

KIMBLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S 2013 REPORT

2013 was another successful year for the Kimble Lake Improvement District. I am pleased to say that Eurasian Water Milfoil continues to be under control thanks to the efforts of your KLID.

During the summer of 2012, Central Minnesota Aquatic's, Inc. completed five full lake surveys. Only one Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) plant was found during the entire summer. We can also report that Zebra Mussels have not been found in Kimble Lake.

We have had remarkable success in eradicating EWM from Kimble. Our efforts cannot be diminished or slowed despite finding only one EWM plant last year. EWM is like getting rid of the dandelions in your yard. Despite your best efforts there is always another seed and bright yellow flower ready to sprout and bloom. If you delay your diligence, your yard quickly becomes infested. We need to stay on top of this battle against EWM.

I am in my second year as President of the LID. Steve Erickson is serving as Vice President and he is also in the second year of his term as is board member Dick Bredehoft. Jack Larsen, Davee Olsen and Gary Schwartz, Treasurer, are all in the first year of their terms. Ellen Miller, Secretary, Larry Knutson and Rick Beyer are at the end of their board terms and are standing for re-election. Please thank current and past LID board members for all they have done for Kimble Lake. Our success in fighting EWM didn't just happen by itself.

If you would like to be part of the LID board please let one of the board members know.

This year the DNR and Crow Wing Sheriff's office will be monitoring the creek that flows between Kimble Lake and Ossawinnamakee Lake. It is against the law to canoe, kayak, paddleboard, or use any other watercraft to navigate the creek. Six years ago DNR officials placed boulders in the creek in an attempt to stop traffic between the two lakes. This year they will begin to access fines against those who are caught navigating the creek. Zebra mussels are present in Ossawinnamakee and all of this is to keep them from needlessly spreading to Kimble Lake. If you are caught navigating the creek with any type of watercraft you may be accessed a \$1,000.00 fine.

In my letter last year, I talked about new signs at the boat landing reminding us how important it is to protect our lake from invasive species. The same comment applies this year and I cannot stress importance of it!

Please make sure all who provide lake services to your home have been trained and certified by the MN DNR. There is no need to compromise the quality of our lake because someone has been too busy to receive the training.

Just as important, please make sure your friends and family follow laws established to protect our lake against invasive species as they bring their watercraft to Kimble Lake. Please ASK them before they unload their watercraft.

If you are moving your own boat between our wonderful Minnesota lakes please make sure you take the time to thoroughly inspect your own watercraft before unloading. This is important even if you have been in waters that are not known to have invasive species present.

Please do all you can to keep Kimble Lake clean and pristine. Do not short cut Kimble Lake.

Have a wonderful summer.

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