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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

Today is another perfect fall day and a reminder of why we all love our lake properties so much. Trees are at or near their peak colors, mosquitos are gone, and the temperatures are just right! We can all enjoy our favorite activities at the lake!

Thank you for attending our HLPOA annual meeting on August 6, 2016. The annual meeting was held at Mission Town Hall beginning with a social time at 8AM. The meeting was called to order by President Pam Heller at 8:30 AM with approximately 55 people in attendance. The financial report, police report, DNR netting plan, boat parade, public landing inspections, and new HLPOA officer installation were all included during the meeting. I extend a special thank you to the officers, directors, and committee members who volunteer their time and talents to serve on your board. Please join me in thanking Pam Heller for serving as our association president for the last two years!

Our annual kid's fishing contest and potluck was a big success on September 3. With a cool start to the morning, 33 kids registered. What a great day! Crappies, Sunnies, Bass, and Northerns species were all caught. The largest fish measured in at 25 inches! Nice! Thanks to all the families who participated in the contest and the potluck at the park. Thank you to Pam Heller, Richard Heller, Bud Hays, and Terry Havir for registering participants and measuring fish!

We all enjoy a clean lake. Our hard work to

keep our lake clean continues to pay off. AIS inspection at the public landing took place all season and will continue next year. We are currently one of the few lakes who have avoided zebra mussels – let's keep up the good work with clean boats. Also, thanks to observant property owners who noticed and cleared out small stands of purple loosestrife weeds from the shoreline before it spread.

Enjoy the beautiful fall days and have a good winter – perhaps we will meet out on the ice!

Bob Kalton, HLPOA President

Mark your Calendar

HLPOA Dates for 2017

Board Meetings are 8:30 AM 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

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Lake Notes

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Committee Reports

Water Quality & AIS Management

Water Quality Summary of secchi disk readings this past summer. The measurements reflect how deeply sunlight is penetrating through the water. Transparency is directly affected by materials like algae and sediment that are suspended in the water.

	West Bay:	East Bay:
5/15/16	15.5 ft.	17.0 ft.
6/02/16	17.0 ft.	19.0 ft.
6/19/16	13.5 ft.	13.0 ft.
7/01/16	17.5 ft.	12.5 ft.
7/18/16	17.0 ft.	13.0 ft.
7/31/16	16.5 ft.	14.5 ft.
8/14/16	10.5 ft.	12.5 ft.
9/01/16	13.0 ft.	16.0 ft.
9/18/16	14.0 ft.	16.5 ft.

AIS water sampling that we did this summer for detection of the Zebra Mussel larvae (veligers) was negative. *Hooray!* Of the non-infested lakes that were tested in the area, the only one that tested positive was Round Lake near Millie Lacs.

Jerry Martin, Water Quality and AIS Management

A Wetland Invasive Species found on our lakeshore!

Purple Loosestrife was found in the East Bay and the Channel this summer. Purple loosestrife invades marshes and lakeshores, replacing cattails and other wetland plants. The plant can form dense, impenetrable stands which are unsuitable as cover, food, or nesting sites for a wide range of native wetland animals. It can range in height from 2-7 feet high.

As this purple flowering plant is also an invasive species, it needs to be removed whenever identified. Thank you to Tom Losey, Dale Johnson, Rob Saunders, and Bud Hays in removing these pests on our lake. Please report any you see to the board.

Information on Purple Loosestrife can be found at:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticplants/purpleloosestrife/index.html>

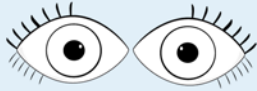


Also, another important note, the **Crosslake decontamination unit** has been discontinued for the season as of 10-7-16. No Minnesota DNR portable decontamination units in Crow Wing County are in active operation either.

Dave Baker, AIS Committee

Committee Reports cont.

Lake Memorabilia Items



Wondering where your neighbors got those great Horseshoe Lake sweatshirts and hats?

There were 19 orders for lake gear this first go around with the popular items being t-shirts, sweatshirts and full zip hoodies. It was exciting to see people sporting the new Horseshoe Lake logo-wear.

Thanks Teresa for setting up the online ordering process which made it so easy. Additional thanks to Teresa Weih and to Pam Heller for letting people pick up the orders at their homes to save us mailing fees.

For those of you who missed our very short order date this summer... **"hang on till spring"** when the store will open again. Then it will take just 4 weeks to process our orders, and then we too can wear Horseshoe Lake stuff. Watch spring newsletter for store dates .

Membership:	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
Possible members	246	246
Paid up by 10-07	153	151
Unpaid Owners	93	95
Final Paid Up members	203	??

