SUMMER IS IN FULL SWING

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Letter from the President

By Karen Langmo

Summer greetings from Lake Koronis! After a long winter and short spring, it is a fun to see summer activities resume on our beautiful lake. Below are some highlights of a few upcoming events and updates of some of our current projects:

1. Annual Meeting – A friendly reminder that the KLA Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 14th, at the Lake Koronis Regional Park Main Shelter on the south side of the lake. Registration along with coffee and rolls will be from 8:30-9:00am. The business meeting will be held from 9-11am. The agenda is included in the newsletter, along with last year’s minutes and financials. Greg Berg, Lakeshed Specialist from Stearns County soil & Water will be our guest speaker. His program will be on “Lake Protection and Restoration Projects.”

2. Membership – We are off to a great start with our memberships. As of the June 20th we had 216 regular and 19 business memberships. Thanks to all who have so generously contributed. If you have not paid your dues we encourage you to do so. Membership forms can be downloaded from our website (www.koronislakeassociation.org). Forms will also be available at our annual meeting. The 2018 KLA Member Decals have been sent to paid current members.

3. Fireworks/Boat Parade – The fireworks and boat parade will be held on Saturday, July 7th. Look for even a better fireworks show than last year’s. The boat parade will organize at Koronis Ministries at 1:30pm, start time is 2pm.

4. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)/Starry Stonewort - Our AIS boat inspection program is up and running at all of our major accesses. As I write this column, the SSW weed harvesting program is scheduled to begin sometime the week of June 18th. Chemical treatments could begin as soon as July 5th. All of these treatments will occur in the east bay. See our Starry Stonewort Section in this newsletter for more updates.

5. KLA Board Members – the KLA Board has 3 board positions open starting in August of this year. Matt Brauchler, Ken Hess and Jeff Erdmann’s 3 year terms are up for renewal. Jeff Erdmann and Ken Hess have agreed to do another term, with Matt not renewing his position. Riley Flanders has expressed interest in the other remaining open board seat. Nominations will also be taken at the annual meeting.

6. No Wake Zone – On June 26th, the Stearns County Commissioners held a public hearing to approve the DNR/Stearns County Sheriff’s Departments “No Wake Zone Ordinance.” The approval was unanimous with a vote of 6-0. This ordinance is for the Stearns County and Meeker county portion of the lake from the Hwy 55 bridge/access out into the east bay. It is identical to the Meeker County ordinance that was approved in 2016 and implemented in 2017. With this approval, the ordinance goes back to the DNR for their final approval. They have 120 days to make the final approval. Once this is achieved the No Wake Zone will be enforced by both counties.

Please read the articles in this issue to stay informed and up to date on the board’s activities. Enjoy the summer and remember “there still is no place like Lake Koronis.”
KORONIS LAKE ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting, July 15th, 2017

Members Present: Susan Eyre, Susan Schaefer, Ken Hess, Kevin Farnum, Jim Losleben, Jim Elseth, Karen Langmo, Matt Brauchler, Jeff Erdmann

Members Absent: Alex Naujokas

Call to order: 9:05am

Secretary’s Report: Pat Gerlach made a motion to approve the 2016 annual meeting minutes. It was seconded by Marv Neiden. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: A motion by Bill Henderson was made to approve the Treasurer’s report for 2016. It was seconded by Becky felling. The motion passed.

Paynesville Township Report: Don P gave an update and passed out the update.

Talked about weed control out of the lakes in road ditches... etc. Updated on the island camping. Made some rule changes to only allowing 24 permits. Setup 5pm and tear down by 9am. Added a $50 deposit. No dogs overnight but can be there for daily visits. Township supports the AIS programs with $6k and they also help cleanup the landings. Yz of the township’s tax base is from Lake koronis. Updated on the new township hall and why the need arose. Made sure to point out that it is the people’s arena. Question arose about the CR20 runoff issues. Working on it.


Introduced the intern Nick Budde and he gave a sampling explanation and who he works with. He is an engineer and a PhD and grew up on a farm. He knows what farmers go through. Talked about where they monitor and what they test for in the lakes, ditches, and rivers. He also helps around the office and buffer stakes in. Cris gave an update on sampling. Lake opened early so it changed how things work.

