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Annual Meeting/ Lid Organization Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Kimble Lake Homeowners Association has called for a meeting of the association on **Saturday, July 25, 9:00 a.m.** at the Ideal Corners Town Hall on Highway 16.

The purpose of this year's meeting will be to approve the finance report for the previous year and adopt a budget and set association dues for 2009. We will also hear and discuss reports from board officers and all active committees. The election of new board members will also happen at this meeting.

Our program will feature Ms. Pam Perry of the DNR, a specialist in loon life and behavior.

Immediately following the association's annual meeting, the organizational meeting of the Lake Improvement District will take place.

**Your Presence Is Important.
See you on the 25th.**

Your 2009 Membership Dues

Normally, membership dues for the Kimble Lake Homeowner's Association are paid in late May of each year when we get together for our annual meeting. Due to the delay of that meeting until July 25th this year, most of us have not paid our dues for 2009. So, assuming that the dues will still be \$25 per property owner on the lake we should all be prepared to bring our checks with us to the annual meeting or mail, with a check made out to KLHA, directly to the association at P.O. Box 826, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472.

Thank you for your loyal support in years past. We look forward to receiving your membership dues so our programs, events and this newsletter can continue to play an important role in our having a lake association that is involved and informed.

New Lake Directory Ready!!

The last Kimble Lake Resident Directory was printed in 2006. In the three years that have passed there have been enough changes in residence and information that makes that issue out of date. So Jane Maas and Ellen Miller of our board have put together an up-to-date directory that will be ready for all residents at the annual meeting of July 25.

Be there to get your copy. It is a real aid to communication and help in getting to know who your neighbors are and where they live. Once again, a location map will be a part of the directory. One new ingredient will be email addresses for over half of our lake homeowners. This is one more step towards our fully entering the electronic, paperless communication generation.

Notable Quotes

"...we must never forget that the land and the water are ours for the moment only, that generations will follow who must themselves live from the land and drink that water. It would not be enough to just leave something for them, we must leave it a little bit better than we found it."

L. L'Amour

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Rocks Doing Their Job?

The planted boulders at the outlet from Lake Kimble appear to be doing their job at discouraging traffic between our lake and Lake Ossawinnimakee. The reason the rocks are there is because of the presence of zebra mussels that have been found in Ossie. Residents there report that mussels are showing signs of increasing, so we may be living on borrowed time until they appear in our lake. We can only prevent so much, so it is up to each of us to carefully clean and wash boats, trailers and live boxes when we go into other waters and before re-entering our lake. Above all, do not release live bait into our lake purchased outside our immediate area if at all possible.

New Loon Family Moves In

In the first week in June, after several weeks of nervous watching by cruising boaters, both eggs on the loon platform cracked open and two new clumps of fuzz emerged and almost immediately were pushed into the water by their mother. Sexual identity has still not been determined. For a while they took turns riding on parent's backs. It didn't take long before they were in the water full time.

As of this writing the babies have escaped every eagle and northern pike that may have had an eye on them and are growing almost on a daily basis. Enjoy our new family, but please give them adequate space so they do not panic nor have some unwarranted accident.

Come to our annual meeting on July 25 to ask questions and find out more about loon life from Pam Perry, loon specialist, who will be our special guest that day.



Rain Dampens Garage Sale

The morning of June 27 started out on the rainy side, but everyone around was heard to comment on the fact that "we need the rain". Seven families around the lake participated in the annual all lake garage and rummage sale. Because of the inclemency, the Norway Ridge parking lot was not an option so it was only those who had their garages prepared were ready to receive a flood of eager shoppers, some who came out of curiosity, many who had nothing else to do on a rainy day at the lake.
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Sally Baumgartner, event organizer, reported brisk sales and a steady stream of people coming to see what bargains awaited them. Some even found some. New friends were made and both those who came and those with items to sell swapped interesting stories. And everyone who had items for sale are now enjoying the new roominess of their homes and storage places.

