Erickson, Nels Johnson, Ric Rowe, Ellen Miller, Ed Sisola, and Jane Maas. Jeff Baumgartner was unable to attend. Recognition was given to Steve, Jeff, and Ric as they have completed their terms on the board.

Ed read the Kimble Lake Vision Statement to those in attendance.

The minutes of the May 28, 2008, annual meeting were reviewed by members and approved following a motion by Denny Leochler and a second by Fritz Rohkohl.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2439.96 as of June 30, 2009. With dues collected in the current year, the KLHA should have estimated funds of \$4,400.00 to fund the current year's anticipated expenses. The June 30, 2009, Emergency Water Fund Balance is \$7091.45.

The estimated spending plan for the next year's general expenses and committee expenses totaled \$3,532.00. The estimated cash balance on May 31, 2010, was estimated to be \$908.00. The president indicated that additional funds were included in this budget that may be needed for printing expenses and that a new allowance of \$400.00 was included for board members to attend meetings and seminars. Another addition was \$1500.00 to the fish/environment committee for the stocking of walleye in the fall of 2009. The report was approved after a motion by Tom Hanson and a second by Jim Schultz.

The president's report was given by Steve Erickson. He reminded the members that this was his last day as KLHA president and thanked everyone for their support in the past two years. The challenges of dealing with Eurasian milfoil he and the KLHA members faced over these years were more than anyone expected and will continue to be present in years to come. However, much progress has been made with the hiring of Ron Duy from Minnesota Shoreline Restoration for the surveying of the lake and the treatment of milfoil. Steve emphasized that the establishment of Kimble Lake Improvement District was essential for continuing to monitor and treat invasive species. He encouraged everyone to read the "Landowner's Guide to Lake Stewardship" to learn more about the

advantages of restoring native shoreline vegetation. Following his report, Steve was acknowledged with applause as a “thank you” from the assembly.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee – Marsh Pechauer discussed his “coffee table” book project and encouraged members to send him digital pictures. He needs 60-75 pictures to successfully complete his book. He also indicated that the last KLHA newsletter had been printed and paid for by KLHA funds in contrast to having Pederson’s real estate firm do the printing without charge. Marsh will investigate whether we will continue with Pedersons or be paying for the printing as part of the KLHA budget. More information on the Communications Committee is included in the KLHA annual report booklet.

Fish Environment Committee – Denny Loechler reported that the DNR will be doing a walleye stocking this fall. The DNR has also approved a private stocking of walleyes by the KLHA. He has contacted a hatchery to purchase 74 pounds of walleye fingerlings at a cost of \$1500.00. These will be delivered later this year.

Water Quality Committee – Jerry Botko indicated that 5 water samples are taken in the summer and checked for water clarity. The water is also checked for levels of phosphorus and chlorophyll. Kimble Lake’s water clarity is excellent for the area of the state with measurements of 11 – 18 feet, depending of the time of summer the measurements are taken.

Social Committee – Sharon Geibenhain reported that there are 3 events left on this summer’s calendar. The first is paddleboat races which will be today, July 25. The second is a “happy hour” hosted by the Geibenhains and the Rohkohls on Saturday, August 22. The third is a campfire cookout, hosted by the Knutsons and the Rows, on Saturday, October 3.

Old Business:

Denny Loechler discussed the public lake access inspections. Training is available, and volunteers may contact him if interested.

Steve mentioned that the boulders have been in the Ossawinamakee Channel for the past 5 years. This situation appears to be successful as zebra mussels exist in Ossie but not in Kimble Lake at this point.

New Business:

Election of new Board Members - Ric, Jeff, and Steve are retiring from their service on the KLHA Board. Nels may be re-elected for a 2 year term. Jim Schultz, Virgene Johnson, and Jan Federer have been nominated to serve. As there were no nominations from the floor, a motion to accept this slate of board members was passed following a motion by Dick Maas and a second by Shari Loechler.

KLID Annual Meeting – Steve announced that this would follow immediately after the KLHA meeting.

Website information – Gary Schwartz explained that he is exploring options for available websites for the KLHA. Ellen mentioned a “Constant Contact” site that can be used for emailing the newsletter. Decisions on this matter are to be made at a later date.

Brainerd Area Invasive Species Task Force – Denny Loechler and Steve have attended these meetings and encouraged lake residents to invite professionals who are in and out of lakes to attend. The next 2 seminars are on August 18 and August 24 and will include education on invasive species issues.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 following a motion by Tom Hanson and a second by Karen Olson.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Maas, Secretary