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Hubbard Co. Sheriff's Dept. Water Patrol Safety (218) 732-3331
24-hour Tip Hotline for Fishing Poachers: 800-652-9093
Our area DNR Fisheries in Park Rapids (218) 732-4153
Lake Association Webpage: <http://crowwing11.org>

What a year, huh? Hoping all of our members are staying safe (and SANE!). I know we've experienced a lot of change with working from home, kids using distance learning, etc. Nature doesn't seem to notice anything is different though, so hoping you've at least gotten a chance to get out and be in it. The State rules seem to be relaxing, so you will likely be coming up to cabin soon if you haven't already.

Ice in for 11th CW was on December 2nd (east basin was in November). We had so much early snow that the lake kept flooding until it became driveable and safe in mid-February. Ice out on the East Basin was April 22nd. West basin cleared up either Sat the 24th or Sunday the 25th. We got a web cam this year and I'm enjoying the heck out of it. Really makes me wish we lived there!

New members and current members: We meet just twice per year: May and October. Dues are \$25 for the 1st year members, \$20/year thereafter. Dues support numerous projects in and around 10th and 11th Crow Wing lakes, but mainly fund watercraft inspections at each boat ramp. Any extra donations are also greatly appreciated; we will let the Association determine the best use of these valuable resources.

Spring Meeting
Saturday May 30, 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.,

Login to meeting by pasting the link below into your web browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82170108624>

Or call in by telephone:
(312) 626-6799
Meeting ID: 821 7010 8624

COVID-19 Affects Lake Associations Too!

We're very sorry we won't be able to meet in person this year like we usually do at the ARCC. Due to the virus concerns the very best we can do is host a virtual meeting using Zoom. Since it requires internet access, we decided to delay the meeting one week to Sat May 30th, as lots of people will be at the cabin the weekend prior and internet access might not be a given.

If you've never attended an online video meeting this is your chance. You really have two options. If you want to see folks on your computer screen, use the weblink that's posted to the left. Just type in that very address into your computer, phone, laptop, or tablet. If your device has a video camera, it should display your video for others to see you. If not, you should still be able to see others. If you prefer to call in for just audio, please dial the telephone number above and use the meeting ID when prompted.

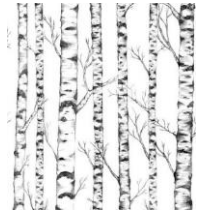
Culvert Replacement/Bridge Update: As we discussed last spring, our lake association is making the push to pursue State and local government funding for a bridge to replace the culvert on 11th. One of our very own lake association members Jerry Hertaus is a Minnesota State Representative. He has been working hard with other Reps to get this into the Minnesota bonding bill. The COVID virus and our State's response has obviously taken priority. I asked Jerry for a very brief update to include in this newsletter, and here it is Verbatim:

Yes, things have been turned upside down at the Legislature and legislative action on most things has grinded nearly to a halt other than COVID 19 responses to date. It may be unlikely, but I would not be surprised if the legislative session is extended as we emerge from a loosening of the governor's executive orders. There appears to be so much to get done before the end of session on May 18th.

None the less, I do believe that a bonding bill will emerge before the end of session, the size of which is not agreed upon yet, nor the content or projects to be included in it. Obviously they will not all make the cut. I continue to advocate for the small amount of money needed for inclusion of the bridge project. There cannot be a bonding bill without 2/3 consent in both chambers, so there does exist leverage to get some things in. I don't intend to surrender yet. Sen. Utke and I will continue to do our best.

Our Lake Association did form a bridge committee last spring as well, so this effort should be shouldered by more than just Jerry. More discussion to come during this year's meeting. Hopefully this will be clearer as other elements of life start to return to normal.

AIS Watercraft Inspections: To help prevent aquatic invasive species (namely *Eurasian Milfoil* and *Zebra Mussels*) from entering our lakes, the following contributions were made to fund paid lake access inspections in 2019 (7th year of paid inspections): City of Akeley \$924, Akeley Township \$900, and 10th/11th Lake Association \$924. **Thank you all** for this critical funding! Summary of inspection results:



- Boats entering ramp area with drain plug on arrival continues to drop. This has become an almost no brainer for Minnesota boaters.
- Boats found to have plants, animals, water, or mud is also dropping on 11th Crow Wing. Over on 10th CW there was an increase of boats in this category at 4.8% from last year at 0%, but this is only the third year of boat inspections
- Boat traffic on 11th Crow Wing is stable between 1.5 and 1.6 inspections per hour, also falling in line with the County average at 1.56 per hour. Traffic on 10th Crow Wing seems to be higher than the previous 2 years, but this lake gets more paid inspection hours than it used to.

Overall some really positive trends with continued inspections and boater education. Please remain vigilant of your own boating habits and that of your guests.

