

# Green Lake Breeze

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## THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE GREEN LAKE BREEZE!

During the 2002 year, the Board of Directors of the Green Lake Property Owners Association felt that we would enhance our membership by sending the GREEN LAKE BREEZE to all people who live on Green Lake. Our membership at that time was 64%. It was the Board's hope that by being inclusive that number would increase.

Our membership has increased for the past year. However, with the high cost of printing THE BREEZE- which is 83 cents plus the postage of 45 cents - we find it impossible to send a copy to anyone who does not pay dues to the Green Lake Property Owners Association.

Your dues pay for your personal copy of the information in and around Green Lake. These same dues of \$100.00 per year pay for spraying tent caterpillar worms, for fireworks displays over Green Lake on the 4th of July and during Winter Festival, for assisting in the treatment of EWM or A.I.S. as well as water testing of Green Lake. The best part of this is that \$40.00 of the \$100.00 will go directly toward fighting Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and all \$40.00 is tax deductible!

We represent you at variance Board Meetings, Kandiyohi County Commissioners' meetings, fishing regulations meetings and A.I.S. concerns for Green Lake. As you can see, being a regular member of the Green Lake Property Owners Association is very important.

We have an excellent web page which we wish to call to your attention. Please go to [www.greenlakespicer.com](http://www.greenlakespicer.com) for all information which you need to know about the happenings of Green Lake. The minutes of each board meeting are placed on the web page for your information. You are also able to send photographs of Green Lake to your friends.

We appreciate your concern and your work for Green Lake, but please send in your \$100.00 for dues or this issue "may" be the last issue of THE BREEZE. **THANK YOU!**



## Green Lake Property Owners Annual Meeting Saturday, June 9 at 8:15 am • Green Lake Bible Camp

Summer is here! When you live in Minnesota that means so many great things. Warm weather, bonfires, waterskiing, baseball and the list goes on and on. If you live on Green Lake, the arrival of summer also means the GLPOA annual meeting is fast approaching.

The annual meeting of the GLPOA is set for Saturday, June 9th at the Green Lake Bible Camp. Breakfast will begin at 8:15 am with the meeting to follow at 9 am. The annual meeting is a great time to hear what the board of directors has been up to for the last year and will include a question and answer time. As in previous years, we have invited the Kandiyohi County Board, Representatives from the Minnesota DNR, our State Representative and Senator and many more interesting people. It will be a great time to hear what other lake owners concerns are. Again this year, Bruce Klevin the GLPOA lobbyist, will be our keynote speaker. Bruce will be discussing the political process and where we are headed with AIS (aquatic invasive species) legislation. AIS continues to be a hot topic at the state capital. We have made tremendous progress in the last few years and still have a long way to go in protecting all of Minnesota's wonderful lakes.



The lake has already been sprayed for caterpillars this spring and we will treat for milfoil on a nice calm day in June. All this to say, these are just a few of the things that the GLPOA is doing to help you have a more enjoyable lake experience and protect Green Lake.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting on June 9th. Invite your neighbors - it will be a great way to learn about Green Lake and meet new people.

Jamie Duininck, President GLPOA



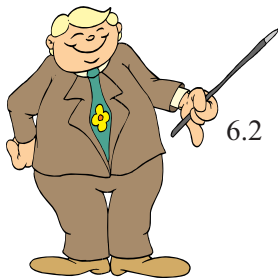
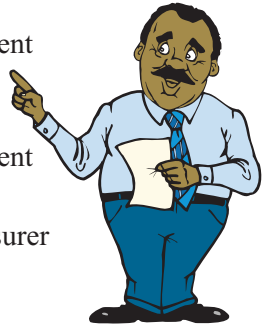


# GLPOA Annual Meeting

GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP, SPICER, MINNESOTA  
SATURDAY, 09 JUNE 2012 • BREAKFAST - 8:15 A.M. • MEETING TO FOLLOW

