

**KIMBLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
PRESIDENT'S 2021 REPORT**

Annual Meeting Date Change

The annual meeting of the property owners of Kimble Lake Improvement District will be held, Saturday September 4 at 8:00 AM. The location of the meeting is at the Ideal Community Center.

EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL

KLID was formed 11 years ago, and I am pleased to say that Eurasian Water Milfoil continues to be under control thanks to the efforts of your KLID.

2020 was a successful year for the KLID. Only one small Eurasian water milfoil infestation was found in September. I am writing this letter in July 2021 and thus far in 2021, we have completed three full lake surveys and no milfoil has been found.

Since only one infestation was found in 2020 and it was late in the season, the infestation was hand-pulled. We are being vigilant in the areas where we hand-pulled EWM in prior years. If we find EWM in these areas again, we will treat these areas with herbicide.

Thankfully most of Kimble Lake's recent EWM infestations have been just a few plants. EWM is like getting rid of weeds 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)

ZM treatment options for the most part are not available but we still 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 aquatic invasive species (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 2021 and 2022 KLID budgets support KLHA efforts with \$1,500 earmarked for access-monitoring and payment for the toilet at the access.

2022 BUDGET AND PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

The proposed 2022 budget allows KLID to maintain the annual assessment at \$75.00.

The 2022 budget shows income of \$9,500 with expenses of \$10,670.00. The income is the result of \$7,500 in property assessments (\$75.00 per property) and \$2,000 in a CWC grant. This budget leaves KLID with \$1,170 more in expenses than revenue. The expected December 31, 2022, reserve balance is \$32,580. KLID has more reserves than it might normally require. In past years KLID has reduced the annual assessment amount to “burn off” the extra reserve funds. This year, KLID Board decided at its May 2021 meeting to maintain the assessment at \$75 and slowly burn through reserve funds rather than lower the assessment only to have to radically increase it later. The Board decided to earmark excess reserves to support a future Zebra mussel eradication effort if one becomes available.

YOUR KLIDBOARD

Davee Olson, Jack Larsen and Gary Schwartz have board terms that expired on June 30, 2021. Mike O’Neil, Nels Johnson and Jim Rusch have terms that end in June 2022 and Tom Mahoney, Dick Bredehoft and Tom Hansen have terms that expire in June 2023.

Gary Schwartz has agreed to stand for re-election to the KLID board. Kent Wangsness and Jesse Brekke have agreed to submit their names for election to the two remaining seats.

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.

Maintaining a board of 9 members, each with three-year terms has always been problematic as there are only 100 properties on the lake. Some property owners are of an advanced age, a few properties do not even have homes on them, several property owners have already served on the KLID Board or the KLHA board and many owners simply want to enjoy the lake without having to be involved in maintaining the lake. The simple math says we need almost 10% of all property owners active on the KLID board at any one time. The KLID board approved a resolution to decrease the size of the board by two people to seven at it May meeting. This resolution will be put to a vote by property owners at the annual meeting. This resolution if approved will still need Crow Wing County approval.

Living on Kimble Lake is a special privilege. Property owners have docks; they can fish, boat and swim conveniently from their property. They are the people most affected when something goes wrong in the lake they live on and they are the people that are most interested in finding effective ways to deal with the problem. They are also the people that could experience a decrease in property values, if control or remediation efforts are not initiated. **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.**

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 friends and family, before they unload their watercraft, to make sure it is clean and dry.

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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