Transparency is not as good as it has been and phosphors is a little higher. Talked about the grove lake project to slow down water flow. Can’t even tell there is a system there to clean the water: All the ditches flow through here so the quality starts up stream. They just don’t look to clean it up, they look to slow the water down and keep the runoff sediment where it belongs. Buffers stake update: It is a one rod distance (16.5 ’). District took over jurisdiction of the buffer zones and only on public ditches (raised question was about if it would come to private ditchsomeday...not yet). Virgil Fuchs stood and commented on his disapproval of the buffer zone and passed pictures around. Would not stop talking upon many requests...gave 5 mins and wouldn’t stand down. Finally to moved on.

Election of Directors: No motions from the floor were made so a motion to approve Karen Langmo and Kevin Farnum to 3 year terms by Karen Nordstrom 2nd by Brian Mathiowetz were made. Motion passed.

AIS/Starry Stonewort Update/Weed Harvester Proposal: gave a rundown of where we started and where we are now. Managing it is in our vocabulary.

Eradication is not. DNR oversees it. The KLA is a great partner with the DNR. The watershed is a great partner for this. Helped sign the delegation agreements so simplify it. Need more funding. The boat inspection program for this year is going to be about $78,000. 3 prong approach, protect the lake, protect the other lakes in state, and let’s figure out how to manage our lake. KLA got a grant to clean up the channel even though the DNR said they won’t do any cleanup this year: Channel update; No wake zone in and the county is putting the buoys in. Showed a brief video of the harvester working.

Just out there looking at the treated area. This year they are seeing new native plants. There was very little when we started the treatment. Good question on if there is any concern for chemical resistance. Question on inspectors at Bugbee’s ramp...there are no inspectors. Question on what Silvia is doing with a float tank and inspection stuff. Numerous questions on how to handle boats in tournaments.

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Paynesville Motor & Transfer
Paynesville Mutual Insurance
Perennial Bank
Sandy Point Park
Stony Point Koronis Association
W Central Sanitation
Yarmorn Ford
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Jim L talked about KLA purchasing a machine to harvest the SSW. He showed the video of KLA harvesting the SSW weed. Jim passed out a donation form to KLA members, one for them and one for a neighbor, to contribute to the possibility of either purchasing and/or operating a weed harvesting machine for 2018 season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Involvement: Alex reported that the KLA has been very involved with the community. Several KLA board directors volunteered at the Paynesville Water Festival in May. This festival teaches students about the importance of water quality and its conservation. The KLA also organized this year’s 4th of July boat parade. It was held on Saturday, July 2nd and was a success. The top 3 boats included: 3rd place–MN Construction Season, 2nd–Wild Horses, and 1st was Party on Koronis. The 4th of July fireworks were also held on Saturday, July 2nd. They were very impressive this year. The KLA will be hosting a community picnic on Saturday, August 19th from 5-7 P.M. Attendees are asked to bring a dish for the potluck and any additional beverages they desire. An email invitation will be sent to members.

Membership/Dues: No report was given due to time limitations. A dues recap of 2011-2017 was part the meeting packet that participants could review.

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MINUTES–From Page 5
Lake Quality Improvement: Ken Hess reiterated that a focus of this committee is clear water for better recreational activities. As approximately 90% of phosphorus and nitrate in the lake comes from streams bearing farm runoff, working with landowners in the watershed to minimize this runoff is a win-win. The land erosion is reduced and cleaner water enters the lake.

Work is underway to minimize the formation of a delta near the former Con Winther property Tim Adams Landing on the west end of the lake. There is a Kandiyohi project from two years ago improving conditions near the rumble bridge.

Work is underway to remove nutrients before entering the waterway. This involves minimizing the saturation of buffer strips and adding treatment where tiling and ditches are located such as filtering water through wood chips filters. Biochemical processes convert nitrites to nitrogen gas and water.

Other: Harry Thielen asked for someone to take over the annual boat survey. This is about a 2-3 hour task. Call Harry at 320-276-8477.

Future Meetings: The next meeting will be held August 25th, 2017 at the Wishing Well at 11:30. Motion to adjourn by Andy Erdmann, seconded Leonard Nordstrom. Motion passed.

Signed, Executive Secretary, Alex Naujokas
Wanted! Lake Koronis Lakeshore Clean up Help

Looking for some help! We will be gathering names to help in a ‘clean up the lakeshore’ process. You would be given an area to monitor and clean (just trash pickup) every so often. The more people involved, the less you do! Grab your neighbors! The sign up will be at the annual meeting July 14th. If you are unable to make that, contact koronislakeassoc@gmail.com

Thank you!