## AGENDA

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|------|---|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1.0  | Open The Meeting                              |                        | Jamie Duininck, President |
| 1.1  | Call The Meeting To Order                     |                        |                           |
| 1.2  | Acknowledge Visitors Present                  |                        |                           |
| 2.0  | Approve Minutes                               |                        | Jamie Duininck, President |
| 2.1  | Saturday, 18 June 2011                        |                        |                           |
| 3.0  | Financial Conditions                          |                        | Dick Gunderson, Treasurer |
| 3.1  | General Fund                                  | \$24,341.03            |                           |
| 3.2  | Patrol Fund                                   | \$521.95               |                           |
| 3.3  | Fishing Fund                                  | \$ .00                 |                           |
| 3.4  | A.I.S. Fund                                   | (\$3,332.19)           |                           |
|      | Total   | \$ 21,530.79           |                           |
| 4.0  | Points of Interest                            |                        | Jamie Duininck, President |
| 4.1  | Zebra Mussel of 2012                          | Ron Schneider          |                           |
| 4.2  | Funding in the Future                         | Ron Schneider          |                           |
| 4.3  | Tier I and Tier II Grants                     | Terry W. Frazee        |                           |
| 5.0  | Old Business                                  |                        | Jamie Duininck, President |
| 5.1  | Fishing Tournament/Boat Wash Program for 2012 |                        |                           |
| 5.2  | Eurasian Water Milfoil Program                |                        |                           |
| 6.0  | New Business                                  |                        | Jamie Duininck, President |
| 6.1  | Bruce Kleven, GLPOA Lobbyist                  |                        |                           |
| 6.11 | Minnesota Legislative Process of 2012         |                        |                           |
| 6.12 | GLPOA's Success in the Legislative Session    |                        |                           |
| 6.13 | Question/Answer Period                        |                        |                           |
| 6.2  | Election of Board Members for 3 Year Term     |                        |                           |
| 6.21 | Greg Holmstrom                                | 11320 Indian Reach Rd. | Green Lake Township       |
| 6.22 | Steve Linder                                  | 14272 Indian Reach Rd. | Irving Township           |
| 6.23 | Ron Schneider                                 | 325 Lake Ave. North    | City of Spicer            |
| 6.24 | Valerie Sechler                               | 215 Lake Ave. South    | City of Spicer            |
| 6.3  |   |                        |                           |
| 7.0  | Adjourn                                       |                        |                           |



## Hydrilla -- The Lesson from Lake Cayuga

Hydrilla, an extremely aggressive invasive weed, has infested Lake Cayuga in the Finger Lakes Region Upstate New York. According to the press release, the plant was found last August but "We estimate this particular infestation is two years old and covers 166 acres." (Roxanne Johnson, watershed coordinator for the City of Ithaca). "Officials fear an environmental disaster in the making."

This discovery is a wake up call for Green Lake because it demonstrates that a lake can become infested, even though it is hundreds of miles from another infested lake!

A coalition of state and local officials, university personnel and hydrilla experts from around the country quickly banded together to take action. Harvesting by hand was attempted. The hydrilla fragmented during harvesting and officials worried that small particles floating away might actually serve to spread the plant. In the end, they chose an aquatic herbicide.


According to Dr. Mike Netherland, Research Biologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, "The top three invasive plants on Minnesota's watch list should be hydrilla, hydrilla and hydrilla."

Hydrilla tubers persist for many years because they are resistant to eradication. So, attempts to contain the spread are necessarily a long term project (more than five years). During that time, boat traffic and harvesting machines "MUST" be quarantined from the area!

The Green Lake Property Owners Association will keep this issue at the forefront because it poses a substantial near-term risk.