The dues statements went out by mail October 14, 2016 please respond to the notice if you have not paid up.

2017-2018 will be the year to redo the Lake Directory. If you have new neighbors, please have them contact me with their mailing address required to update membership information.

2016-2017 will be busy, too, as we try to verify each location on the lake to ensure we have up-to-date info for the Directory.

Rob Saunders, Membership Chair
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HLPOA Membership Signs

Signs showing HLPOA Membership should be available in the spring! Check the spring newsletter for updates.

KIDS FISHING Contest & HLPOA Potluck Picnic



Saturday, September 3rd was a great day for fishing as the attendance was up from previous years with **16 families participating this year for a total of about 33 children!** Awards were handed out after the Potluck Picnic that day and all contestants received something either in the form of a cash prize or fishing tackle. There are four categories, and a grand prize for the largest fish overall.

Sunny	1st Place -\$20	9"	Scarlet Morissette
	2nd Place -\$10	8"	Landin Hallin & Avery Magnuson
	3rd Place - \$ 5	7 1/2"	Cole Hustis
Crappie	1st Place -\$20	10 1/4"	Roman Rudnitski
	2nd Place -\$10	9 1/4"	Connor Boeckman
Bass	1st Place -\$20	19"	Alex Moyer
	2nd Place -\$10	18"	Victor Moyer
	3rd Place - \$ 5	14"	Grace Leland, Lincoln Morissette, & Davis Roun
Northern/Walleye	1st Place -\$20	23 3/4" <small>Northern</small>	Coen Johnson
	2nd Place -\$10	23 1/2" <small>Northern</small>	Adam Moyer
	3rd Place - \$ 5	22 1/2" <small>Northern</small>	Stuart Leland
Biggest Fish	Grand Prize—\$50	25" <small>Northern</small>	Christian Magnuson

THANK YOU to Kim Kalton who organizes the Fishing Contest, and to the volunteers who both register the kids and measure the fish for the tournament: Richard & Pam Heller, Bud Hayes, and Terry Havir. You all do a fantastic job to promote a wonderful sport for the next generation.
 Kim Kalton and Bob Kalton, Fishing Contest

Mark your calendars now for **September 2, 2017** for some end-of-the-season fishing fun Next Year!

Committee Reports cont.

Wildlife

A trip around the lake on September 1st, found only one loon that had not left probably because there were no offspring this year. In fact, very few birds were around.

I would like to make a note of an extreme bird lover and wonderful neighbor, Toots Anderson, who passed away on Saturday, September 3, 2016.

Toots and Bert were one of the first to build their retirement home on Huxtable Point. Bert worked with Mr. Huxtable (Hux) so when Hux was developing Huxtable Point in 1968, Toots and Bert jumped in. In 1991, they retired to Huxtable Point and lived until 2009 when health problems required them to move closer to their daughters.

A visit to their Huxtable Point home meant a wonderful view of every kind of bird that inhabited the north woods. With the first sound of the Baltimore Orioles, out came the grape jelly and used most of a case to feed the birds. The migratory yellow and blue warblers bounced in to be fed to get nourishment for further traveling. Toots knew about everything nature.

We miss her twice daily strolls on her scooter while walking the dogs. She knew everyone and always had a smile, good word and every conversation ended with a laugh. Our prayers are with her family and friends.

Marlin and Gwen Sackett, Wildlife Committee

Fisheries Management

The DNR did their fish population survey August 5th to the 11th. The survey consists of 12 large gill nets and 11 trap nets, and then counting, weighing and measuring the different species of fish caught.

Results were more walleye (16) were netted than in previous years. It is felt that the stocking of walleye in 2011 accounted for at least some of the improvement. The northern population was down and the bass and crappie netted were good size. No perch were found but the size of the holes in the net played a role in this finding. Less bullheads were also found. Obviously, we still have too many bullheads, but the ratio is not as bad as the last survey.

The board is looking into a possible bullhead removal from the lake. However, there are a couple of things about bullhead removal to be aware of. Bullheads and pan fish, if their population is threatened, will produce rapidly and there will be MANY tiny bullheads. Another point of interest is that according to the DNR, yellow bullheads, which is what we have, thrive in lakes with good water quality, which is somewhat good news, whereas black bullheads and brown bullheads thrive in poor water quality.

