

State of the Lake

Welcome to Spring in Minnesota and thanks to all who made 2016 a great year for our lake association.

I want to update you on two items:

On June 10th we will hold our annual Lake Association meeting at the Northwoods Bank. Please plan to attend.

#1. During the annual meeting we conduct Lake Association business, review the past 12 months, and we elect board members to oversee the business of our Lake Association for the next 12 months. This year we are asking you if you are willing to run for one of our board member positions. If you are please send me an email indicating your interest. You do not have to live here year around to hold a position on our board. The normal board member term is 2 years and you can serve a max. of two terms.

#2. Watercraft inspection at our public access

It is more important than ever that we keep up our efforts since Leech Lake and Cass Lake are now infested with ZM.

In 2016, we paid \$3160 for labor to inspect boats entering and exiting Little Sand Lake. We also purchased a road counter to determine the time of day and day of the week people used our public access. The information from the road counter is being used to help us better schedule inspection hours for 2017.

The Good News is only 2% of boats had the drain plug in on arrival. (The statewide average is about 15%) The Hubbard county rate was 2.37% which is down from 5.32% in 2013. Hopefully we can cut the rate to less than 1% in 2017.

In addition, the 2014 Mn State Government granted money to counties to help prevent the spread of AIS. So in 2017, state funds will be used to pay for 288 hour of our total inspection hours. We will have to pay about \$1500.

At this time Little Sand Lake is free and clear of all AIS. Lets keep it clean.

Wayne R Swanson