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Hey neighbors . . . hope you are enjoying the last days of summer. I am exhausted myself -- still have almost 10 days of scheduled activities and 90+ guests here at our resort, hence I am REALLY looking forward to a change of season, lemme tell ya. :)

Big John says the lake water surface temp. was 71 degrees yesterday after a few cool days. Today is PERFECT at the lake: crisp, calm, sunny with blue skies and puffy white clouds and the fishin' bite has picked up. If you haven't been up lately, get your patootie up here and enjoy -- the sumac has just started to turn a few leaves red.

NEWSLETTER: I am sending this out instead of my typical 1-page newsletter because I'm being lazy today and didn't want to take the time to edit and re-size articles to fit, so here are some pertinent newsy bits about which I wanna keep you in the loop:

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#### Fall Meeting

Saturday Sept. 18  
Senior Center, downtown Akeley  
at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon,  
and YES, we will be ending on time again,  
with the proviso that anyone can stay afterwards to connect and chat

#### Membership (wow! our best year ever)

At present, there are 57 members in our Lake Association, which is almost DOUBLE our normal count the past few years. This is fantastic! The dues and \$316 in extra donations for Curly Leaf Pondweed control has been a real help! (see below)

#### Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) update

As of spring meeting, May 1, all 10 neighbors around the upper basin of 11th who have noticed patches of CLP in front of their properties, had connected with me about making efforts to hand-pull this invasive vegetation this year. 5 of us agreed to try chemical applications along with hand pulling/raking and applied and paid for a DNR permit to do so.

#### Action Items Accomplished:

- o Created new AIS Fund (Aquatic Invasive Species Fund) (unanimously approved at Spring Meeting)
- o \$500 was suggested, discussed and approved/voted to be put into new AIS Fund from general funds 10th & 11th CW lakes association
- o \$300 has been generously donated by 8th & 9th Crow Wing Lakes association to be put into new AIS Fund (THANK YOU neighbors on the chain!!!!!!)
- o \$316 in extra donations by membership has been put into new fund

= \$1,116.00 total in fund for 2010 season

- o \$554.68 was immediately refunded to Scott Solberg at spring meeting for 3 buckets of approved chemical (\$173 bucket x 3, plus tax =\$554.68) (Thank you, Scott, for picking this up and sharing it with your neighbors.)
- o Treasurer Lisa Hanson will be asked to write reimbursement checks for \$35 each, DNR chemical permits to: (Bowens, Rud, Seals, Solbergs, Thompsons)

- o My brother, Kris, picked up three more buckets of chemical in late May, of which two were used and shared this year, hence we will ask to be reimbursed for \$369.78 for 2010 (CLP neighbors -- we still have a bucket and a half to start us out next season, so you can come over again and grab some, or we'll bring some to you again like this year.)

Update on AIS Fund: after the above checks are issued, we should have \$60.54 in the fund. We did not get the desired paid employee to monitor/hand rake/pull CLP throughout the season, but we will strive to make this happen for next season? Especially if we can get the Lake Management Plan written up and approved. We will be asking for around \$3780 from grants/Healthy Lakes & Rivers program to help us with Aquatic Invasive Species Control next year. If we know we'll have monies coming in, we can maybe feel more confident in finding some paid volunteer in the area to help with controlling and monitoring the CLP in 2011 on a regular basis.

As for how the CLP control is going this year? I will be interested to hear first-hand reports from everyone at the upcoming Fall Meeting about how the chemical has worked, listening to reports of new growth and new sightings (one new property owner has now been identified with CLP patches, her direct neighbor helped w/ hand raking -- thanks Dan!). On the plus side, one neighbor on the lower SW basin of 11th Crow Wing lake was concerned this spring that they had CLP in front of their place, but Tom & Brenda Masloski -- good news! I stopped by twice this spring to check out the vegetation around your dock, and spied lots of pondweeds, but NO Curly Leaf, thank goodness. So, as far as we know, the CLP is still contained on the upper NE basin only. When I get more freedom in a couple weeks, I will stop over again and check it out for you. There have been many new specimens of snails reported (not the faucet snail, but instead some kind of big snail with a gold/khaki marbled coloring the size of a child's fist) and possibly a sighting of Eurasian Milfoil (yikes!) We'll need to bring samples to the upcoming meeting if possible and do a positive identification and report. I think perhaps that if there is a silver lining to all this, it's that folks are really paying attention to the lake and it's habitat which is a very positive thing. AND, neighbors were really helping neighbors with some of the CLP sharing of chemical and hand pulling this spring -- great to be a part of it!