# GLPOA Statement of Conditions to May 31, 2012

OPENING BALANCE		\$ 37,882.77		DISBURSEMENTS CONT.			
RECEIPTS				Misc. Costs	\$1,358.73		
General Fund	\$25,010.00			Patrol	\$3,318.05		
Interest	\$226.83			Printing/Postage	\$6,808.85		
Patrol	\$3,840.00			Secretary	\$2,400.08		
Minnesota Waters	\$1,620.00			Spray for Tent Caterpillar Worms	\$9,090.00		
Aquatic Invasive Species	\$15,590.00			Waler Shed District	\$365.00		
Fishing	\$1,535.00			Web Page	\$600.00		
Gifts	\$ .00			<b>TOTAL</b>	\$64,173.81	\$64,173.81	
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$47,821.83	\$47,821.83		BALANCE FOR MAY 31, 2012		\$21,530.79	
DISBURSEMENTS				FUNDS OF OPERATIONS BALANCE			
Aquatic Invasive Species	\$18,922.19		General Fund	\$24,341.03			
Donations	\$3,500.00		Patrol Fund	\$521.95			
Dues	\$1,055.00		Fishing Fund	\$ .00			
Education	\$2,480.99		Aquatic Invasive Species	(\$3,332.19)			
Fishing	\$1,535.00		Minnesota Waters Fund	\$ .00			
Gift	\$10,020.00		Gift Fund	\$ .00			
Green Lake Bible Camp	\$200.00		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 21,530.79			
Minnesota Waters	\$2,520.00						



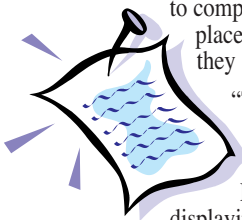
## Aquatic Invasive Species Decal Law Changes, Higher Penalties Effective July 1st

A slate of new laws designed to curb the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) was approved in a recent bill passed by the Minnesota Legislature and signed by Gov. Mark Dayton.

A program requiring watercraft owners to place an AIS rules sticker on their boats is being discontinued and replaced with an online education program. Watercraft owners will no longer be required to place on their boats the rectangular, silver and black decals, which include a summary of the state's AIS laws.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) began distributing the decals earlier this year and will continue to give them to interested boat owners for informational purposes only.

A new law, which goes into effect 2015, will require anyone who transports watercraft or water-related equipment with a trailer to complete an online education course. After completing the course, the person will receive a decal that must be placed on their trailer, certifying they have taken the course. People taking the course can receive extra stickers if they own or use multiple trailers for watercraft or water-related equipment.

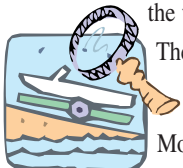
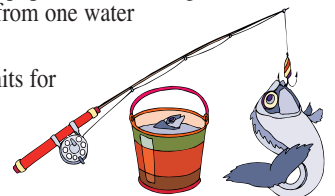


"The black and silver decal is no longer mandatory for boaters, but it is still a good informational tool to help boaters know the AIS laws," said Luke Skinner, aquatic invasive species program supervisor. Boaters who have decals can still place them on their boats or trailers as a reminder.

He said the DNR will begin developing the online AIS course soon to implement the new decal requirement for 2015. The penalty for not displaying the decal will be a warning, not a citation.

Other new AIS laws will be instituted July 1, 2012, as a result of the new legislation:

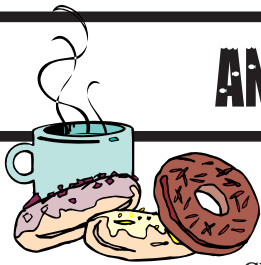
- Civil penalties for violating the state's AIS laws will double. Fines that currently range from \$50 to \$250 will increase to \$100 to \$500, depending on the type of violation. For example, failure to remove a drain plug while transporting a watercraft will mean a \$100 fine, instead of a \$50 penalty. The fine for unlawfully possessing and transporting prohibited aquatic invasive species will increase from \$250 to \$500.
- Boat lifts, docks, swim rafts and other water-related equipment (except boats and other watercraft) that are removed from any water body may not be placed in another water body for at least 21 days. The drying out period is designed to kill any AIS that might be attached to the equipment that are high risk and difficult to clean. Two zebra mussel introductions occurred last year as a result of water equipment being sold and moved from one water body to another.
- Boat clubs, yacht clubs, marinas and other similar organizations are now considered lake-service providers, requiring permits for the clubs and staff working there to take AIS certification training.
- Portable bait containers used while fishing through the ice do not need to be drained before leaving a water body, unless the water body has been declared to have viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS), a virus that is deadly to fish.



