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KLHA President's 2020 Letter

I hope this report finds everyone in our Kimble Lake community healthy and resilient in these challenging times. The Board recently met to discuss KLHA business, including the annual meeting, planning for a new season of activities, and budgeting for the new year. In light of COVID-19 concerns, and as allowed by KLHA by-laws, we have decided to postpone the annual meeting until later this summer. We are targeting Saturday, August 8th, which we hope will allow sufficient time for relaxation of social gathering restrictions.

We are also working with the Social Committee to plan the activities that make our Kimble Lake community so special. While we are hopeful certain events can occur as usual, we will postpone or cancel as necessary, based on the status of the virus and guidance from State and local health officials. For instance, there will be no "ice out" party this year and we will postpone or cancel the annual Kimble Lake garage sale.

Although we have postponed the annual meeting, the Board believes it is important to keep KLHA members apprised of key information. To this end, please click [here](#) for a recap of 2019/2020 financial results, our proposed budget for the 2020/2021 fiscal year, and other information. These materials will also be mailed to your home with the Membership Form.

The KLHA Board will continue to monitor developments and will provide periodic updates via Constant Contact email and on the KLHA website (<http://kimblelake.org/>) to keep you informed.

In closing, I'd like to take a moment to say thanks to the many volunteers who support our Kimble Lake Community:

- Kimble Lake Improvement District (KLID) Board: Thanks for continued successful efforts managing Eurasian Water Milfoil and dealing with other Aquatic Invasive Species.
- Social Committee: Thanks to our co-chairs, Jean Larson, Kathy Mohr, and Karen Rysdam for coordinating a great line-up of activities.
- Newsletter: A special thanks to Dave Rysdam for his continued care taking of the newsletter. **We continue to look for a new editor. Please contact Dave if you are willing to take on this important volunteer role.**
- Website: Thanks to Gary Schwartz for helping keep our website up, running, and current!
- Directory: Thanks to Jan Lodico for updating and maintaining our Lake Owner directory.
- Water Quality Assessment: Thanks to long-time volunteer Arlen Johnson and Bi-Annual Fish Stocking Program coordinator Larry Knutson.
- AIS and Access Monitoring: A huge thanks to to Dave Rysdam, Tom Mahoney (AIS Chair), and Jim Schultz along with Access Monitoring Program volunteers.

- Sunshine Committee: Thank you to chair, Barb Rowe, for conveying thoughts and prayers from the Kimble Lake Community to our lake residents in time of need.
- Thanks also to Maxine Knutson for managing Kimble Lake clothing sales. **We are looking for a new person to coordinate clothing sales. Please contact Maxine if you are willing to take on this role.**

Wishing everyone well in this difficult time
Jim Rusch (President/Secretary)
Jan Lodico (Treasurer)
Ric Rowe
Dave Rysdam (Access Monitoring)
Tom Mahoney (AIS Chair)

LID Update

KLID will move our annual meeting to a tentative date of August 8 that will be confirmed jointly with KLHA. Gary Schwartz is checking to make sure we can use the community center for both the LID and KLHA annual meetings and if it is not available, the two organizations will jointly determine an alternative location. Please watch your email and the Kimble website for updates.

The Board has been meeting by telephone to prepare the annual meeting information packet and deal with our normal business. We will send the information out in the mid May newsletter and post it to the Kimble Lake website.

I wish you all well in this difficult time of COVID-19 and the resulting health and economic impact.

Tom Hansen

COVID-19 Restrictions

This is not intended to give legal, medical or any other type of advice. However the MN Governor's stay at home orders were modified in the past couple days. Some points of interest:

1. Clarification added on April 13, 2020 to include in essential service: Workers who install and support the installation of docks, boat lifts and other water related equipment and boat delivery. This would indicate that your lake service provider will be able to install docks and lifts when the ice is out.
 2. The orders still reflect guidance to stay home as much as possible and recommends that people stay in their primary residence vs. going to their lake home. While not legally prohibited, this is to prevent unnecessary risk and avoid overwhelming the rural health care systems. Each family has to decide this on their own.
 3. For those traveling in from out of state, nothing currently prevents you from traveling into MN but the recommendation is to self-quarantine for 14 days upon your arrival.
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Kevin and Nancy Buntrock

Kevin and Nancy Buntrock purchased the lake home at 34580 Hillside Trail late in the summer. You will recognize which property it is from the large tree that fell in the water in front of their lot on the



day their purchase closed. Their property is next to Ken and Susan Kaufenbergs' home.