Lake	11th CW	11th CW	11th CW	10th CW	11th CW	10th CW	11th CW	10th CW	Hubbard Cty
Parameter	2014	2015	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019
Entering	60.7%	55.6%	58.2%	60.7%	59.0%	66.7%	58%	55%	56%
Exiting	39.3%	44.4%	41.8%	39.3%	40.8%	33.3%	42%	45%	43%
Drain plug in on arrival	5.8%	1.7%	0.4%	2.7%	0.8%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.8%
Plants, Animals, Water, or Mud Found	2.8%	2.9%	3.5%	5.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	4.8%	2.4%
Entering from infested waters	12.7%	21.4%	12.4%	5.4%	12.0%	3.2%	13.1%	9.5%	23.2%
Entering from out of state	4.0%	20.2%	8.7%	13.5%	9.6%	12.9%	6.4%	9.5%	14.4%
Total Inspections	285	648	830	61	832	93	832	116	23,895
Hours Worked	188	532.5	536	68	517	87	544	88	15,317
Inspections per hour	1.52	1.22	1.55	0.90	1.61	1.07	1.53	1.32	1.56

Contributions have already been made & paid for 2020 inspections at 10th/11th Crow Wing public boat ramps. This is done in advance, so the County can plan on the number of inspector hires needed. Akeley Township provided \$900, City of Akeley provided \$924, and our lake association provided \$924.

What are the area lakes with AIS? Check out the link below (will work better for those who get the eNewsletter) <http://cms6.revize.com/revize/hubbardcounty/HC%20AIS%20List%2011.6.19.pdf>

Outlet of 11th Crow Wing

At our fall lake association meeting we discussed that the water seemed higher than it normally did late in the fall. Rich Wilhaus thought the outlet grate was full of debris. My brother in law and I brought our waders in our boat, motored over to the West basin, and jumped out to take a look. Indeed it was pretty full of leaves, branches, and sticks. 20 minutes later and the water was freely flowing through the grates. We'll have to keep on top of this moving forward. And remember its easier to do when the waters nice than when its 42F!

eNewsletter: For those tech savvy folks who can view .pdf's from an email, please let me know via email (Scott.Solberg@bsci.com) and I can remove you from the future distributions of printed newsletter. You will receive an emailed version instead. It saves printing and postage costs, time and effort.

Water Quality Testing & Water Level Monitor: We graciously have primary and secondary/backup volunteers for Water Quality Testing. Ken Emmeck is our primary and Brad Thompson is our secondary. Last year we were measuring sechi disk readings for free, but I would expect us to vote on paying for water sample testing again this year.

Pat and Ernie Opheim continue to be our water level monitors as the official height gage is on the edge of their property. Readings were given to Darrin at the local DNR office. Thank you to all of our volunteers, this is how we get stuff done!

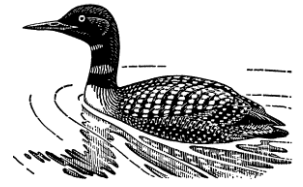
- **Facebook** Ask to join 10th & 11th CW lakes assoc. page to view and post your own lake photos and links to affiliated video clips! (Need help signing up? Contact Carl: imagery@iuidesigns.com 651-489-7040 or search 11th Crow Wing Lake Association from the Facebook search engine for application instructions

Hope to see or hear from you from the online virtual Zoom meeting on Sat May 30th!
We'll start at 10:00 am and try to end by 12:30 pm



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Request for Membership

Hello property owners around 10th & 11th Crow Wing lakes! Please consider joining our team and get your voice heard at the semi-annual meetings.

What do your annual dues pay for? Postage and printing of the annual newsletter, lake water clarity testing through COLA (Coalition of Lake Associations in Hubbard County), and various projects that members approve in any given year (loon nests, fees to facilities where meetings take place, etc.) *There are no paid employees in this volunteer driven, non-profit association.*

To become a member, simply pop a check in the mail, along with this page into the enclosed envelope addressed to the Treasurer.

I am a NEW member - enclosed is \$25 for this year's membership

I am renewing my membership - enclosed is \$20

ADDITIONAL FUNDS OVER AND ABOVE THE ANNUAL DUES -- Please consider supporting the Lake Association with extra funds. This is a good way to support if you are unable to attend meetings or volunteer for other endeavors. WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE EXTRA FUNDS FOR PROJECTS!

I would like any additional amount of \$_____ to go towards helping Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) efforts (specifically the Curly Leaf Pondweed Control Project and the Watercraft Inspection Program at public boat ramp on 11th.)

I would like additional amount to go into general funds to support whatever is needed.

I would be willing to volunteer a couple of hours of my time this year to help with

(Examples: work with others to fix existing loon nests, write an article for the newsletter, write letters to our local legislators on behalf of the association, become a committee member (fisheries, Highway 64 issues, website data, erosion control or re-vegetation projects, water safety patrol, Aquatic Invasive Species control), gather history on the lake for a scrapbook or publishing on upcoming association website, attend COLA meetings when COLA rep cannot make it each month, create welcome packets for new property owners on lakes)

REMEMBER: the association is only as strong/constructive as the volunteers who are willing to participate! If everyone donated at least 1 hour of their time per season to whichever project they're most interested in to help the lakes, we'd be very effective indeed! We're looking forward to working with you: Neighbors helping neighbors for the greater good of the lakes . . .

Lisa Hanson (Treasurer), clhanson@hotmail.com (Dues can be brought to the meeting or mailed direct to)
29798 Hackberry Dr
Akeley, MN 56433-8113

Please add (OR DOUBLE CHECK THE SPELLING OF) my e-mail address: _____

(Don't miss out on local workshops, pertinent lakes legislative news, bonus lake association events, and last minute notices! E-mails are a handy communication tool!)