The DNR was given additional authority to require mandatory inspections of water-related equipment before a person places or removes equipment into or out of a water body and to set up inspection stations at a centralized location to cover multiple lakes. The new legislation also allows the DNR to delegate this authority to local governments that have an approved inspection plan.

More information about the DNR's aquatic invasive species programs can be found online.

# ANNUAL MEETING -- SATURDAY, 18 JUNE 2011 -- 9:00 A.M.



## GREEN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

The 2011 Annual Meeting of the Green Lake Property Owners was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairperson, Kelly TerWisscha. A count of 117 members and guests were present.

President TerWisscha welcomed members and thanked the Green Lake Bible Camp for hosting the Annual Meeting and providing the excellent breakfast for each.

Kandiyohi County Commissioners Dean Shuck, Dennis Peterson and Richard Larson were introduced along with Minnesota Representative Bruce Vogel. All Board Members were introduced by Chairperson TerWisscha.

Also introduced were DNR field workers Joe Eisterhold and Cory Griffin, Sheriff Deputy Rob Twedt of the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's office, and Larry Hanson, CO from the State of Minnesota.

President TerWisscha presented the minutes for the annual meeting of Saturday, 19 June 2010, as shown in the June issue of the Green Lake Breeze. Motion was made, seconded to approve the minutes as mailed out to all lake owners. Motion carried.

Treasurer Dick Gunderson presented the financial statement of conditions for the 06.01.10 to 05.31.11. Treasurer Gunderson showed the following fund balance as:

General Fund	\$ 21,880.50	MN Waters	\$ .00
Patrol Fund	(\$ 1.43)	Gift Fund	\$ 10,020.00
Fishing Fund	\$ .00		
A.I.S. Fund	\$ 5,983.70	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,082.77</b>



Treasurer Gunderson had an audit committee of two past Presidents - Ralph Jansen and Bruce Halgren look at the total monies of the organization. Mr. Gunderson stated the books are in good shape. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was moved, seconded. Motion carried.

### POINTS OF INTEREST:



Ron Schneider explained to the membership of the ZAP THE ZEBRA program and gave the history of how this program began in the fall of 2010. The Board had a committee of Ron Schneider, Greg Roverud, Bob Schemel and Jamie Duinick to interview four candidates for the possible position of a lobbyist to represent Green Lake interest in stopping Zebra Mussels. Mr. Schneider explained how the letters went to membership asking for donations to pay the \$25,000.00 fee which we would need to raise. Ron thanked the membership of GLPOA who contributed to this cause, as we did raise, with private donations the total amount. Ron stated this program would be an ongoing program for the following years.

Ann Latham explained the LAKE WATCH program, of those who have volunteered to serve in this capacity for 2011 year. If anyone would see Eurasian Water Milfoil, please contact one of those who have agreed to serve as a lake captain for the year, or you may contact Ann Latham, Roger Sowder or Bob Schemel. This program was placed in the June issue of the Green Lake Breeze, as to who your team captain is. Please track any new growth of milfoil on Green Lake, calling your captain.



### OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Kelly TerWisscha explained to the membership of the cooperation which the Green Lake Property Owners Association has with the Little Crow Anglers plus the Bass Fishing members of Kandiyohi County. The State of Minnesota, under Luke Skinner's leadership, did bring a self contained power washer to Green Lake for demonstration. Both the Walleye fishing people and the Bass fishing people of Kandiyohi County will participate with this program.

We are looking for volunteers for the upcoming Bass Tournament which is scheduled for the week of June 22 to the 25th. Volunteers are needed to show the owners of the boat how to power wash their fishing boats. Times needed are 5:00 to 7:00 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Also in the morning of those days from 7:00 to 9:00 am. Volunteers are to call Executive Secretary Terry W. Frazee to volunteer.