The Buntrock's are good friends with Paul and Barb Schoen. They have enjoyed a few couples weekends with the Schoens in the past few years and fell in love with Kimble Lake on those visits. They have kept an eye out for property up for sale on the lake the past year before purchasing their lake home.

Nancy is a first grade teacher and when she is not in the classroom, loves every moment she can get with family and friends. In her quiet time, she likes to recharge with coffee or wine and a great novel. Nancy loves the sun and can't wait for a full summer at the cabin this coming year. Kevin is a project manager for Forterra. He's spent a lot of years coaching youth hockey. But with that season of their lives closing, he's hunting more and looks forward to fishing as much as possible now too!

The Buntrock's have four children they hope will spend many weekends at the lake with them. Andrew is 27 and a freelance writer who also enjoys bartending at the historic Commodore in St. Paul. Emma is 23 and a recent UND grad who works in retirement benefits for Alerus Financial. Their son AJ is a college freshman at UND planning to major in criminal justice and sociology. The youngest, Ellie, is a high school sophomore. She loves time with friends, English, and volleyball and is being very patient with parents that may possibly be a bit smothering since she's the last one at home now!

Nancy says they love how beautiful and healthy the lake is. Now that they've met a handful of lake residents, they are feeling so thankful to be surrounded by such a kind, welcoming group of people. She also love the eagles that frequent their area of the lake.

Nancy says the tree that fell in the water actually fell from Ken's property. As a newer boat operator, Nancy is very thankful for Ken trimming the tree that fell in the water.

Welcome to Kimble Kevin, Nancy and Family.

Christmas Appetizer Party

The editor has not published a newsletter since last fall. Here are a few pictures from the last event of 2019 that the Rowe's hosted.





Access Monitoring and Video Camera

The final 2019 reports are available for Access Monitoring ([link](#)) and the Video Camera ([link](#))

Once again, we will be staffing the access this year to inform operators about AIS and inspect watercraft coming in & out of the access. This activity is scheduled to start on the fishing opener and continues weekends through mid September plus a few extra days around holidays and some mid-week times. We will use a mixture of hours purchased from Crow Wing County and volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Dave Rysdam at 602-639-1951 or dbrys59@gmail.com. A summary of the plan can be found at this [link](#).

We will be installing the video camera at the access in May and keep it in place through September. We found this to be valuable in understanding activity and the actual inspection processes that operators' use. Based on our review of 2019 video, the vast majority of people are trying to do the right thing at the access and exhibiting good behaviors. However, several compliance issues and opportunities for improvement were noted and we need to help people understand how they can improve their effectiveness. If you would like to discuss any of these, please reach out to Jim Rusch, Tom Mahoney or Dave Rysdam.

- Kayaks not draining out water. Please make sure all water is drained before you enter or after you exit the lake. Consider the use of a sponge.
- Jet skis not running motor to push out water or not running long enough to be completely effective. Make sure you run the engine for at least 10 seconds - it will not hurt the propulsion system.
- Motors not being lowered at all, only partially lowered or not lowered long enough to drain all water. You should park the boat on a slope and lower the motor completely until all water stops draining.
- A few boats had water running out of the motor or bilge area when they backed into the access to launch. For at least one of the operators, exit video confirms they do lower their motor and pull the plug, but it is not being effective based on their

subsequent launch into the lake. Operators need to make sure they are on a slope when they do their clean, drain and dry procedures to make the procedures effective.

- A few boats and trailers were dripping large amounts of water when they launched into Kimble - like they just came from another lake. Big risk of AIS spread. If your trailer and watercraft have been in a different lake within the past 5 days, you need to visit the decontamination station to get your boat decontaminated before entering the lake.
- Several cases of not really inspecting under the boat for weeds upon exit. Please closely inspect all areas including underneath the trailer, inside the wheels, and the motor trim mechanism.
- Wake boats: From the video, we did not see any draining the ballast tanks but whether this happens on shore or in the water depends on the manufacturer. If you operate a wake boat, please make sure you drain the ballast tanks per your manufacturer's instructions to help protect our waters.
- Best Practices:
 - Using a sponge to remove water from motor well and live well.
 - Kayaks being drained very well including pulling the plug and draining before launching into Kimble.

