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Horseshoe Lake Property Owner's Association

MISSION - To protect, preserve, and enhance Horseshoe Lake and its surrounding area. To assure the continued health of the lake's ecosystem, safe and healthy family living, high quality fish and wildlife habitat and the survival of these natural gifts for future generations.

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President's Corner

Greetings on this beautiful July day at the lake! Our annual Mission Fire Fair will take place at Mission Park today. We were reminded this spring of the importance to support our local fire department. Be sure to continue supporting all of the fund raising events through the year for our Mission Fire Department!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 5, 2017. Our annual HLPOA members meeting will be held at the Mission Town Hall. Our agenda is included in this newsletter. Speaking of membership, did you know that we have one of the highest percentages of members in HLPOA when compared with surrounding lakes. We are 208 members strong! There are another 40 or so properties that we would hope will join. If you know a new neighbor or someone who would like to join, please let us know and we will contact them!

Beach Camp Fires – Nothing is more relaxing that joining friends and family for an evening campfire at the lake. Were you aware that unwanted nutrients seep into our lake from the ashes of beach campfires? These nutrients can lead to algae and reduce water quality. It is best to hold fires back away from the lake shore or to be sure the ashes are contained in a portable fire pit that can be emptied away from the lake.

Annual Labor Day Weekend HLPOA Picnic – Please plan to join your fellow members at our annual picnic. The picnic will be held at 11:30 AM on Saturday September 2, 2017 at Mission Park. This is an opportunity for all members to meet old and new friends. Awards will also be presented at the picnic for our youth who participated in the morning fishing tournament.

See you on the lake and at the annual meeting! **Bob Kalton, HLPOA President**

Mark your Calendar

HLPOA ANNUAL Meeting 8 AM
Saturday, **Aug. 5** -Mission Town Hall
Social Time 8:00 AM -Coffee/Donuts!!
Meeting at 8:30 AM

Kids Fishing Contest & Potluck
Saturday, **Sept. 2**

- **FISHING CONTEST** 7:30-10:45 AM
- **HLPOA POTLUCK** 11:30 AM
For Everyone on the lake - Details inside

Calendar Dates for 2017

HLPOA Board Meetings are at **8:30 AM** on
Saturdays at Mission Town Hall

- May 6 BOARD MEETING
- June 10 BOARD MEETING
- **July 4th Boat Parade—Noon**
- July 8 BOARD MEETING
- **August 5 Annual Meeting**
- August 12 BOARD MEETING
- **September 2 Fishing Contest/Potluck**
- September 9 BOARD MEETING



BE AWARE! There have been a rash of thefts on the lake. Crosslake Police had **7** reports of gas cans and/or batteries taken off pontoons and boats before July 4th! Sheriff may have more.

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-4th of July Boat Parade

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Committee Reports

Water Quality and AIS Management

Starry Stonewort is the new threat that has come to our attention in the invasive species arena! Information on the Starry Stonewort is on the DNR website: www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticplants/starrystonewort.

You can also find a Star Tribune article if you google: *star tribune starry stonewort*.



What is starry stonewort? Starry stonewort are grass-like algae that are not native to North America. The plant was first confirmed in Minnesota in Lake Koronis, near Paynesville in 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. In August of 2016, starry stonewort was confirmed in several north-central Minnesota lakes in Beltrami, Itasca and Cass counties.

Why is starry stonewort a problem? Starry stonewort can interfere with recreational and other uses of lakes where it can produce dense mats at the water's surface. These mats are similar to, but can be more extensive than, those produced by native vegetation. Dense starry stonewort mats may displace native aquatic plants.

What can people do to prevent its spread? The most important action you can take to limit the spread of starry stonewort and other non-native aquatic plants is to "**Clean, Drain, Dispose**".

CLEAN all vegetation, animals, mud and debris from your watercraft and any water-related equipment before you move it from one body of water to another. **DRAIN** all water from your watercraft and bait bucket, keep drain plugs out during transport, and **DISPOSE** of any unwanted bait in the trash.