President TerWisscha explained that DNR official Joe Eisterhold was on Green Lake this past Thursday to check for milfoil within Green Lake. Joe will be putting together a map of the lake of which treatment will begin soon after it is received. Board Member Bob Schemel is in charge of the Lake Treatment program for 2011 year. Our plan is to treat once in the summer and once in the fall.

President TerWisscha stated Green Lake was sprayed for tent caterpillar worms on the 26th of May. We have not had any reports of worms on the lake but other lakes are having heavy infestation. President TerWisscha stated the spraying is part of your \$50.00 dues.



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# ANNUAL MEETING -- SATURDAY, 18 JUNE 2011 -- 9:00 A.M. continued

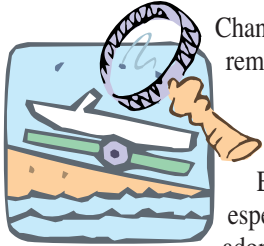
## NEW BUSINESS:

Board Member Jamie Duininck introduced Mr. Bruce Kleven who was hired by the STOP ZEBRA PROGRAM to serve as AIS Lobbyist in St. Paul during the current session.

Mr. Kleven spoke of the legislative process in St. Paul and how different groups have a different thought about their concerns in St. Paul, the Democrats vs. the Republicans and the history of elected officials in the Governor's office in the past four elections.



Bruce stated that within the AIS area, going into the session, only \$1.0 million had been allocated for the two year period. Leadership of Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen@ of Alexandria and House Leader Dennis McNamara@ of Hastings helped with changing the allocation to \$15.2 million over the next two years.

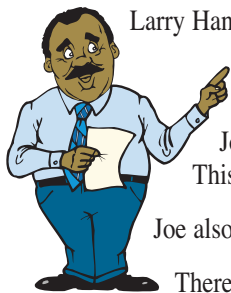


Changes in the bill are to empty the bait buckets, change water within the bait buckets, drain your boat plus drain plugs must be removed as you travel from lake to lake.

Also given permission to the Commissioner of Natural Resources that s/he "may" require to have all boats power washed prior to/after fishing tournaments. The Commissioner has the authority to do so. The Green Lake Board, (through the Executive Secretary has sent a letter to Commissioner Landwehr asking for this "may" to "will" on all tournaments, especially those on Green Lake. This part of the bill was introduced by Senator Joe Gimse on the floor of the senate, which was adopted.

This bill has been "vetoed" until the Annual Budget is approved by both the House/Senate. The money is there, according to Bruce Kleven, but will not be released until the budget is finalized, or we will have State shutdown on 01 July 2011.

Other items within the bill are water related equipment whereas in the past it had to do with boats only. It greatly expands everything with water safety, fishing, all boats and jet skis. Right now there is too much 'officer stuff' in regulations.



Larry Hanson, CO was introduced to the membership as he spoke about changes in the law, especially within bait buckets, wording of the bill is a very big part along with education for everyone. Larry Hanson is responsible for 37 counties during the summer period of boating crafts.

Joe Eisterhold spoke of all dock installers, boat lift installers, will need to be certified before they are allowed to do these things. This training was scheduled for May, postponed, now scheduled for July 2011.

Joe also spoke of Zebra Mussels within Douglas County, the impact which it has upon them.

There were many questions for Bruce Kleven regarding politics within St. Paul, the workings of those in St. Paul, etc. with talk about Legacy Monies, fishing tournaments, number of boat accesses on Green Lake (6 total now) and cooperation of Kandiyohi County officials.

Four Board Members were placed into nomination for a three year period. Motion to accept the following was made for these as listed:

Brett Aamot	12364 Indian Beach Road	Irving Township
Bob Carlson	9797 North Shore Drive	New London Township
Jamie Duininck	281 Lake Avenue North	City of Spicer
Dr. Tom Lange	8915 North Shore Drive	New London Township



Motion was seconded. Motion carried for the above for three year terms.