June Board Meeting Highlights

The KHLA Board held its last meeting on June 27 at the home of Jane Maas. Most of the agenda dealt with preparations for the July 25 annual meeting of our association and the first meeting of the Kimble Lake Improvement District that will immediately follow. (See earlier article).

A report was received from Ron Duy of his first milfoil survey of the lake. He reported finding two new locations of active plants, received permission from the respective property owners and successfully treated both locations.

Proposals were also recommended to be brought to the annual meeting regarding enabling board members to become more active in attending meetings dealing with area lake issues and an intention to continue the walleye fingerling stocking program begun two years ago.

Water Quality Report

A team from the Water Quality Committee completed testing of Lake Kimble's water on June 21 as a part of its regular testing program, May through September of every year. Tests include taking water samples to be analyzed by the DNR for chlorophyll and phosphorous. Clarity testing was also done by use of the secci disk and depth of water transparency was determined to be 17 feet. This compares to 19 feet in June 2008 and still proves that Kimble Lake has some of the clearest water of any lake in Minnesota.

Paddle Boat Races July 25

July 25 will be a busy day for the Kimble Lake homeowner's Association! In addition to its annual meeting in the morning, Paddle Boat Races are scheduled for 1 p.m. in the afternoon.

A new wrinkle this year is that you are invited to attend even if you don't own a paddle boat. Paddle Boats will be provided! Ali Larson is in charge of the various races and contests. Just come out to the sandbar in the middle of the lake at 1 p.m. and join in the fun.

Campfire Cookout—now will be Oct 3, 4 p.m at Knutsons/Rowes, 9623 N. Kimble Lane.

Men Explore Mighty Mississippi



After a long days paddle: and in random order: Arlen Johnson, Larry Knutson, Marsh Pechauer, Bob Maas, Steve Erickson, Jim Schultz, Jerry Botko, Gary Schwartz, Denny

On Monday, June 22, nine Kimble men and one Crosslaker put canoes into the Mississippi River at the Hwy 6 public access and began a five-hour trip all the way down the river to the Mission Lake area. The participants are pictured above after a successful conclusion to the days travel.

It was a great day for paddling with an increasing humidity level equalized by a refreshing breeze all day long. Lunch was an interesting experience. Just below the Pine River entry the group mistakenly thought they spotted a state campsite with a pier and a porta-potty. So they landed the canoes only to be met by the landowner and his grandson, both mounted on ATVs. Everyone was ready to stow their lunches and move on. But after close scrutinization and when observed to be just a bunch of older men not planning a big party on the river, the owner warmly welcomed us to stay. His gift was a brief history lesson on that piece of land. It seems that in 1808 explorers were trying to find the source of the Mississippi and they came to this point to discover an important Indian village.

All were happy to hear that we only had another hour and one –half to go before reaching our intended goal. Three hours later and one released small mouth bass later we were all relieved to bank our canoes and call it a day.

Voyage on the Chain of Lakes

On Saturday, June 20, six canoes rendezvoused at the inlet into Kimble and made their way up into Bass, Star and Little Star lakes. All enjoyed the trip and are already talking about having more join them for next year's adventure. The only mishap was when Brian Miller got overly excited and dumped both himself and Ellen into the chilly depths of Star Lake. Sorry, no pictures are available.

A Word from Our President

Our annual meeting will mark my last year as a member of the KLHA Board. I want to thank all of you for your support and encouragement, especially over the past two years that I have served as president. I have had a unique chance to meet many of you. I have also seen from the inside the many contributions made by volunteers of our association that make things happen around our lake. I would like to say "thanks" to all of you for making things happen within our association and around Kimble Lake.

The discovery that we have milfoil (EWM) in our lake has dominated the attention of the board over the past three summers. Our early response and the availability of volunteer funding has insured that we are on track to control this invasion and any others that follow. Now the creation of our Lake Improvement District will insure continued care for our lake and its environment. Thanks for your support of our association. Have a good summer. Steve Erickson, KLHA President

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