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To: Kimble Lake Homeowners Association Members

From: Jim Schultz

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Hard to believe I know but 2011 is behind us and as those of us who live here year round observe the new snow and the ice and fish houses, it helps us reflect on how great life on the lake was in 2011. Morning coffees, Happy hours, Mexican Fiesta, Fourth of July Boat Parade, etc. We owe a great deal of thanks to Sharon Giebenhain and the rest of the Social Committee as well as those homeowners who hosted the various events. Please thank them.

Almost 80% of our residents joined the Association in 2011. Our goal is 100% for 2012.

The "Burma Shave" contest was held and two winning slogans were picked. Both were memorialized at our public access reading as follows: **10,000 Lakes, Each a Beauty, Clean your Boat, Do your Duty**, and **Been out boating, on another lake? Clean Your Boat, for Kimble's sake; Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers**. Carol Jansen was the winner who submitted the 10,000 Lakes slogan and she received a cash award and a gift certificate to Bites Restaurant in Pine River. The celebration on September 3 was well attended by State Senator John Carlson, Representative Larry Howes, Ideal's Jim Brandt, Fifty Lake 's Mark Johnson, media representatives, Minnesota Water's Molly Zins, and many of our residents. We owe thanks to Bob and Jane Maas and Jan Federer for their efforts on this Aquatic Invasive Species awareness project.

Speaking of Aquatic Invasive Species, many of you know that the Lake Improvement District (LID) continued their successful efforts to control Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) as four surveys were completed. One survey found a few

isolated plants which were successfully treated and another, 12 plants that were treated. The July and October surveys found no evidence of EMW. Hurray. If you were one of the families who did not return the permission to treat form so that we can treat plants when found, please do so in the future so that treatment required can be done promptly. Your failure to do so puts our treatment program at risk. Call me if you have questions about this process.

Ever wondered who puts the marker buoys and loon platforms out in the spring and takes them in in the fall? We owe Gary Schwarz and Larry Knutson or thanks for their continuing service in this area.

What's in store for 2012 that you need to be aware of besides the various social events? Darby Nelson, author of "For the Love of Lakes" will be our featured speaker at the May 26 morning Annual meeting. Check him out at www.darbynelson.com. Our Nominating Committee for 2012 is composed of Dick Maas, Gary Schwarz, and Maxine Knutson. They will be responsible for finding new Board members or Committee members in time for the May meeting. Our long standing Communications Committee Chair Marsh Pechauer is retiring as the creator of the **Kimble Shorelines** newsletter but is still working on a coffee table picture book and a 2013 Kimble Lake calendar. We will need to find a replacement for Marsh to cover his duties on the Communications Committee and the creation of the newsletter. Please contact Marsh or myself if you would be willing to serve our community in this way. We owe Marsh really big thanks for his service to this lake and our community.

Now would be a good time to send in your 2012 membership application so we can minimize those requests in the future. If there are activities or issues that we could improve on in 2012, let us hear from you. Board members Mike Giebenhain, Ed Sisola, Ellen Miller, Jan Federer, Virgene Johnson, Cathy Rusch, and I would love to hear from you.

May 2012 be one of the best years you have had on our lake and in our community.

Jim Schultz, President, KLHA

