

KLA NEWSLETTER

May, 2021



Kabekona Calling

by: Mike Dudley, KLA President

I write this sitting on the dock listening to Mother Nature calling with loons, ducks, geese and bald eagles flying overhead. Then it hit me, Kabekona is also calling. We welcome spring and are blessed that we can hear the calling of wildlife on our lake, but we are also called to listen to our lake needs and respond. We have a lot of exciting activities planned this year with Shoreland Advisors, Stop Spiny campaigns and the diligence to stop any AIS from entering our lake. The lake has called and the Board along with service groups and committees have answered. We continue to call for additional talent that have property on our lake to see what they can do in any capacity, to help out. One of my favorite people, Sportscaster Jim Nantz, owns a vineyard in California and has called his great wines "A Calling". Let's celebrate this Spring and listen to the calling of the lake !

We are and shall remain, Kabekona Strong !

KLA Calendar

JUNE

- 7.....Board Mtg.
- 8.....Zoom Coffee
- 9.....Men's Breakfast
- 16.....Zoom Book Club
- 22.....Zoom Coffee

No KLA picnic this year due to Covid

JULY

- 4....Boat Parade 10:30
- 12....Board Mtg.
- 14....Men's Breakfast
- 21....Zoom? Book Club

August

- 2....Board Meeting
- 11...Men's Breakfast
- ?.....Annual Meeting
(Plans are still developing)
- 19....Zoom? Book Club

*More information to come.
Watch the KLA website...

KLF: Lots of Conservation Happening!

by: Sue Schiess

Thanks to your generous giving to KLF, we've been able to fund a number of worthy projects!

1. \$15,000 to fund inspectors at the public landing. Not only could we pay our usual share, we could make up the shortfall from Hubbard County.
2. \$2500 contribution to a Soil and Water Conservation District project to reduce the amount of E. coli entering the lake from the Kabekona River.
3. \$1500 to fund our share of a study of Kabekona Lake vegetation for which Ingrid Bey secured a matching grant from Hubbard County COLA.
4. \$3000 to pay for ongoing maintenance of lake management equipment

And we're talking to Northern Waters Land Trust about helping to raise \$100,000 over the next two years to purchase 640 acres of forest that The Conservation Fund acquired from Potlatch Corporation. NWLT has about \$1,000,000 in grants to purchase the land but can spend it only if there is a 10% match. We certainly won't be asked to contribute all of that, but since Kabekona Lake will benefit more directly than any other, we'll be in the thick of it. For information on how forests protect water quality, see <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/trees/forests-clean-water.html>. We are incredibly fortunate to be surrounded by so much forest! Let's keep it that way!

CALENDAR NOTES: Book Club info, contact Martha Vetter (vettermartha@yahoo.com)
Zoom Coffee info, contact Steve Larson (kabekonalake@yahoo.com)
Men's Breakfast: 2nd Wed. of the month, year round, 8:30am Jimmy's, Walker

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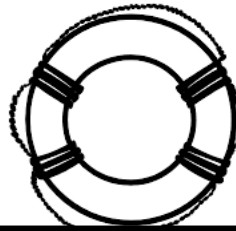
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**Committed to preserve
and protect Kabekona
Lake**

**KLA
NEEDS
YOUR
Help**



**Please
VOLUNTEER**

Your KLA is looking for volunteers to help keep our association a great one! This association works best if everyone chips in. No matter what your interests and abilities are, there is a place for you on the KLA team!

Our current and near future vacancies include some leads and support members in various groups, including:

- *Social & Community
- *Information Systems
- *Historian

***Lake Management**

contact Gary Roberts, 507-381-3105
(rideasmallship@gmail.com)

***KLF**

contact Sue Schiess by May 29
(sschiess@mac.com)

We are grateful to the present (and past) leaders and members of these various groups for their help. Members and leaders of these groups are terming out and we need help if we want to continue enjoying our lake, events and activities. It would be sad to lose any of these. Contact any board member for info.

KLA REQUESTS

The KLA asks that members' "Currents" and newsletter subscription be changed to online access, if at all possible. We understand that it may not be possible for everyone. It is expensive and time consuming to mail out issues.

Contact: Rosy Albers, (ralbers2@msn.com) with changes

KLA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Joe and Carolyn Arndt Per Anderson Jim Williamson
Chad and Peggy Malm Hedi Moussavi Deb Bauler
Raul and Dana Ecobar

Please send your dues for 2021 to: KLA, PO Box 8, Laporte, MN 56461. Dues are still \$25/year; \$50/2 years. Thanks for your ongoing support of this wonderful lake association.

KLA Board extends Special Thanks to these Retiring Board Members...

- *Kris Bateman (President) for her leadership and commitment to the KLA Board.
 - *Martha Vetter (ex officio) for her years of KLA dedication and leadership on the KLA Board.
 - *Cheryl Hoium for her efforts in building and maintaining our impressive KLA archives.
- and
- *All former board members, committee chairs and KLA members who have helped make the KLA the wonderful lake association that it is!