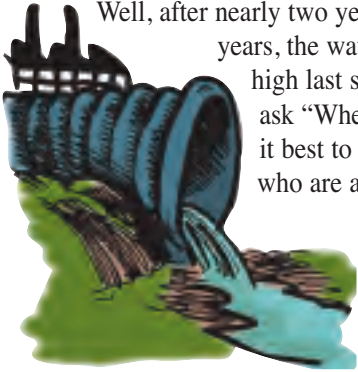
Question from the floor was asked about the high water mark on Green Lake. Joe Eisterhold will speak with Skip Wright getting back to the person who asked the question, Leonard Rossell.

President TerWisscha thanks the local businesses who provided door prizes for the annual meeting, those being: Big Kahuna, Green Lake Liquors, Heritage Bank of Spicer, Jahnke Foods of Spicer, Jim Olson's McDonalds in Willmar, Spicer American Legion Club and the Oaks at Eagle Creek (Melvin's).



Being no further business, the 2011 Annual Meeting for the Green Lake Property Owners Association was adjourned.

# Fluctuating Green Lake Water Levels 2011-2012



Well, after nearly two years, we are finally back at same water levels near what was present in the fall of 2009. Over the last 2 1/2 years, the water levels on Green Lake have undergone a series of drastic fluctuations, and nearly matched the all-time high last summer. All of these fluctuations have caused a number of people to call my office over the last year and ask “Where does all the water that enters Green Lake come from?” Since I have gotten a number of calls, I thought it best to relay the available information to those interested, and this is another opportunity to reach out to people who are affected by the varying water levels of Green Lake.

As most of you know, Green Lake is situated on the Middle Fork of the Crow River. The flows into the lake through Nest Lake are regulated to match the flows at the New London Dam to maintain a “run of the river” system. The upstream watershed that contributes to Green through the MFC encompasses just over 95000 acres, reaching up into Stearns County and includes the city of Belgrade. This is very important, as the larger the watershed that contributes to the basin, the greater the possibility for water

level fluctuations. Over the most of the last 2 years, precipitation levels have been well above average, leading to overall higher than average water levels on Green Lake. For nearly all the lakes in the area, water levels follow a general pattern related to seasonal fluctuations in precipitation. Most years, we see higher water levels in the spring associated with snow melt and spring rains, and due to lack of plant growth, a larger portion of any rainfall results in runoff that reaches the lakes. As we reach the main portion of the summer, water levels begin to fall due to increased evaporation and plant uptake and evapotranspiration. Typically, with a dryer average period in the fall, we see corresponding drops in water levels. As you can see in the graph below, the water levels on Green over the last two years have not followed this pattern.

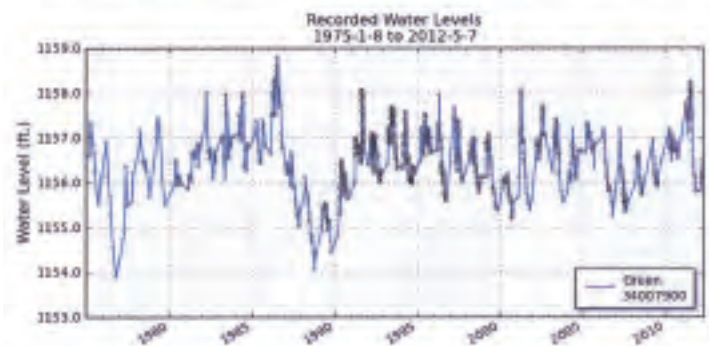
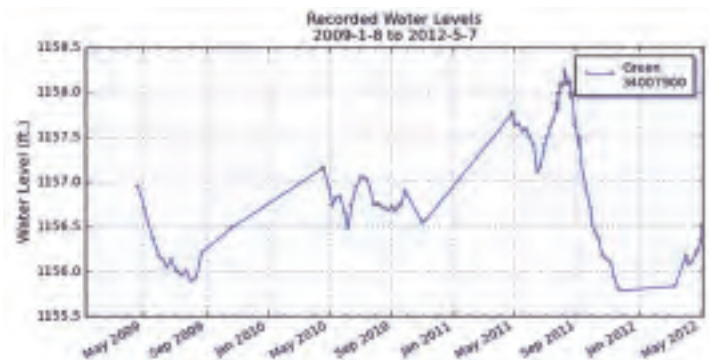