Clean, Drain, Dispose is required by law in Minnesota.

On Horseshoe Lake, I have collected water samples for the Zebra Mussel Veliger monitoring program which is sponsored by Crow Wing County Land Services. One sample was taken in the west bay - north end and two samples from the east bay - north end and near boat landing. The samples will be sent in for testing on July 17.

Secchi Disk readings on July 1 were: East bay - 13.5 feet. West bay - 14 feet

Jerry Martin, Water Quality and AIS Management

Zebra Mussels Found In Lake Edward

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources confirmed zebra mussels were found in Lake Edward and the Mahnomen Mine Pit No. 1 in Crow Wing County.

A DNR invasive species specialist confirmed an adult zebra mussel in the beach area of a Lake Edward resort north of Merrifield. The DNR confirmed a second zebra mussel about a half-mile from the initial report site, a news release from the agency said Thursday.

In the second location, a DNR invasive species specialist responded to a report of a single zebra mussel in the Mahnomen Mine Pit No. 1 near Crosby and found multiple adult mussels in the lake. The Mahnomen Mine Pit lake is connected to Pennington, Arco, Alstead, and Mahnomen 2 and 3 in the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area.

A more extensive survey of both waters will be conducted to determine how widely zebra mussels may be present. Signs at lake accesses were updated to alert boaters to the presence of zebra mussels.

Dave Baker, Water Quality and AIS Management

Committee Reports



KIDS FISHING Contest & HLPOA Potluck

Sign up your kids or grandkids for contest.



The picnic is for everyone on the lake!

Saturday, September 2, 2017

- Contest for HLPOA members kids age 16 and under. (Annual association dues must be paid in advance for current year.)
- HLPOA Potluck Picnic (details below)

CONTEST REGISTRATION 7:30-8:00 AM

\$5 per boat **East Basin** - Register at Public Access

West Basin - Register at Richard and Pam Heller's dock

Measurement of Catch 10:15-10:45 AM

Same Place as Registration - Look for balloons on registration docks

HLPOA POTLUCK PICNIC (FOR ALL LAKE OWNERS) AT MISSION PARK Shelter 11:30 AM

Bring your own plates, silverware, and a tablecloth if you like. Also bring either a casserole, salad, and/or cookies/bars with enough for each group of 4 people (or large enough to feed your group). Lemonade provided. Love Potlucks!

FISHING AWARDS AFTER POTLUCK — All contestants will be awarded some Prize (cash or fishing tackle)

Prizes to the biggest in four categories: Sunny, Crappie, Bass, Northern/Walleye. \$50 Grand Prize to the biggest fish!

Winners—1st=\$20, 2nd=\$10, 3rd=\$5

Good Luck Kids!

Kim Kalton and Bob Kalton, Fishing Contest

Wildlife

We took extensive tours of each basin looking for loons June 29 and July 2nd. Most exciting was that there were two babies and adults on the east basin. The channel watcher said she seen a baby earlier but when we saw the channel pair, they were nesting again indicating that something must have happened to it. Marlin thinks that that big northern that lives in the channel got it.

We have not seen the pair that nest in the lagoon for a long time. In an effort to find them, we asked some people sunbathing on the west lake and they said they had heard a pair fly over heading toward Pelican.



Nesting Information: www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Common_Loon/lifehistory: “Loons nest in quiet, protected, hidden spots of lakeshore, typically in the lee of islands or in a sheltered back bay. Loons can’t walk well on land, so nests are built close to a bank, often with a steep drop-off that allows the bird to approach the nest from underwater. They also use artificial nesting platforms, which people have offered as alternative habitat on lakes with extensive shoreline development. Many times a nesting pair of loons will reuse the same site the following year, refurbishing their old nest instead of building a new one... The finished nest is about 22 inches wide and looks like a clump of dead grasses by the edge of the water.” Marlin and Gwen Sackett, Wildlife



Membership

246 Property Owners on the Lake

209 Paid Memberships as of 7-15-17

37 Not Paid

The dues statements are attached to this newsletter and they continue to be \$35 again this year. Either mail it to the address on the form or bring it to the annual meeting. Thank you in advance for your membership.

