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LAKE MINNIE BELLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The LMBIA wants to represent the view of all its members. Questions, concerns, suggestions and volunteers are all encouraged. We want active participation from all people living near or using Lake Minnie Belle. We believe we can work together to continue to maintain the quality of this lake and help ensure its benefits for future generations. Your Board of Directors includes:

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Please contact any Board Member listed above. They can take your concerns to our Board Meeting. Board meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except December) at the Bonfire Bar & Grill. An annual general meeting is held the 3rd Saturday in July at the Beckville Church picnic grounds on the southwest shore of Lake Minnie Belle.

Coffee and rolls at 9:30 a.m. with meeting at 10 a.m.



Lake Minnie Belle Messenger

FALL 2014

SUMMER/FALL 2014 BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

By Larry Rewerts

Welcome to the fall season on Lake Minnie Belle. After a relatively short summer, we are experiencing spectacular colors and warm conditions. Minnesota weather is difficult to predict.

The annual LMBIA meeting took place on Sunday, July 20th, 2014. Approximately 50 people (including children) attended. One of our goals this year is to increase lake owner participation and awareness of the issues and projects associated with Minnie Belle. The Board of Directors would like to see an increase in the number of people who attend the annual meeting. As a result, the 2015 LMBIA annual meeting will be held on

the 3rd Saturday of July, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with coffee, juice and rolls. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude with door prizes at 11 a.m. Location remains the Beckville Church picnic grounds on the southwest shore of the lake. Hopefully this is a more convenient time and attendance will increase.

The MB2 ditch project has been put on hold until July 2015. The primary reason for the delay involves funding. One of our main sources of grants on the project has requested that we wait until next summer when more funds would be available on their part. The total project cost estimates are near \$30,000.

A number of lake

residents expressed concern on the amount of aquatic vegetation (weeds) this summer. The Board has been active in identifying (native or invasive), reporting and treating the problem. 13 lake captains have been trained this summer with identifying and recording the locations of invasives (curly leaf pondweed and Eurasian milfoil). Clark Companies was consulted and hired to treat Eurasian milfoil and Midwest Aquacare treated for curly leaf. The DNR permits allowed us to treat 2.86 acres of curly leaf and 3.3 acres of Eurasian milfoil. Steps will be taken to better identify and record the locations of invasives for future treatment.

Enjoy the fall and winter seasons. See you on the water/ice.



UPDATES AND SOME RANDOM THOUGHTS

MEMBERSHIP

There are 157 paid lake memberships for 2014. This is an increase of 3 from 2013. Approximately half the lake residents are members. Dues remain at \$25 per year. If you are not a member, please consider joining the organization.



THANK YOU TO MARK AND ANN SCHMIDTBAUER'S CREATIVE GRAPHICS FOR PUBLISHING THE LMBIA MESSENGER

LMBIA ANNUAL MEETING CHANGE

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LOWRANCE GRAPH NEEDED

Do you have a Lowrance Elite 7 HD graph in your fishing boat or pontoon? As part of our reporting invasives, we need to graph parts of the lake. The corresponding software used in reporting is compatible with Lowrance fish finders. If you have the Elite 7 HD and would be willing to help the lake association, contact President Tom Hess.

WATER

Stan Kittleson conducted the water quality testing from May-September this year. Water clarity via Secchi Disc ranged from 11 to 29 feet with an average of 17.9. Additional data on Chlorophyll, Phosphorus and other water quality standards are a part of the report. Contact any board member for the complete report. We have a beautiful, clean, clear lake and want to keep it that way.

Check Us Out

LMBIA website:
<https://sites.google.com/site/lmbiaorg/>

LMBIA on facebook:
www.facebook.com/lmbia

LAKE CAPTAINS

Dick Baril reported on the summer work of the 13 lake captains. Each captain has a designated portion of the lake to sample vegetation and complete a report. This will be used to document the location and changes that are occurring in vegetative growth.

DOG ISSUES

A number of lake residents have contacted board members with regards to dogs that are unrestrained and running through their property. Lake Minnie Belle has rules in place that all dogs are to be leashed at all times. Contact the Sheriff's Office with complaints.

VEGETATION TREATMENT 2015

The Lake Association must receive permission from affected landowners to treat invasive species. You may be receiving a postcard in the mail next spring requesting permission to treat.



RESIDENT SHORELINE TREATMENT 2015

A number of residents have used Midwest Aquacare to treat shoreline vegetation in the past. Another option is Clark Companies located in Clearwater Minnesota. Their website is www.clarke.com. The lake association has used both companies last summer.

STATE FUNDS TO TREAT INVASIVE SPECIES

Up to \$350,000 from the State of Minnesota may be available to Meeker County area lakes to deal with Invasive Species. More information will become available in the future with regards to how this money can be used and what Lake Minnie Belle will receive. County Commissioners Mike Huberty and Dale Fenrich along with County Administrator Paul Virnig, the Sheriff and a group of area lake association representatives will oversee the funding.