Water levels on Green have been monitored more or less continually since 1938. The average water level over the period of record is 1156.51' (NGVD 1929), with an all time high of 1158.79' in June of 1986 and a low level of 1153.88' in 1976. Water levels were above the average level for nearly all of 2010 due to a large amount of rain in the fall of 2009, and overall higher precipitation and several large events throughout the year. Water levels immediately jumped in the spring of 2011 due to higher than average snow pack, and continued to increase throughout the early summer due to several large rain events. The peak reached in July of 2011 was almost exactly 0.5' lower than the all-time high. However, the faucet was turned off in early August, and with essentially no rain for the rest of the year water levels began to fall dramatically. By ice-in in November, the water levels had fallen nearly 2.5 feet, and were well below that long term average. However, with several rain events this spring, water levels seem to be following a more normal pattern, and are very near average again.



For a little perspective, the Green/Calhoun system is maintained by a fixed crest weir at the outlet of Lake Calhoun. The total pool area, encompassing Green, Dietrich Lange WMA and Calhoun, is approximately 7300 acres. The volume of water needed to raise this pool one inch total is approximately 198,500,000 gallons! However, when taken in perspective with the entire watershed, this volume is equivalent to just 0.08 inches of runoff from each acre in watershed. Storage areas like wetlands in the watershed can dramatically slow runoff events so dramatic water level fluctuations are minimized. However, when large 2+ inch rain events occur, there is sometimes very little that can be done to minimize any water level bounces!

Thank you for the opportunity to send this to all the readers, and please contact me at 320-796-2161 if you have questions. For those who want to check water levels along the way, you can check the gage on the outlet of the lake at the County Road 4 Bridge. The gage zero is 1151.77, so simply at the gage reading (average is 4.34) to the gage zero for the elevation of the lake. Thanks!



# Stop Zebra Mussels



The Stop Zebra Mussel Association (SZMA) was created two years ago when it became apparent that:

1. The spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in our lakes and rivers was increasing because the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) lacked the financial resources to wage an effective campaign against the proliferation of AIS.
2. The resources of anglers' associations, environmental groups and other non-governmental volunteer organizations were inadequate to deal with the spread of AIS.
3. The primary cause of the proliferation was the migration of AIS in watercraft and ancillary equipment which were trailered unimpeded from infested bodies to non-infested bodies of water.



After studying the problem, the SZMA made informal inquiries of GLPOA members and various elected officials concerning the feasibility of hiring a lobbying firm to help persuade our state legislature to dedicate funds to DNR. Our research led us to the conclusion that the most effective step to control the spread of AIS would be to fund a strategy of "containment" of infested lakes. Containment essentially requires that every watercraft and all watercraft accessories used in infested waters must be decontaminated before departing from such bodies of water. An effective decontamination program depends upon the use of portable equipment, capable of projecting a stream of hot water, under pressure, to all parts of vessels, trailers and accessories which might provide an environment which is hospitable to AIS.

Based upon the information which we had at the time, we found that the cost of the first year of the containment strategy should be in the range of \$8 million to \$12 million dollars. This information was provided to our legislators and others.

Some of us went to St. Paul with our message, first in 2011 and again in 2012, and received what we interpreted as support for our proposed containment strategy. To provide an extra "push" for the proposed containment proposal, we contracted with an experienced lobbyist, Mr. Bruce Kleven. He was responsible for introducing us to the chair persons of the environmental committees in both the Senate and the House. We also had one-on-one assurances from Senator Gimse and Rep. Vogel, who were very encouraging.