Note that part of your dues goes into the LAKE PROTECTION FUND. Through your dues and your generous contributions in excess of that, you, as a member of the Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association have been able to add \$7130 to this fund in 2016-2017. Good work!

Keep up the donations because if/when we get in a fight with aquatic invasive species, it will be expensive, and the current fund balance of \$43,444.37 will just be a drop in the bucket.

I need to point out that these donations are not tax deductible because we are not a 501(c)(3) organization.

Rob Saunders, Membership Chair

4th of July Parade



First Place to Tom & Cammie Laurence - **"Pirate Ship"**

**4TH OF
JULY**



Second Place to The Lokensgard Family - **"Superheros"**

2017 Horseshoe Lake Parade

Thank you to *this years participants!*

Did you know...

- 14 boats finished (16 started out)
- Parade lasted about 1 hour & 15 minutes
- Winner has their name added to the back of the Traveling Trophy
- Last years winner judged this years parade
- The Commodore has their name added to the back of the Horseshoe Lake Parade Plaque

This Years Commodore:
Carol & Tom Losey

The Judges:
Gibas Family Boat

Congratulations Winners!

Tom Losey,
Boat Parade Committee

Lake Information



Be a Good Neighbor

Have you noticed that the recycling station at the Mission Township site is being abused?

The bins are regularly emptied every week, but during holidays they fill up fast. So if the bins are full, do not leave your recycling piled on the ground around the bins for animals to get into and to make extra work for the recycling crew. Be patient and bring it back next week.

Be a good neighbor :)

If you were at the recycling center recently, did you notice the mattresses, a couch, and a TV that were left there? These items go to the Crow Wing County Landfill but not at the Mission Township Recycling site. Please contact CWC Landfill for hours and what they will take.

Be a good neighbor:)

On Going Events

- **RECYCLING** at Mission Town Hall 24/7; Oil will be accepted
- **SPORTSMAN STORE - Gathering Place** for
Men at 9:00 AM Wednesdays
Women at 10:00 AM Thursdays
- **MISSION TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS**
First Monday/month 7 pm at Town Hall
TOWNSHIP NEWS www.missiontownship.org
- **WOMEN'S AUXILIARY** - Meetings are 3rd Wednesday/month
Raises money to support Fire Department . No membership fee.
Contact Dar Hays 218-765-3616 bdnhays@brainerd.net.
- **TRANSFER STATION** open April-October



DO YOU KNOW WHY NOT TO HAVE A CAMPFIRE ON THE BEACH?

In local news recently, the Whitefish Area Property Owners' Association (visit www.WAPOA.org) published an ad in the paper answering this question. WAPOA says "Everything we do is related to protecting the quality of our lakes". HLPOA is also concerned that we do our part to protect our lakes and that includes things we personally have control over.

Here is a summary of that ad:

Fire pit ash contains calcium, phosphorus, magnesium and other micronutrients which can wash out of the fire pit during rainfall and have an adverse effect on the lake by promoting plant and algae growth in the lake.

- **Locate fire pits at least 25 feet from the lake** to allow the run-off and ash to seep into the ground and be filtered before the unwanted chemicals can run into the lake.
- **Clean fire pits frequently** to reduce the amount of ash that can flow into the lake.

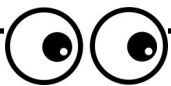


NEW OWNERS ON THE LAKE? CONTACT US

If you know you have a New Owner as a neighbor, please email or call us with a name and at least a lake address so we can get them added to the mailing list and provide them with latest newsletter and a copy of the Lake Directory.