KABEKONA COOKS!

The KLA is going to be making a cookbook using recipes of those that live or vacation at Kabekona Lake. We are excited to assemble various recipes that are dear and near to your hearts and may include local ingredients such as blueberries, maple syrup, honey, or anything you think others would enjoy using in the future. Maybe it's a handed down recipe from a Kabekona generation past or a brunch recipe that's inherited from a recent family member, we are looking for your culinary cuisine! You may include up to 6 different recipes and are invited to submit a brief history of that recipe (i.e. where/whom it came from/family traditions/ etc).

Please send them to Sarah Carlson at:

sacarlson12345@gmail.com

Deadline is August 1, 2021.

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3727 Valley View Dr. NE
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SOLVING LAKE MYSTERIES

Have you noticed that Kabekona's roads are lined with many interesting and eye catching signs and names? Do you ever wonder about them? Well, here is your chance to solve some mysteries.

Here's the plan. Please include information on past and/or current cabin names and signs. Here are some ideas:

- * The story behind the current cabin name/sign
- * How long the cabin has had this name/sign
- * History of the cabin (when built etc., if known)
- * Relation (if any) to the present cabin owner

Feel free to contact: Stef Westphal
(stefmyown@aol.com) with questions, information, if you'd prefer to be interviewed, etc.

Exciting news!

Kabekona is going to have an Aquatic Vegetation Survey done on the lake this summer. The survey is going to be conducted by RMB Environmental Labs, Inc. This type of survey has not been done on the lake since 2005. It will give us an accurate assessment of all the aquatic plants in the lake. We hope to continue to find no invasive plants in the lake. But if they are detected, it will give us a chance to take action. This is part of the on-going commitment of the Kabekona Lake Association (KLA) to protect the lake from Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).

And even better news! The KLA has just been awarded the Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA) Charitable Fund Grant. This grant will cover half the cost of the survey.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ingrid Bey at belleacres@earthlink.net.

STOP SPiNY WATER FLEAS!

What the heck is a spiny water flea?

Spiny water fleas are an invasive freshwater zooplankton. Zooplankton are a diverse group of tiny animals found in oceans, seas, and bodies of freshwater. Once introduced, spiny water fleas can take over the bottom of the lake's food web. They are considered a food web dead end. They eat all the food and have explosive growth. They are aggressive predators of native zooplankton, resulting in decreased food sources for fish, including walleye. They cause an increase in algal blooms. They have a long tail spine with multiple barbs near the base. Due to their sharp, barbed tail spine, young native fish cannot consume the spiny water flea.

How do these little dudes move around?

Recreational boaters and anglers inadvertently move spiny water fleas or their eggs on fishing lines, bait buckets, live wells, or fishing nets. Their tail

(Stop Spiny Water Fleas continued)

barbs are prone to tangling on fishing lines and cables. No control methods exist or are in development for this species. Right now, PREVENTION is our only tool to fight spiny water fleas.

What can we do?

Spiny water fleas are highly susceptible to drying when removed from water. Current research has shown that Swedish dishcloths are one of the most effective ways to wipe and dry equipment and remove sticky spiny water fleas. Swedish dishcloths are made of plant-based cellulose and cotton. They combine the benefits of a regular dishcloth with the higher absorption properties of a sponge. They are compostable, biodegradable and reusable, but not recyclable. They dry very quickly. This makes them ideal for use in wiping and drying fishing lines and reels.

STOP THE SPREAD...of spiny water fleas.

Wipe fishing lines and reels.
Drain and wipe livewells.
Drain and wipe bait buckets.

Learn more (including photos) at StopSpiny.org



Sticky Spiny Water Fleas on fishing line

**Hubbard County Coalition of Lakes
Association (HC COLA)
Shoreland Advisors Program**

Shoreland Advisors are volunteer coaches who are invited by the lakeshore property owner to walk with them on their lake home property, listening and sharing ideas and insights for preventing runoff and erosion, and promoting water quality. Volunteers have completed the HC COLA Shoreland Advisors Training Program. We are friendly volunteers who love the lake and shoreland. Our goal is to improve and protect lakes and rivers by pairing volunteer advisors with property owners. We are by no means experts. We just love the lake and the land and would love to explore alternative lawn practices with you.

Stand on your property and take a look.

How can you slow the water down and hold it on

the landscape? How can you intercept the runoff before it reaches the lake? Consider letting the water soak in and use plants to take up the nutrients. EASY! SLOW THE FLOW!

Things to consider-

Rain gardens, rain barrels, shoreline restoration, shoreland buffers, grassed swales, pollinator gardens, native plants, septic maintenance, zero-phosphorus lawns...

HAVE WE GOT YOU THINKING? INTERESTED???

We would love to help. Sue Schiess and Ingrid Bey on Kabekona Lake have completed the HC COLA Shoreland Advisor Training Program. We would love to connect with you. Contact us if you would like to schedule a visit to walk your lakeshore property. We can't wait to meet you.

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