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A message from the President – Jean Chadwick

As I type my final letter as your president I'm reflecting on the years and projects we've completed. I've been active in my pursuit of AIS education and volunteer projects. I just completed a pilot class for the University of Minnesota Extension called AIS Management 101. The part I want to share with you are the three major steps dealing with AIS. The first is prevention, second is early detection, and third is management. Prevention is through awareness and taking responsibility for our actions when entering and leaving water bodies. Early detection is what I'd like to focus on. I spent four hours this July going around the lake to search for Curly-leaf Pondweed, Eurasian Watermilfoil, and Starry Stonewort. I was happy that none of the three I was searching for were found. Here's where you come in. Brielle Prokosch is the new Program Tech at Clearwater SWCD and will eventually be taking over the AIS program. She will be replacing Chester Powell as our contact person. If each of us monitor our shorelines for suspicious weeds, together we'd be able to accomplish early detection of AIS.

The University of MN bookstore has an AIS ID Guide available here:

<https://bookstores.umn.edu/product/book/ais-identification-guide-minnesota-handbook>

The book you purchase has pages that can be submersed in water to obtain a picture of the questionable plant. The same book is available for download in a printable PDF version for free here: <https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/ais-idguide>

I've been discouraged by the declining membership numbers and attendance at meetings. I realize we're all busy and most likely have family visiting on these holiday weekends. Maybe it's time we revisit changing our meeting times in hopes of increased participation, please bring your ideas to our meeting. I'd also ask that you invite your neighbors to attend with you.

We also have election of board members at our meeting. This is important for your representation. The following are up for re-election: Bill Johnson, treasurer. Bill has done a fantastic job in this role and has indicated a willingness to run for re-election. Skip Anderson, Vice President. Skip has indicated he'd run for the board again but not for an officer position on the board. Skip's wealth of knowledge on the lake and surrounding area make him a great ambassador for our organization. Fred Sundquist, board member and representative to BCLARA. Fred is also willing to run as a board member and representative to BCLARA. Fred's presence at BCLARA provides representation for our association along with keeping us informed of issues the lakes in our area are facing. Jean Chadwick, President, will not seek re-election to the board. As exiting president, I am automatically on the board for another three years to support the incoming president, so this is not an elected position.

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Labor Day Weekend Meeting & Pot Luck Meal

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ALL MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

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Saturday August 31, 2019

Moore's Garage

(7 houses east of the public access)

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Board Meeting: 3:00 p.m.

Pot Luck Meal: 5:00 p.m.

General Meeting follows the meal

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Bring your favorite dish to pass
along with plates, utensils and
lawn chair – coffee and lemonade provided

SPRING MEETING *Re-cap*

**Happy
Labor Day
to all!**

We salute
our great
workforce
and wish for a safe
and happy ending
to another
wonderful summer
on Clearwater
Lake!

Here is a snap shot of items covered during the CLAA spring General Meeting:

- water quality testing began June 9th and will end with the final testing on September 8th. The prior year-end summary is online and posted on the CLAA website
- all four properties associated with the Enbridge Ecofootprint Grant have been completed and approved
- roadside cleanup on the two mile stretch is complete
- four CLAA positions are up for re-election
- snow plowing issue on the north shore – will address at the fall meeting

**For a full and complete version of the Spring 2019
General Meeting Minutes,
please go online to the CLAA website**

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A Message from the President...continued

As your president I think new representation can energize, renew, and refocus our mission. I implore you to consider being elected to the board. I plan to continue my focus on AIS with volunteer hours and education.

I leave you with information I've received from the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center:

nine new research projects

1. Developing carp removal schemes using social learning behaviors
2. Historical analyses of spiny waterflea invasion patterns
3. AIS impacts on walleye populations and mercury concentrations
4. Field validation of multibeam sonar zebra mussel detection
5. Impacts of invader removal on native vegetation recovery
6. Genetics to improve hybrid and Eurasian watermilfoil management
7. Evaluating innovative coatings to suppress priority AIS
8. Will property values cool as AIS heat up
9. Evaluation of koi herpesvirus for use as a potential biocontrol agent for common carp in Minnesota

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