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KLA/Watershed
Summer Intern
by Andy Johnson

The Koronis Lake Association provided the North Fork Crow River Watershed with a $15,000 grant in 2016 to fund a summer intern position that would assist the Watershed during the summer months. This grant was and is intended to help with “water quality” projects for at least a 2-3 year summer period.

This year Andy Johnson was hired to fill this position. Andy grew up in River Falls, WI and quickly learned the recreational benefits and importance of clean water having a Class 1 Trout stream in his backyard on the Kinnickinnic River and visiting their five family cabins on both Cedar Lake and Clearwater Lake in Annandale MN during the summer months. He currently lives in Sauk Rapids and is a senior at St Cloud State finishing up a degree in Environmental Science.

Andy is grateful for the opportunity to work at the North Fork Crow River Watershed District (NRCRWD) and with the Koronis Lake Association. He will be learning valuable insight into the operation and legal laws with ditch compliance and future planning for valuable best management practices in helping to control water flow and filtering of nutrients. He also will be participating in educational outreach to the general public regarding better understanding of the importance of water quality for future years to come and the importance of waterbodies providing quality recreational activities.

Koronis Lake Association Financial Summary 2017

Jim Elseth

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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
KORONIS LAKE ASSOCIATION
SATURDAY JULY 14, 2018

By Karen Langmo

8:30 Rolls, Coffee and Registration
9:00 Call to Order – Karen Langmo, KLA President
9:05 Secretary’s Report
Treasurer’s Report
9:15 Paynesville Township Report – Don Peitsch
9:25 North Fork Crow River Watershed Report – Cris Skonard
9:40 Election of three directors - nominations will be taken for re-election of two existing directors and election of one new director. Jeff Erdmann and Ken Hess have agreed to another 3 year term; Riley Flanders has agreed to a new 3 year term.
9:50 Committee Reports
AIS/Starry Stonewort Update – Kevin Farnum/Jim Loseleben
Membership – Karen Langmo
Lake Quality Improvement – Ken Hess/Sue Eyre/Susan Schaefer
10:15 Special Presentation - Greg Berg, Lakeshed Specialist, Stearns County Soil & Water Conservation District - “Lake Protection and Restoration Projects” 11:00 Questions/Comments/Meeting Adjourned

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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
KORONIS LAKE ASSOCIATION
SATURDAY JULY 14, 2018

By Karen Langmo

8:30 Rolls, Coffee and Registration
9:00 Call to Order – Karen Langmo, KLA President
9:05 Secretary’s Report
Treasurer’s Report
9:15 Paynesville Township Report – Don Peitsch
9:25 North Fork Crow River Watershed Report – Cris Skonard
9:40 Election of three directors - nominations will be taken for re-election of two existing directors and election of one new director. Jeff Erdmann and Ken Hess have agreed to another 3 year term; Riley Flanders has agreed to a new 3 year term.
9:50 Committee Reports
AIS/Starry Stonewort Update – Kevin Farnum/Jim Loseleben
Membership – Karen Langmo
Lake Quality Improvement – Ken Hess/Sue Eyre/Susan Schaefer
10:15 Special Presentation - Greg Berg, Lakeshed Specialist, Stearns County Soil & Water Conservation District - “Lake Protection and Restoration Projects” 11:00 Questions/Comments/Meeting Adjourned

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KLA Participates in the 2018 Waterfest Activities

The Koronis Lake Association in conjunction with the City of Paynesville and Paynesville Schools participated in the 2018 5th grade Waterfest Activities on May 4th at Koronis Ministries. KLA sent board members Susan Schaefer, Dan Zeigler and Kevin Farnum. The students were taught about what Aquatic Invasive Species are in the state of Minnesota including Starry Stonewort. Each student became an honorary AIS Inspector as they had to find “planted Zebra Mussels and Starry Stonewort stickers hidden on a boat and pontoon still out of the water for the winter season. They did really well finding the stickers, simulating the real deal for the lakes AIS inspectors. The students also learned about the function and impact the North Fork Crow River Watershed has on the area. The Koronis Lake Association has been an annual participate with Waterfest for years.
Starry Stonewort Project Information

This is a new section that we will put into the KLA newsletter to update you on information as it relates to the Starry Stonewort project. We will answer questions that might be of interest to everyone and give you updates as they become available.

