

# ***Clearwater Lake Property Owners Association***

P.O. Box 476  
Annandale, MN 55302

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## **2016 Summer Newsletter**

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### **A word from our president...**

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Hope everyone is having a great and safe summer on the lake. I'd like to share with you how excited I was after our last board meeting. The current board members are energized, with many great ideas and suggestions that will take the CLPO to the next level. They have really raised the bar going forward!

The Board formed two groups during the last meeting:

Membership: Chaired by Mark Wilkins  
Communication: Chaired by Wendy Nelson

Just a couple of programs the Membership Group have started to work on.

- Develop programs to attract new members to CLPO
- Telling the Story of what CLPO uses your membership dues for.
- Gather information from the Membership on what they'd like to see the board work on.
- What type of events would you like to have, Picnic, Golf Event, Annual Meeting or, this is an open ended question, so PLEASE provide CLPO with your thoughts and ideas.

Here is what the Communications group is working on.

Creating and implementing a new website. (Anticipated completion by Sept 15, 2016 – An email will be sent to all email addresses we have on file letting you know when it's complete. You will also be able to pay your dues online with the new website.)

- What type of communication would the membership like to keep you updated on CLPO News? A new website where you can also pay your dues online if you'd like, CLPO Facebook site, Mailers, OR all three?
- How often do you want to receive updates regarding CLPO?

The board's main focus over the next few months is Membership and Communications, which will result in an association YOU will be proud to be a member of.

A HUGE thank you to Tim Isle for his work on this year's milfoil program. Tim spearheaded a new treatment plan using Lake Restoration in the treatment of our lakes milfoil. Lake Restoration uses a completely different method of getting the chemical to the milfoil, which resulted in a "lower overall cost" to the program. Nice work Tim!

I want to announce that we will not be having a CLPO Picnic this year; with mixed feedback regarding last year's picnic along with not being able to find a place on the lake at a cost we could afford. The membership committee may hold it in late spring in combination with a membership drive. More to come!

If you have not paid you're dues this year, please complete the last page & mail your \$20 to:

Attn: Membership  
CLPO  
PO Box 476  
Annandale, MN 55302

Also, on the last page, there's a questionnaire that we'd greatly appreciate if you could complete and either mail back or email to: [clpomn@gmail.com](mailto:clpomn@gmail.com)

Lastly, if you have feedback for me or the board, please let us know. You may email me at [irwinss@hotmail.com](mailto:irwinss@hotmail.com), send a letter addressed to the CLPO PO Box or call me at 320-428-3559.

Thank you,

Steve Irwin  
President  
CLPO

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## CLPO Board of Directors

### Officers:

Association President:	Steve Irwin – 320-428-3559 <a href="mailto:irwinss@hotmail.com">irwinss@hotmail.com</a>
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### Board Members:

Kathy Irwin  
Tim Isle  
Bill Lovegren  
John Holb  
Keith Beckman  
Myron Damberger  
Jim Kutzner  
Mark Bertelsen  
Scott Dehmer  
Westin and Wendy Nelson  
Steve and Diane Maeyaert  
Mark Wilkins  
Joel Dehmer

**Membership & Communication Committee:** [clpomn@gmail.com](mailto:clpomn@gmail.com)

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## Zebra Mussels:

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Zebra Mussels were discovered on Clearwater Lake on July 5, 2015. The MN DNR came out on July 8<sup>th</sup> to investigate. They did find zebra mussels attached to clam shells. They ranged in size from 1.4 cm to 2.6 cm. Currently there are no options for treatment against the Zebra Mussels. Lake Minnetonka is currently testing a product (called Zequanox) in a few of their areas during the month of July & August – results to come later.



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## Milfoil Update:

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Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) was discovered in Clearwater Lake in 1989 and the [Clearwater Lake Owners Association](#) continues to work diligently to keep this invasive species in check and maintain our water quality.

Our Lake Association was one the first private groups to do its own Eurasian Water Milfoil treatment in the State of Minnesota. In previous years, the CLPO has treated up to 116 acres of Milfoil on the lake requiring hundreds of volunteer man hours.

For the 2016 season, the CLPO voted to move the application to an outside vendor (Lake Restoration). Benefits from making this move will be seen as:

- Reduce Liability
- DNR Management and Coordination
- Workforce (Lack of volunteers needed)
- Efficiency and Expertise
- Lower cost of application

Special thanks to Tim Isle for his continued leadership in coordinating this important issue.



**Applicator applying liquid 2-4D using subsurface injection**

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## Starry Stonewort:

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Starry stonewort is a grass-like form of algae that are not native to North America. The plant was first confirmed in Minnesota in Lake Koronis (Stearns County) in late August of 2015. Plant fragments were probably brought into the state on a trailered watercraft from infested waters in another state.



