On Tuesday, July 2nd, the harvesting crew started the day by cutting the southeast shoreline of Upper Clam Lake from the boat landing down to the river inlet opening. They cut behind the island for a couple of passes before heading over to the elevator to transfer the weeds to the truck, for deposal, only to find the elevator wasn’t working properly. This elevator was running great the week before. The assumption is some animals got into it. If you can help us get it running call Jim Lang @ 651-295-0672.

Jim Lang and Bob Gideo removed that elevator and brought it back to the pole shed. They moved the elevator from the boat landing on Lower Clam to the boat landing in Sunfish Bay on Upper Clam. John Hager continued with the harvester to Hideaway Bay. He made 6 passes through that bay before moving on to Sunfish Bay. Time allowed him to make a couple of passes through that bay before unloading the weeds for removal.

The water is heating up and the weeds are continuing to grow. The weed growth is a concern. We believe this season is more typical of many past years on Clam Lake but not near the problem we had last year. Although we have weeds, Clam Lake is historically a weedy lake, we have yet to see the floating mats of weeds we had last year. Please keep in mind that cutting lake weeds is not like cutting a lawn. If the weeds are not above the surface, we can’t see them to cut. Weeds just below the surface cause lots of problems but are difficult to cut efficiently. We will continue monitor, and harvest, weeds as weather and conditions permit. We hope to get the second elevator back working again ASAP so we have a fully functioning operation.

There has also been questions and concerns about the current water levels. The PRD does not have any control over the dam operations. Board member Rick Peterson has volunteered to contact Burnett County to find out what is happening to our lake level and when is it going to be corrected. As soon as he finds some answers, I will update the residents again.

The Clam Lake PRD sponsored boat parade will take place today at 11:00. Those participating will be meeting up in front of Jed’s starting at 10:45. If you haven’t registered at the Narrows, you can still do so at the starting spots prior to 11:00. The parade will end at Jed’s with judging for the best decorated boat. There is a $100 for 1st, $50 for 2nd, and $25 for 3rd.  Come join us and help make this parade an annual event.