This newsletter is about a question we received from one of the members.

Question: Is it safe to swim in the lake after the chemical treatments?
Answer: Included is a photo of an actual label that by law must be posted in the areas that are treated. You may find these on shore or on a buoy in the lake. The information on this notice comes directly off the label which is approved by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) who controls all pesticide (algaeicide in our case) labeling. Label language all comes from actual scientific testing and is NOT just “made” up. As you can see in our case the chemical we use in the lake has NO RESTRICTIONS. You can see all the categories that are evaluated. Hopefully, this relieves your concern. Thanks for asking the question.

KLA Receives Positive Support for the Starry Stonewort Project

With all the activities on the lake that exist to stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species through the various programs, inspections and Starry Stonewort Management project, it is good to receive positive feedback from its members. The response from our 2018 membership letter regarding AIS contributions has reached a new record on contributions. So far this year we have received $7,770 in additional funds to support the AIS efforts. We also recently sent out notice (via the membership letter, Paynesville Press and the Spring KLA newsletter) on the 2018 activities for management of Starry Stonewort. With that notice we asked for people to notify us with questions and if they wanted to “opt out” of any type of treatment. KLA President, Karen Langmo, AIS Project Manager, Kevin Farnum, or via mail, we did not receive any comments or “opt out” requests. We think this is very positive and is encouraging to know that moving forward is supported. The KLA Board thanks all of you!!
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Meet the KLA Board

MATT BRAUCHLER
Matt Brauchler lives on the east side of the lake at 39499 547th Avenue with his wife Becky and their two children. He has been a KLA board member since 2015 and keeps the KLA Facebook page updated. Matt currently works for Dell Technologies as an Unstructured Data Systems Engineer, based out of Eden Prairie. Matt’s property was once home to his grandparents resort called “Unger’s Resort,” so he has many fond memories of the lake growing up and continues to make new ones with this family.

JEFF ERDMANN
Jeff Erdmann has had connections to the lake on his father and mother's sides for many years. His grandchildren and various cousins are fifth generation on one side and six on the other. He and his wife Ann live at 15825 Crystal Road on the lake. Jeff has been a KLA board member since 2015 and is involved with the AIS committee. As a life time lake resident and KLA board member, Jeff’s goal is to help maintain the good things and improve the problems that are now facing the lake.

SUSAN EYRE
Susan Eyre has been on the KLA Board since 2009 and is currently Vice President of the board. She and her husband Ted have lived on Lake Koronis since 1997 at 29205 Lake Avenue. Sue is also a member of the KLA Lake Quality sub-committee and is focused on preserving the beauty and value of the lake. From her years on the board she sees how the love of the lake combined with some hard work is helping to keep it extraordinary.

KEVIN FARNUM
Kevin Farnum and wife Carlyn live at 15181 Old Lake Road, where Kevin has had a home for over 45 years. Since retirement from General Mills, he has been involved with Aquatic Invasive Species Programs not only for Lake Koronis, but throughout the state. Working with others and developing working partnerships have been his mode of operation. He is also Chairman of the Stearns County AIS committee. Kevin has been a KLA board member since 2011.

KEN HESS
Ken Hess is a Professor Emeritus at Metropolitan State University, where he taught in the College of Management for 23 years. He and his wife Lynnae, have owned property on Lake Koronis, at 20030 199th Ave NE, since 1973. They currently operate a bison ranch south of Koronis where they manage a herd of grass fed bison. Ken has served on the KLA board for the past nine years. He was president in 2012/2013 and is a member of the Water Quality sub-committee.

JIM ELSETH
Jim Elseth has been the KLA Treasurer since 2013 and has been on Lake Koronis since 1970 at 29462 Lake Avenue. He is a retired Paynesville Elementary School Teacher, and is currently the Finance Assistant at Koronis Ministries. He also has an Income Tax Preparation Business. Jim enjoys playing golf, wood carving, walking, biking, traveling and lawn and garden work.

