

## **KIMBLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S 2019 REPORT**

### **EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL**

2018 was another successful year for the Kimble Lake Improvement District. Your LID was formed 10 years ago, and I am pleased to say that Eurasian Water Milfoil continues to be under control thanks to the efforts of your KLID.

During summer 2018, Central Minnesota Aquatic's, Inc. completed five full lake surveys. EWM was found three times in several locations. All infestations were very small. The first two infestations were treated with an herbicide and the third infestation was handpulled. The treated infestations were located where hand-pulling was completed in 2017. We are being encouraged by the DNR to hand-pull small infestations. We will again be vigilant in areas where we hand-pulled last summer and will treat those areas with herbicides in 2019 if EWM growth seems to be more aggressive than what we might consider normal. Just because we had to treat infestations with herbicide where handpulling techniques were used in the prior year, does not mean hand-pulling is not a good technique for ridding the lake of EWM. Our infestations are really just a few plants. 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.

### **ZEBRA MUSSELS (ZM)**

I am sad to say that Kimble Lake is a designated home to ZM as we have now found ZM in numerous locations throughout Kimble Lake. ZM's found last year were of many sizes meaning they have been in Kimble waters for several years. I hate to say it but, living with ZM in Kimble waters is the new normal.

Treatment options for the most part are not available but we have glimmers of hope that the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Research Center at the University of Minnesota will provide some options for eradication at an affordable cost within a few years.

### **ACCESS MONITORING**

KLID has been supporting the efforts of Kimble Lake Homeowners Association (KLHA) to monitor incoming and outgoing watercraft traffic at the public access. Many people question the need to continue this effort now that we have Zebra mussels in Kimble Lake. Watercrafts are inspected in hopes of keeping our lake free from numerous other AIS, some of which present a far greater problem than Zebra mussels and to keep Kimble Lake AIS from being transported to other lakes.

The 2018 KLID budget supported access-monitoring and was unused as CWC did not fill the requested inspection hours with personnel. KLID plans to use a portion (\$500) of the \$1,000 allocated in 2018 to help pay for the acquisition of an activity-based camera system which will monitor access activity in an effort to gather data that will help the KHLA AIS committee develop data driven access-monitoring plans.

KLID has reserved \$1,000 for access-monitoring support in our 2020 budget

### **2020 BUDGET AND PROPOSED ASSESSMENT**

The proposed 2020 budget allows KLID to reduce the annual assessment to \$85.00. This reduction in assessment is not the result of expected costs going down but is the result of KLID receiving unplanned Crow Wing County (CWC) reimbursement last year. If CWC support diminishes in future years we will need to increase the assessment. The CWC support (\$4,000) results in a per property savings of \$40.

The 2020 budget shows income of \$8,500 with expenses of \$13,530. This budget leaves KLID with \$1,030 more in expenses than revenue. The budget assumes that KLID receive \$4,000 in CWC reimbursement for EWM treatment. \$64 of the \$85 proposed 2020 assessment is directly used to find and treat EWM. For the year 2020, KLID projects annual expenses of \$13,530 and a year-end reserve balance of \$29,581.61. The budget and the assessment are in line with our fiduciary duty to try to run a balanced budget and keep reserves approximating 2 times our expected expenses.

### **YOUR KLID BOARD**

Mike O'Neil, Nels Johnson and Ellen Miller are in the final year of their board terms. Steve Erickson and Dick Bredehoft and Tom Hansen, President are in the second year of their board terms. Davee Olson, Vice President, Gary Schwartz, Treasurer and Jack Larsen, Secretary are in the final year of their terms. Mike O'Neil and Nels Johnson have agreed to stand for re-election to the KLID board. Jim Rusch has agreed to run for election and if elected will replace Ellen Miller who has served on the KLID Board since it began 10 years ago. Please join me in saying, "thank you" to Ellen for her years of service. 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.

We need a few new members to add to our board as several of our members have been in their positions for a number of years. If you would like to be part of the LID board and help guide future Kimble Lake AIS risk management, please email me at [tomhansen@comcast.net](mailto:tomhansen@comcast.net).

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

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

a service provider has been too busy to receive the training. If you purchase a dock, boatlift, float or associated equipment that has been in use in another lake, by law it must not be placed in Kimble Lake until 21 days have passed.

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.

**I say this every year but it is increasingly more important. Our water clarity readings seem to be on a slow decline. Do not short cut Kimble Lake. Please check your septic systems to make sure they are in compliance. It is recommended that all septic systems be inspected every three years. Leaking septic systems cause great harm to our lake. Be especially mindful of what you put on your lawn and of changes you make to your shoreline. We all need to make sure we do not apply excessive fertilizer to our yards. Much of it ends up in Kimble Lake and encourages weed growth. Please do all you can to keep Kimble Lake clean and pristine. Kimble Lake water clarity depends on each of us doing our part.**

Have a wonderful summer.

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