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KMLA General Meeting

Saturday June 10, 2023, 9:00 A.M.

Osceola Town Hall

If you are unable to attend, we will also make the meeting available via Zoom.

Link will be sent on Friday June 9th to your email.

Please Park close to the building filling the east side first and overflow next to the building as this is garbage/recycling day.

If you have an agenda item you must inform the secretary prior to June 1st. Email Dan Rick at danielrick@att.net

President Resignation KMLA Needs You

Toni Gilster will be resigning as president of KMLA. In her 2 years of service, she has worked closely with the DNR and our lake management company to get permits for chemical application of invasives in the lake. We were able to enjoy easier navigation in the treated areas. Thank you Toni for all your help!

To provide a seamless transition at the election in 2024, we need someone to step forward now. The board will work with you to provide a successful change in leadership. The responsibilities would include Invasive control projects and leading the general meeting. We are open to having a shared position for 2 people as president to lighten the load.

Let's not lose the progress we have made in keeping our lake navigable. We need you, please consider helping.

Contact any officer or board member for more information



KMLA Summer Party 2023
Saturday July 1st 1:30 – 3:30

Dave & Cindy Katt N3279 Lake Court



Hope you can join us for an afternoon of fun & an opportunity to meet or catch up with your neighbors!

Cindy & Dave will provide Hot Dogs, Beer & Water.

Please bring a dish to pass to share with the group.

Bring your checkbook or cash

50/50 Raffle & a few raffle items

All proceeds will benefit KMLA invasive weed control.

Please contact Lori Wright or Cindy Katt

if you can donate Raffle items or baskets

Hope to see you at this fun event!

Mark your Calendar, summer gets busy!

Boat Parade 1:00

Meet by Katt's

Door Prizes

Games

Raffles

Bounce House

Current KMLA OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Responsibility List (contact these individuals with questions on these issues)

- Dan & Cheryl Rick Clean Boats/Clean Waters Arrange 240 hours coverage.
- Mark Meske Grant Requirement
 - Water & Oxygen Samples Spring & Summer
 - Secchi Disc (Water Clarity) Weekly
- Joan Kornitz Apply for Permit for Goose Egg Oiling
- Cindy Katt
 - 2 Newsletters per year
 - final dues notice in December.
- Jeff May Perform annual review
- Lori Wright Membership Signs Updated
- Mike Grohall Schedule Board & General Meeting
- Jim Bertram Goose Round
- Rob Lemke & Ryan Menzer
 - Lake Resident Membership
 - Contact New Residents & Non-Paying Residents
- Steve & Peter Wilke
 - Goose Control in Spring (Oil Eggs)
 - Monitor Winter oxygen levels and install aerators if needed.
 - Water Level Wake Restrictions for High Water

Donation List / Review

Attached please find a donation report for 2022. Jeff May is responsible for performing a yearly review of the income and expenses for KMLA.

Mary Groth is the treasurer for KMLA.

**** Please review the donation list carefully ****

Contact Jeff if any discrepancies

it.may@sbcglobal.net

Membership signs

Lori Wright is responsible for updating lake association signs.

If you paid dues and need a sign contact Lori
262.894.2108

Yay, it's back KMLA Logo Wear

Tony & Jen Scarlatto have volunteered to provide logo wear

(t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc.).

Samples and order forms will be available at the summer picnic.

Mechanical Weed Harvesting Info

We are considering mechanical weed harvesting for a portion of the lake this summer. We are gathering information (cost, logistics, timing and permits). Notification will be posted on our website and via email only. Stay tuned for updates as they become available.

President Message

Hello community members, lake residents, and friends.

Now that the unseasonably late snow falls have begun to give way to warmer temperatures, it looks like spring is finally upon us! As preparations begin for another glorious summer on Kettle Moraine Lake, I want to encourage you to reach out to your neighbors and invite them to become a member of the KMLA. Do you notice some new faces? Invite them to join us at our summer party! While the priority of our mission is protection of the lake, we strive also to create a friendly community environment for all to enjoy. With our primary support and funding coming from membership, your dues and donations continue to be an integral part of our ability to continue.

Serving as your association president has been a highlight for me for the past 2 years. As a result of moving into a new season of my life, I am resigning from the president position. I'd like to thank the KMLA Board and all the association members for the position and the opportunity to serve you! Please feel free to reach out to me or a board member if you have interest in filling this position. Thank you,

Toni Gilster (262) 343-1004

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Kettle Moraine Lake Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) Update and Control Plan

After reviewing the mapping results of our whole lake survey performed in August 2022, both the DNR and our lake management team from Onterra recommended we apply for a "lake monitoring" grant as opposed to a "lake treatment" grant. The likelihood we would be able to acquire a permit for any significant herbicidal treatment area in 2023 was decreased by the dramatic results we received from our ProcellaCOR treatment in 2022.

Maps of both before and after our treatment will be put on our website if you wish to view them. The results were also quite visible by just looking at the lake and navigation was significantly improved as well.

Onterra put together a lake management plan for 2023 where we will continue to assess the aquatic plant community and create reports and provide our results. This data will then be used to create a strategic plan for 2024.

We are pleased to announce our project was approved for funding under Wisconsin's Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Program. The grant awarded to us will cover \$9985.01 (67%) of the total project cost of \$14,903.00. Our share of the project is \$4917.99.

