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Lake level down, Eurasian watermilfoil up

WHITE BEAR LAKE — Lake Quality Committee Chair Mike Parenteau of the White Bear Lake Conservation District reported at the Sept. 19 meeting the lake is a couple inches lower than a month ago. The reading was 922.98 feet, which is still 7.25 inches higher than last year at this time. The temperature was 68 degrees, same as last year.

The Eurasian watermilfoil treatment was ineffective in some areas, Parenteau said. There may be changes in future application methods. A less expensive product was used this year, so treatment costs

came in significantly under the \$43,000 budgeted.

He added that more milfoil appeared later in the season but it's too late to get the permit from the Department of Natural Resources and arrange treatment. "Once the treatment is in the water, it takes about two weeks to knock the plants down," Parenteau explained. "We only get one chance a summer because of the time it takes everything to happen."

Aquatics expert Steve McComas will attend the Oct. 17 meeting to give his annual milfoil report. The public is invited to attend. Nicknamed "the lake

doctor," McComas "can answer any question about the lake," according to Parenteau.

It was noted at last month's meeting that both Otter and Birch lakes are covered with Eurasian watermilfoil.

In other district news, Dellwood is minus one representative on the conservation board due to the resignation of Pat McCann last month.

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