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## Decontamination:

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To help fight Aquatic Invasive Species

What YOU can do!

1. Inspect all watercraft, trailers, and water-related equipment; remove any visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species before leaving any water access.
2. Drain water from boat, live-well, bilge, impellor, bait containers and other equipment holding water before leaving any water access. If you want to keep your live bait after draining bait containers, you must replace water in bait containers with either tap or spring water.
3. Dispose of unwanted bait into the trash. It's illegal to release live bait into a water body or release aquatic animals from water body into another.
4. If you have been in any other lake, take your boat to the FREE aquatic invasive species decontamination washing station. (A collaboration between Wright County Soil & Water & Bishop AIS Services)

Where: Anchor Dock & Lift Storage Facility – 240 Poplar Ave, Annandale, MN 55302 (Behind Classic Hall)

When: 10 AM – 7 PM, 7 Days a week

Questions: Chip Purcell 952-212-9863 or Jefferson Bishop 320-274-6500

Cost: Free

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## Our History...

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**Bungalow Island** – The island was purchased by Orrin L. Cofield in 1912 for \$300. He built a hotel and offered rustic camp sites. Cofield established a ferry from the southwest side. For a short time the island attracted huge crowds for dinner and dancing. It fell into disrepair during prohibition. In 1983 one-hundred year old bones of a man in his 40s and a woman, age 17-20, were found on the island. Nothing further can be learned about the bones.



An interesting bit of Annandale history is connected with Cofield's Bungalow Island Hotel. About 1915 or so, Cofield established a ferry to the island and soon after built a "delightful" hotel, which for a short time drew large crowds from Minneapolis. However, prohibition, anti-gambling laws, and transportation difficulties all contributed to the decline of the hotel. Eventually, the owner destroyed it because of the vandalism taking place there. The island's past is steeped in mystery, which includes possible murder." - Annandale Centennial book.

**Murray Inn** – The largest resort during the 1930s was the Murray Inn on Clearwater Lake. The hotel and cottages had accommodations for 150 people with a rate of \$3.50/day or \$18.00/week with ice and rowboat. *Vacation Days of the Past*, Oak Realty, fall 2002



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# Why Join the Clearwater Lake Property Owners Association (CLPO)?

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Owning and or living on a lakefront property has many advantages. Not only will you be able to wake up next to an idyllic and beautiful nature scene, but you can enjoy all kind of activities on the water.

CLPO works to preserve, protect and defend the quality, safety and natural beauty of Clearwater, Otter & Grass Lake. Your annual membership dues are essential, as they support the Association's activities that will help keep our lake a beautiful jewel for generations to come. Here are some examples:

1. CLPO works to help identify threats of aquatic invasive species (AIS)
2. We work with local and state authorities to secure funding to combat AIS and other lake improvements.
3. We negotiate contracts for hiring milfoil treatment. In past years this was done by physical labor of lake association residents.
4. Have provided Copper Sulfate treatment to the Narrows as a benefit to all who use the Sand Bar during the 4th of July weekend.
5. We are a liaison between State and County COLAs (Coalition of Lake Associations).
6. Contact point for residents with lake issues.
7. Annual Meeting and bring in speakers to discuss current lake items.
8. We work to keep proper signage at all public and private accesses reminding boaters to properly take care of their boats before and after they visit our lake.
9. We maintain a civil defense and weather emergency siren.
10. Provide newsletters keeping you informed about the lake.
11. Work with both Stearns and Wright Counties to obtain AIS ramp monitoring and public education.
12. Attend conferences, meetings, webinar, and conference calls to educate ourselves on issues like AIS, issues MN's Lakes are facing today and in the future, and how Land Management impact our lakes.
13. Works with non profits originations, our state and county legislature to suggest changes to state/county laws processes and the DNR's programs.

# CLPO Member Contact Info & Survey:

## 2016 CLPO Annual Membership: \$20 Annual Fee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2016 CLPO Survey: Please circle

1. How do you want to receive newsletters/communications from CLPO?    Email    Mail    Website

2. How many newsletters would you prefer per year?    One    Two    Three

3. What type of events would you like to have?    Circle all that apply

Annual Meeting    Picnic    Annual Meeting with a picnic afterwards    Golf Event

Other: (PLEASE provide CLPO with your thoughts and ideas)

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4. Would you be willing to help with any of these & which ones?    Yes    No

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## Please mail this page along with your membership dues to:

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If your dues are already paid, please either email this form to: [clpomn@gmail.com](mailto:clpomn@gmail.com) or mail to the PO Box above.    Thank you!!

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