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KAREN LANGMO
Karen is a Paynesville native and a lifelong resident of a family owned cabin at 14901 Old Lake Road located on the northeast shore of the lake. There cabin has been in the family since 1927. She currently resides in Litchfield, MN, with her husband Greg. They have 3 adult children. Karen very much enjoys having Lake Koronis be a part of her life. She has been a KLA Board Member since 2011 and president since 2013. Karen is also Chairwomen of the Meeker County AIS Committee. Preserving the quality of the lake for generations to come is of the utmost importance to her.

JIM LOSLEBEN
Jim Losleben purchased his present lake home at 30825 Breezewood Road in May 2010. He previously owned a cabin on the east end of the lake from 1977-1985. Jim was also on the KLA board during that time. Jim has been serving his second go around as a KLA board member since 2016. He is involved with the lake quality and AIS sub-committees. He also loves to investigate other unique opportunities for the KLA board and lake. His entire career has been in sales and marketing of electrical generation, distribution and control systems to electric utilities in the US and some international locations. His last position was Senior Vice President of Business Development for a solar system manufacturing company in Minneapolis MN. He retired from that company and started Solar Partners, Inc. in February 2015 for which he is the CEO. The new company builds PV Solar Farms for electric utility companies in the Midwest. Jim remembers when Lake Koronis was called the “Crown Jewel of Lakes in Central Minnesota.” His mission on the board is to make sure that comment continues to remain true.

ALEX NAUJOKAS
Alex Naujokas grew up in Paynesville on Lake Koronis and lives at 29509 Crest Ridge Road on the lake. He attended Gustavus Adolphus and St. Scholastica colleges after high school, and currently teaches Social Studies at Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart High School. Alex has been secretary for the KLA board since 2013. He enjoys being on the lake, attending to his hobby farm and spending time with friends and family.

SUSAN SCHAEFER
Susan Schaefer and her husband Randy have a lake home at 29433 Lake Avenue. They live in Plymouth, MN and have two children. Randy grew up in Paynesville and has friends and family in the area. Susan has been a KLA board member since 2016 and is currently involved with the Lake Quality sub-committee, and is also an Aquatic Invasive Species Detector for the University of Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center. She is also a Master Gardener for the University of Minnesota Extension Program in Hennepin County and volunteers for their programs throughout the year. She loves being outdoors and enjoys spending time with family and friends. The Schafer’s recently committed to a shoreline restoration project at their Lake Koronis property that will improve water quality by filtering runoff and also supplying pollinators with native vegetation. This is one of her passions and she also enjoys helping the KLA board with water quality issues, invasive species and native shoreline restoration buffers/projects.

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DAN ZIEGLER

Dan Zeigler and his wife Wendy have been Lake Koronis residents since December, 2015. He has been a KLA board member since 2016. Dan is currently the Executive Director of Koronis Ministries – a United Methodist camp and retreat with a ½ mile of lake-frontage on the NW bay of Lake Koronis. The Zeigler family loves living on Lake Koronis and do all they can to help keep the lake healthy and beautiful for all generations to enjoy. Dan feels that involvement in the Koronis Lake Association seems like a practical way of putting that hope for the lake into action.

DNR cautions lakeshore property owners about using hydraulic jets

May 29, 2018

Using hydraulic jets to get rid of “muck” or to uproot aquatic plants in public waters is illegal, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

“We remind lakeshore property owners that just because you can buy a hydraulic jet does not make them legal to use in all situations,” said Jon Hansen, aquatic plant management consultant. “You may not use them in any way that disturbs the lake bottom or destroys rooted aquatic plants.”

Aquatic plants help keep water clean and fish populations healthy. Misusing hydraulic jets can destroy fish habitat and muddy the water.

Hydraulic jets, including products like HydroSweep, Aqua Blaster, Aqua Thruster and Aquasweep, can resemble a fan or towing motor contained in a short tube and create strong currents of moving water. These products are often advertised to control or remove “muck” and “weeds” from a lake bottom; however, using hydraulic jets in this manner is not allowed in Minnesota.

A person may legally operate a hydraulic jet if it is placed high enough off the lake bed so that it does not disturb the bottom or destroy rooted aquatic plants. It should be directed upward toward the water’s surface, which can prevent dead vegetation and duckweed from collecting around docks and boat lifts. Any displacement of sediment or removal of aquatic plants as a result of operating a hydraulic jet would be deemed a violation and may result in a fine.

Aquatic plant regulations and a guide to aquatic plants can be found at mndnr.gov/shorelandplants. For information on DNR water permits, visit mndnr.gov/permits.
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