Here, in the words of Mr. Kleven, is a recitation of what the legislature and governor did to improve the law which controls the spread of AIS:

- The Commissioner of the DNR will be allowed to delegate authority to require mandatory inspections to local units of government (counties) that assume all legal, financial, and administrative responsibilities for inspection programs on public waters within their jurisdiction. This section could be used by Kandiyohi County to protect Green Lake and others within the County.
- The Commissioner will also be given the authority to establish inspection stations and require mandatory inspections before placing water-related equipment into a water body. The Commissioner would also be able to authorize local governments (counties) to operate mandatory inspection stations.
- The penalties for violating AIS laws are doubled under this bill. Penalties were doubled last year, but ran into resistance in the House and were dropped.
- There is a 21-day drying period before any water-related equipment (lifts, docks) could be moved from one water body to the next.
- All boat owners, and those moving docks and lifts, would have to pass an online course on how to prevent the spread of AIS. Those successfully completing the course would get a sticker to put on trailers, valid for three years, and only trailers with decals could legally haul boats. This provision wouldn't become effective until 2015 to give the DNR time to get the program up and running
- HF-2164 includes fee increases on general hunting and fishing license fees to prevent the game and fish fund from going into the red later this year. There was no interest this year in either body to raise boat registration fees and dedicate the money to long term AIS control. This will have to wait until after the election.



Unfortunately, the lakes of the State did not, as Mr. Kleven points out, receive the benefit of increased boat registration fees. Had our legislature passed a containment bill based upon an additional fee of \$40 per year per licensed water craft to defray the \$10 million annual cost of containment, would our boating community have complained that this was too much or unfair? Source: "Long-Term Funding Needs for Aquatic Invasive Species Programs," prepared by DNR. Jan. 15, 2012.

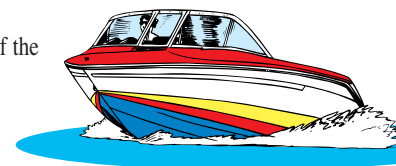


A 71 page report on the anticipated cost of containment zones was prepared by Thompson Engineering Co. of St Paul: "Final Report to Identify Options and Costs for implementing Statewide Measures to Prevent the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species". This document is dated February 14, 2012, some 85 days before the end of the legislative session and was addressed to DNR. Among the conclusions reached by the Thompson Engineering Co. is that containment zones would be \$9,729,477 to operate in the first year and \$8,938,959 in the second year (p. B of the report). On February 15, 2012, the Star Tribune reported that maintaining containment zones would cost \$10 million per year. This cost would be borne by a boater's paying \$40 per boat (There are approximately 800,000 watercraft registered in Minnesota).

Whether the comparable cost of containment of zebra mussels is based upon dollars spent per capita (\$1.89) or dollars spent per boat (\$40 in the first year) or some other measure, the cost of zebra mussel containment appears to be a bargain. For example the cost of the planned Viking stadium is projected to be \$94.34 for everyone of our state's 5.3 million population.

In a Star Tribune article by Doug Smith published on February 15, 2012, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen of Alexandria is quoted:

"Boaters are willing to step up, but it isn't going to be just boaters {paying for it}" said Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, chairman of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee. (P.8)



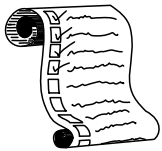
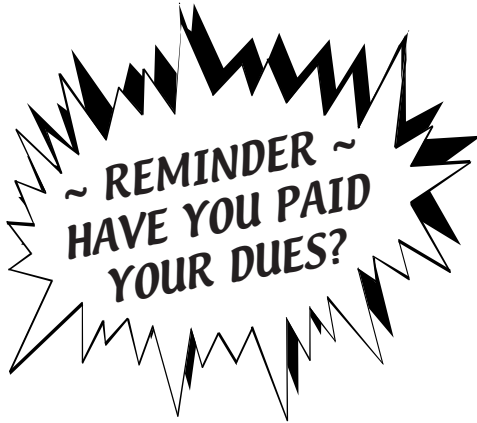
Question: What is unfair about imposing a fee on boaters to fund the operation of containment zones when it is known that the primary, if not the exclusive spreaders of AIS are known to be watercraft?

Through the efforts of our executive director, GLPOA has entered into a watercraft inspection agreement for the year 2012 between DNR, the County and GLPOA.

Dietrich Bonhoefer wrote words which have application here: "The best test of a moral society is the kind of world which it leaves to its children."

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