Membership – Rob Saunders

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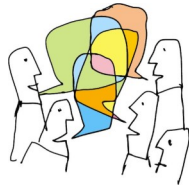


HLPOA Membership Signs will be for sale at the August 5th Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting - Aug. 5, 2017



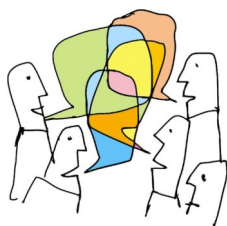
HLPOA ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA



8:00 AM—SOCIAL TIME
COFFEE, JUICE, ROLLS



1. 8:30 AM Welcome
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduction of Board and Committee Members
4. Review 2016 Minutes - Vote
5. Treasurer's Report - Vote
6. Fire Department Update – Randy Roach
7. Police Department Update – Erik Lee
8. Shoreline Management – Jon Kolstad
9. Water Quality Report – Jerry Martin
10. Public Access AIS Monitoring – Dave Baker
11. Driveway Signs – Pam Heller
12. Boat Parade Awards – Tom Losey
13. Horseshoe Lake Memorabilia – Teresa Weihs
14. Nomination/Election of New Board and Committee Members
15. Thank You for Retiring Board and Committee Members
16. September 2, 2017 Picnic and Fishing Tournament
17. Four \$25 Prize Drawings
18. Meeting Adjournment – Vote



Horseshoe Lake Property Owner's Association ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

By Rob Saunders
For Period Ending July 31, 2017

RECEIPTS	Budget 2016-17	Actual
Dues	3,150.00	3,135.00
Interest	-	-
Lake Protection Fund	4,200.00	7130.00
Fishing Contest Refund	50.00	50.00
Memorabilia	-	-
Misc.	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	7,400.00	10,315.00

DISBURSEMENTS:		
PO Box Rental Fee	60.00	80.76
Meeting Expense	50.00	-
Annual Meeting	200.00	-
Newsletter (includes postage)	1,500.00	787.41
Water Quality	500.00	-
Fisheries Management	50.00	24.68
Aquatic Plant Management	100.00	-
Membership	300.00	-
Lake Events		
Boat Parade	150.00	20.00
Kids Fishing Contest	300.00	283.47
Office Supplies	100.00	13.00
Dues-LARA	75.00	75.00
Dues-MN Lakes Association	200.00	200.00
Map Guide	100.00	-
President Gifts	100.00	-
Miscellaneous	100.00	87.43
CD Lakes Bank	-	-
Memorabilia Expense	-	-
Lake Monitoring	2,000.00	2,905.20
TOTAL Disbursements	5,885.00	4,476.95

General Fund balance as of 7-31-17	8,384.68
Lake Protection Fund balance as of 7-31-17	2,069.02
Lake Protection Fund CD's	41,375.35
TOTAL HLPOA Assets as of 7-31-17	<u>51,829.05</u>

Membership Number	210	209
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HORSESHOE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2017-2018 HLPOA - Annual Dues Statement

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Merrifield Address _____ Merrifield, MN 56465

***Email Newsletter** –Please update your email address _____

Home Telephone _____ - _____ - _____ Cell Number _____ - _____ - _____

Lake Telephone _____ - _____ - _____

DUES for 2017-2018 are \$35 Amount Paid _____

Voluntary Lake Protection Contribution Amount Paid _____

TOTAL Paid _____

Make check payable to **HLPOA** and Mail to: **HLPOA, PO Box 86 Merrifield MN 56465**

HORSESHOE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2017 – 2018 BALLOT

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Write-In Nominee</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Treasurer	Rob Saunders		<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Pat McCormick		<input type="checkbox"/>
West Director	Teresa Weihs		<input type="checkbox"/>
North Director	Kathy Lee		<input type="checkbox"/>
Seasonal Director	Chad Boeckmann		<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: _____

Bring completed ballot to the Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 5, 2017 — 8 AM

Or Mail to: **HLPOA, PO Box 86 Merrifield MN 56465**



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