Help Local Businesses or Food Banks if you can

During these difficult times, consider pre-paying for services or buying gift certificates for businesses you use at the lake and / or your home. This could include your dock install, lawn service, favorite restaurants, hair, nails, gym, dog grooming, or other places you frequent. Another idea is to help the local food banks by donating to help out with the increased demand.

The editor called some of the local restaurants that Karen and he frequent to see how they were doing and purchase gift certificates if it would help. Many of the ones that are open for carry out surprisingly suggested that other restaurants who are closed could use the help more than them and suggested buying gift certificates from the closed businesses.

Kimble Market Place

Several years ago, there was a section in the newsletter for people to let others around the lake know if they had something to sell, trade, give away or if they were looking for something. We will add this back to the newsletter. If you have something, please send a short description and your contact info to Dave at dbrys59@gmail.com. Items will be listed in the next regularly scheduled newsletter. I expect the next newsletter will go out in mid to late May so send your adds.

- Ed and Susan Sisola have the following available for free to a good home: 2 swivel bar stools (honey oak stain), White wicker sofa with cushion (seats 3) and New wood screen door (never hung) size 32"x 71" x 1" upper and lower screen. All in good condition. Interested or want pictures? Call 612-799-4595
- Tom and Deirdre Mahoney have an extra kayak they no longer need. If you are interested please reach out to them at 218-203-7372 or 612-810-0083

Kimble Quality Depends on Volunteers

KLHA, the LID and our activities operate only based on the time the many volunteers provide. Throughout this newsletter, there have been several places listed where you can bring your talents. Here is a recap of volunteer opportunities:

1. KLHA Board: We need one board member to serve. If you are interested, please reach out to any of the current board members.
 2. Newsletter: If you are interested in becoming the editor or even helping out with drafting articles please contact Dave Rysdam
 3. Kimble Gear sales: Maxine Knutson has been doing this for many years and would like a replacement. If interested please contact Maxine.
 4. Access Monitoring: Volunteers are always needed and you can work as many hours as you want. Please contact Tom Mahoney or Dave Rysdam for more information.
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Submit Your Pictures and Articles

If you have a picture to share, an article or an idea for an article, please reach out to Dave at dbrys59@gmail.com

The editor is planning for another newsletter in mid to late May. Would love to share stories from people about how you have weathered the social distancing and new things you have done to pass the time. Maybe your children or grandchildren created some beautiful sidewalk chalk art to share, you picked up a new hobby or found a new way to serve your community or volunteer to help others through this difficult time. Please share!!!

Here are a few pictures received since last fall courtesy of Kendall Baumgartner, Tom Mahoney and Blake Mohr





When will the ice go out so I can jump off the dock and swim?



Anyone ready to swim?

Ice Out

Our faithful Ice out recorder (Maxine Knutson) tells me that the ice will be gone sometime soon. As Jim Rusch said in his President's Letter, there will be no ice out party. However Deidre Mahoney's daughter, Enid Swaggert, did not wait for the full ice out to have a little fun. She took a plunge this past Saturday April 11 and I am certain there was no danger of violating social distancing rules. I suspect she was the first one in the lake this year but if you were in before then, send a picture for the next newsletter.



Here are two pictures showing the ice out progress as of 7:00 AM this morning. The remaining sheet of ice has been pretty stubborn for the past few days and has been blowing around the lake. The left one is on the south shore from the Wangsness's and the right one is from Jean and Kent Larson's lake home.



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OUR MISSION:

The Kimble Lake Homeowners Association is organized to encourage wise use and preservation of Kimble Lake to maintain the ecological balance that must exist between the lake and adjacent shore land. The association will work to keep this lake and its surrounding watershed in good condition. Further, the association will consider, recommend and endeavor, through responsible means, to bring about appropriate action by agencies of government and private individuals to realize effective management and preservation of the valuable resources of Kimble Lake and its adjacent shore land.

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The Kimble Lake Homeowners Association was formed in 2002. Membership costs \$40 per year, due at the time of the annual meeting. Join today! Simply download the [KLHA Membership form](#) and send payment to:

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