In addition to our monitoring project, we were able to overcome some previous logistical obstacles we encountered while pursuing implementing mechanical harvesting. We are exploring experimenting with some harvesting in various areas where the EWM was not as decreased.

We will also be closely watching the Curly Leaf Pondweed population as we have historically seen it become more prolific in areas where we have knocked down the EWM.

In closing, I'd like to thank you all for your previous and continued support of our lake management projects! Also, a big shout out to all our volunteers for your time, energy, and participation. We are making big strides forward and without you all, none of this would be possible.

I welcome your questions, comments, and concerns!

Toni Gilster

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CHILI COOK OFF Back by Popular Demand in 2022!

Last year we enjoyed our most popular fundraiser after a 2 year hiatus. We had a record turn out, raised over \$4,000.00 and had a splendid time. A great group of lake residents took charge and provided an evening of socializing and over eating!

Now we need someone to take charge of the event in 2023. Many people help out but we need 1 or 2 people to manage, organize and coordinate the logistics.

Joani & Cindy put together detailed information about planning the event and will share that with the new team. Contact Cindy Katt at cindykatt@hotmail.com if you are interested and we will keep this "FUNdraiser" going.



Winter Aeration

Have you seen the trees growing in the ice on the lake and wondered what their purpose is??? They mark the location for oxygen level monitoring and provide a consistent area for weekly comparison. At each tree, the dissolved oxygen level and temperature is measured every 2 feet. The ice was averaging 10-11 inches thick this winter.

If oxygen levels drop it can happen very quickly. Fortunately this winter the oxygen levels maintained a reasonable level and installation of aerators was not necessary. Proper oxygen levels provide a healthy fish population. If oxygen levels drop it could mean a fish kill.

Thank you to Steve, Lee & Peter Wilke for performing this duty on a weekly basis.



CBCW Watercraft Inspection



As part of our state grant, KMLA must monitor the boat launch for 240 hours each year. The DNR established the CBCW (Clean Boats Clean Waters) program to help stop the spread of invasives throughout the state. Inspectors conduct watercraft inspection at the boat landing by the Tiki Bar.

We need lake residents to volunteer & do your part to help us reach our commitment of hours. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. KMLA will credit your dues at a rate of \$12.00 per person for each hour spent at the launch. Training is available via you tube or in person.

Dan & Cheryl Rick oversee the calendar which will be available online with Google Calendar. The bin containing the paperwork and forms will be kept in the foyer at Katt's. Dan & Cheryl will send an email in the next month with sign up info.

Expenses 2022

<i>Alliant Energy</i>	<i>\$333.83</i>
<i>Goose Round up</i>	<i>\$3500.00</i>
<i>Liability Ins. Premium</i>	<i>\$2241.00</i>
<i>Weed Control</i>	<i>\$40267.86</i>
<i>Bank Charge</i>	<i>\$115.50</i>
<i>Fundraising</i>	<i>\$286.81</i>
<i>Annual Report</i>	<i>\$35.00</i>
<i>Postage</i>	<i><u>\$881.44</u></i>
Total Expenses	\$47,661.44

Goose Control

Each year we apply for a goose depradation permit from the DNR. This allows us to oil goose eggs which prevents the eggs from hatching. It is difficult to locate the nests and gain access to them. Thank you to Steve & Peter Wilke for your efforts on this project.

Jim Bertram will be monitoring the goose population in spring and if necessary, contract with the USDA wildlife to round up the geese when they are molting and flightless.

Each goose can produce 1-2 pounds of droppings each day and are a major contributor of phosphorous and nitrogen in the water.

2022 Income

<i>Donations</i>	<i>\$21850.00</i>
<i>Grant</i>	<i>\$19705.31</i>
<i>Refund</i>	<i>\$228.00</i>
<i>Chili Cook Off</i>	<i>\$4020.00</i>
<i>Summer Party</i>	<i><u>\$2025.00</u></i>
Total Income	\$47,828.31

Purple Loosestrife

It is everyone's job to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. In the past few years purple loosestrife has popped up around our lake and in area ditches and waterways. Purple loosestrife is an attractive wetland perennial plant from Europe that was introduced to North America. Without the insects & diseases that keep it in check in its native land, it chokes out most of our desirable native vegetation and eliminates open water habitat that is important to wildlife. When flowers drop off, capsules containing many tiny seeds appear in their place. Plants may go to seed in late July and each plant can produce up to 2.7 million seeds annually. Wind, water, wildlife and humans spread these seeds. If you see this on your frontage, you can use a glyphosate-containing herbicide to eradicate it. There are many look alike plants that are not invasive. Please consult the DNR website at dnr.wi.gov and search invasives for pictures of this highly invasive plant. Biological control using beetles that solely feed on purple loosestrife is also proving effective. The DNR would like KMLA to consider using this method in 2024. The KMLA board will investigate & discuss this topic. We will keep you apprased of the decision in the Fall Newsletter. If you have thoughts on this subject, please contact Cindy Katt cindykatt@hotmail.com



Show your love & support by paying your donation to KMLA now!



Kettle Moraine Lake offers something for all of us. Whether it is fishing, boating, skiing, or watching the sunset, we all find pleasure in our own little slice of paradise here. Isn't it worth at least \$1.00 or \$2.00 per day to support something you love and enjoy?

To help reduce expenses for KMLA, circle YES on the donation remittance form if you want to receive only electronic notifications in the future. Be sure to include your email addresses.