



Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for attending the 2018 Mission Lakes Association Annual Meeting. The Lakes Association Board is dedicated to keeping our lakes healthy and clean in order for everyone to continue to enjoy recreational activities for years to come. The board is also keen on educating everyone who lives on or uses the lakes about environmental issues threatening them and what is being done to mitigate current and future threats. Each year, Crow Wing County provides funds for the treatment of Eurasian watermilfoil. Until this year, it has contributed up to \$5,000 per lake. This year that amount has shrunk to \$4,000 per lake. The cost to treat an acre of is approximately between \$1,000 and \$1,800. Last year a total of 16.5 acres were treated on Upper Mission at a cost of \$14,510, and a total of 8.85 acres were treated on Lower Mission at a cost of \$7,689. We anticipate treating approximately the same this year. We receive no funds from the DNR or the county to treat Curly-leaf Pondweed. Donations and association membership fees underwrite this expense. Last year, the company PLM treated 8.5 acres on Lower Mission at a cost of \$4,358.80 and 16.4 acres on Upper Mission at a cost of \$8,409.92. We anticipate something similar this year.

Currently, membership in the Mission Lakes Association stands at about 40% among all the property owners on the lakes. The annual membership fee is only \$20. These funds provide an important part of what we have available to use for combating aquatic invasive species (AIS). The board believes that personally inviting non-members to join will be effective in increasing the membership. We're asking you to consider being a part of our "Reach Out" campaign. Each recruiter would have a list of property owners with whom they would visit personally to educate about the financial needs for combating AIS and how this is beneficial to everyone living on and using the lakes.

We will be meeting at the home of Rebecca Timmins and Michael Barnes on Saturday, August 4 at 10:00 a.m. to receive more information and discuss the best ways of talking with our neighbors about this important issue. Even if you are unable to attend this meeting but are interested in being a part of the "Reach Out" campaign, please let us know, and we will provide the information to you. Please contact Rebecca at 952-797-3383 or rrtimmins@hotmail.com to indicate your level of interest and if you will be attending the August 4th meeting. The home is at 26291 County Road 19.

Even if you are unable to be a part of the "Reach Out" campaign, we would love to have feedback from you about our annual meeting. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, we'd love to hear them. Feel free to forward those to Rebecca as well.

Sincerely,

The Mission Lakes Association Board