

April 1, 2013

To: Kimble Lake Homeowners Association Members

From: Jim Schultz

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Greetings to you in the Spring of 2013. Those of us who live on the lake year around are waiting for ice out and the first unofficial party of the year. A year ago we were already celebrating.

About 80% of our residents joined the Association in 2012. Thank you for your strong support. **Our goal is 100% for 2013.** As a reminder, the membership form and instructions are on the website ([kimblelake.org](http://kimblelake.org)).

Our efforts to prevent the new introduction of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) continue in 2013. We applied for 700 hours of public access monitoring help from the DNR and were granted zero. We have applied for access monitoring help from the County and expect to buy about 200 hours during the May/September timeframe. The DNR will be training our access volunteers nearby in May and June so that we can supplement the county efforts with our own residents. We are asking our volunteers to commit to 1 – 2 hours per week on average and we hope to train up to 15 volunteers. So far 7 have agreed to be trained and we need more. Please let me know if you would be willing to be trained so you can volunteer when your schedule permits.

We sent out no paper newsletters in 2012 as we had no one to work as an editor with our business sponsor. A replacement for Marsh in this area has not been found. Is this an area you could serve in? If so, contact me please.

The Annual Meeting for the homeowners association and the lake improvement district will be held Saturday morning, May 25 and the first Board meetings will occur on Saturday, May 4. Details will follow.

The DNR did a survey of the creek between Kimble and Bass Lake and found it to be a suitable site for a walleye habitat improvement project. Concern over the impact that project could have on Bass lake water levels have put the project on hold pending further studies. The ultimate goal is improved walleye fishing on Kimble and the chain. Your help may be needed.

Enforcement of the Kimble Creek traffic prohibition (between Kimble and Ossi) will pick up as soon as ice is out by the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department. Violations will result in fines of up to \$700 and jail time or both. Please do not be a violator and let us know if you observe folks traveling on the creek in any watercraft.

Very soon you or those you hire will be putting in your docks and/or boatlifts. Make sure those you hire are licensed and trained in best practices so as to minimize the chance of introducing more AIS into our lake. The list of those licensed and trained are on our website under news & info (other links).

The Nominating Committee (Ed Sisola, Gary Schwartz, and Sally Jo Baumgartner) has already begun the search for new Board members for 2013/14 to replace the three that are going off the Board. If you would be willing to serve, please contact any one of them.

If there are activities or issues that we could improve upon, let us hear from you. Board members you could contact include Ken Kaufenberg, Jan Federer, Dick Maas, Bob Maas, Marguerite Austin, Colleen Whaley and I.

May 2013 be one of the best years you have had on our lake and in our community.

Jim Schultz, President, KLHA