

Kimble Lake Improvement District

President's Report

Two Thousand and nine was another successful year for us in our efforts to control Eurasian Water Milfoil. EWM was found and treated in five locations on Kimble Lake during the summer of 2009. The number of locations where EWM has been found has been steadily decreasing since EWM was first discovered in Kimble Lake by the DNR a few years ago. With fewer locations of EWM discovered, our treatment costs have also steadily decreased. Last year was a relatively cool summer with an early May ice out, which was probably a factor in the number of EWM infestation locations found and treated. Minnesota Shoreline Restoration Inc [Ron Dug] performed our lake surveys and treated the EWM that was found. Ron will be performing our lake surveys once again this year and treating the EWM for us as necessary. Ron has already performed the first survey. I am happy to report that he found no new Eurasian Milfoil Infestations during the first survey on kimble Lake.

This year we have had an unusually early ice out and very warm temperatures recently. Warm water and sunshine create a favorable growing environment for aquatic weeds. With the initial success we have had in controlling EWM we have reason to be confident that we will continue to be successful in our control measures. The KLID Board has also agreed to a EWM service agreement with Ron Dug for 2011 and 2012. Ron has agreed to provide his services in 2011 and 2012 at 2010 pricing in consideration of the three year agreement.

The success we have enjoyed in controlling EWM is saving us money. This year we were able to reduce the KLID tax assessment from \$200/property to \$130/property. For 2011 the KLID Board is recommending a \$20/property reduction in the KLID tax assessment which, if approved, will result in an assessment of \$110/property. Our continued success will depend on the best efforts of all of us. Invasive species are not going away. We need to be continually careful about how we use our water resources to ensure that we preserve the quality of our lakes for future generations.

Thank you for your past and present support and the efforts all of you are making to protect Kimble Lake.

Steve Erickson [KLID Pres]