### [Lake Management Plan update](#)

On May 22, we held a Community Visioning Meeting to collect input from area citizens on what projects our Lake Management Plan should include. Had a good showing of 26 attendees. Hosting this meeting made us eligible to receive \$800 from the Northwest Minnesota Foundation (of which \$300 we got to keep for our general Lake Association funds, and \$500 went to pay for approved facilitator of Visioning Meeting, John Sumption). We narrowed our focus and divided ourselves into three groups:



1. [Highway 64 issues](#) (Katie Magozzi, leader 252-4111) (Norris Kawalke has a write-up on bridge movement we will be forwarding soon . . . . .)
2. [Aquatic Vegetation and Wildlife Habitat](#) (Kim Bowen, leader 652-3111 for Invasive Species, and Jim Todd 612-867-3567 for Solie Bay)
3. [Akeley Campgrounds Erosion Control Project](#) (Frank (Bob) Thelin, Akeley City Manager 652-4265 and Rick Willhaus 652-2539)

We are going to follow-up and ask coordinators of these three groups to meet at Crow Wing Crest Lodge on Friday, September 3, 9:00 a.m. to discuss Plans of Action on these three topics so that we can report to all at Fall Meeting and get our cohesive Lake Management Plan written up by October 30, 2010?

[Northern Pike Spawning project:](#) This spring, the DNR (thank you, Park Rapids Fisheries!) yet again assisted with the northern pike spawning project at Crow Wing Crest Lodge (the only pike project in Hubbard County). With ice-out being so early (around April 1 instead of the more usual April 21) the northern pike fingerlings had a longer time to grow. We waited and waited for a big enough rain to fill the pond in order to release them back into the lake in early June, but despite repeated rainfalls, there wasn't sufficient flowage for a good drain. Fortunately, our local Akeley Volunteer Fire Department came to the rescue with the lend of some fire hose and a pump. Big John hooked up the pump to fill up the pond with lakewater and "let her rip!" Hence, right around Independence Day, we estimate that maybe 2,000 fingerlings of northern pike made it into the upper basin of 11th Crow Wing. We sincerely appreciate the lend of pump and hose -- THANK YOU, LEE!!!!



[Request for volunteers to be on Fisheries Committee](#) Along the lines of this subject, quite a number of opinions from members have been expressed at Lake Association meetings about the fisheries in both 10th and 11th Crow Wing Lakes. (I.e. do we need bass regulations? need more walleye stocking? should we stop the northern pike spawn? what about the development on 10th and how has it affected the fisheries? do we need more aquatic vegetation in Solie Bay and how can we best help?) We think it might be a great idea for any member interested in this fisheries subject to meet once a month (or at least twice a year, right before general bi-annual meetings) to create a plan of action or at least monitor/obtain fisheries information directly from the DNR to present annually to the rest of the Lake Association. Barbara Riggs, 652-3743 has volunteered to chair this committee, please connect with her if you are interested in helping to monitor and control fishing on our lakes. (Hey Barbara -- you'd be welcome to meet at our resort on Friday, September 3, 9:00 at the same time the Lake Management Team is meeting? Free coffee and maybe we'll throw in some chicken alfredo pizza snacks late morning. :) Figure out if this'll work, or pick another date you'd like to meet, where and what time, then zip me an e-mail: I can then blast it to the members to ask for more interested volunteers. )

[Spring Meeting May 7 - w/ special guest: Sheriff's Dept. Water Safety Patrol](#)

Spring meeting will be the first Saturday in May . . . . so . . . . May 7, 2011. 10:15 a.m. at the Senior Center in Akeley. (Senior pancake breakfast is always the first Saturday of month, too, so they'll be finishing up by 10ish that morning -- feel free to partake and donate. :) It has been suggested by a member to invite a Hubbard County Sheriff's Dept. Water Safety Patrol to come speak at a Lake Association meeting. We will try to make that happen for spring meeting. Should be very interesting and beneficial to all of us living on the lake. :)

OK, then . . . . there are so many other bits and pieces to report, but I'll send 'em your way as they come in. I will likely e-mail out an agenda soon, and there are a few COLA forwards you may be interested in which I'll also be sending out soon.

In the meantime -- hope to keep connected with you, thank you for caring about the lakes, and looking forward to seeing you soon!

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