Results from the 12 GILL NETS:

Black Crappie	23
Bluegill	129
Bullheads - Brown	1
Bullheads - Yellow	739
Hybrid Sunfish	22
Largemouth Bass	18
Northern Pike	113
Pumpkinseed	8
Walleye	15
Yellow Perch	2
Total Fish	1070

Results from the 11 TRAP NETS:

Black Crappie	10
Bluegill	162
Bullheads - Yellow	30
Hybrid Sunfish	43
Largemouth	18
Northern Pike	8
Pumpkinseed	2
Rock Bass	2
Walleye	1
Total Fish	276

Ron Mumm, Fishing Management



BUDGET 2016-2017

RECEIPTS	Budget 2016-17
Dues-212 paid Members	3,150.00
Interest	150.00
Lake Protection Fund	4,200.00
Fishing Contest Refund	50.00
Misc	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	7,520.00
DISBURSEMENTS:	
PO Box Rental Fee	60.00
Meeting Expense	50.00
Annual Meeting	200.00
Newsletter (includes postage)	1,500.00
Water Quality	500.00
Fisheries Management	50.00
Aquatic Plant Management	100.00
Membership	300.00
Lake Events	
Boat Parade	30.00
Kids Fishing Contest	300.00
Office Supplies	100.00
LARA Dues	75.00
MN Lakes Assoc. Dues	200.00
President (Gifts)	100.00
Map Guide	100.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
<u>AIS Inspections/Monitoring</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Disbursements	5,765.00
Budgeted Membership 210	



HLPOA Annual Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2016

The annual meeting was held at Mission Town Hall beginning with a social time at 8AM. The meeting was called to order by President Pam Heller at 8:30 AM with approximately 55 people in attendance. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Bob Hartman, Police Chief of Crosslake, was introduced by Pam Heller. Mission Township has been relatively uneventful this past year. There were a couple reports of burglary in the area. Most traffic citations were in the form of warnings. Crosslake continues to have a contract with Mission Township to patrol our area 24 hours per week at variable times. Chief Hartman reminded everyone to fill out a property watch form when leaving on vacation. Your property will then be watched. These forms are available online or at the station.

Business Meeting

- HLPOA board members were introduced by Pam Heller. The minutes of the August, 2015, annual meeting were available to everyone. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Rich Sykora and was seconded by Kent Manquist. Motion carried.
- The treasurer's report was presented by Rob Saunders. He reported that there was \$7050 contributed to the in the Lake Protection Fund from 2015-2016. We are funding about half of the inspections this year due to reduced hours from other sources. A review of the financial records was done by John Knight, who found the records to be in good order. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Terry Havir and was seconded by Tom Losey. Motion carried.
- Ron Mumm reported that the DNR will be conducting a fish netting survey beginning August 8th which will last for several days. The results will be put in the next newsletter.
- Bob Kalton reminded everyone of the fishing contest on September 3rd and of the potluck in Mission Park.
- Tom Losey reported on the annual Boat Parade held on July 4th. It was a beautiful day with 17 boats participating. A special thank you to Jerry and Linda Martin for being the Commodores and for the Manquist family for being the judges. Best entry went to the Gibas boat with a Horseshoe Olympics theme.
- Election ballots were reviewed by President Pam Heller. All candidates on the ballot were elected. Dave Baker was the candidate for vice president but was not on the ballot. He was elected by show of hands.

Old Business

Boat Inspections at the public landing will continue into early October. As stated above, HLPOA is funding about ½ of the hours. It would be appreciated that if someone knew when a fishing tournament was planned for Horseshoe, to notify us so that an inspector could be present.

New Business

- Terry Havir reported that Mission Township has a new improved website. There are refrigerator magnets available with website information. Terry stated that an average of only 3-5 people attend the meetings.
- Pam Heller reported that memorabilia will be available for pickup Labor Day weekend. Pickup at Teresa Weihs home on September 3rd from 10-12 or at Pam Heller's home on Sunday September 4th from 10-12. Memorabilia will again be available in the spring. Info will be in the newsletter.
- Pam also presented information on possible signage indicating membership in HLPOA. These metal signs could be placed on the fire number posts. More information will be in the spring newsletter.
- Drawings for \$25 were awarded to Larry Ford, Sue Peterson and Marlin Sackett. All donated their winnings back to HLPOA.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rob Saunders and was seconded Ray Sundeen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McCormick, Secretary

Lake Notes



LAKE TRIVIA

	East	West
Pontoons	83	62
Boats	82	79
Docks	126	106
Lifts	124	143
Wave Riders	44	40

Compliments of Bud Hays

Emergency Numbers

Emergency - **911**

Mission Lake Fire Department

218-765-3259

Crow Wing Non-Emergency

218-829-4749

Crosslake Police

218-692-2222

2017 - Boat Parade

Judges for next year's parade are usually the boat winners from the previous year.

So congratulations again to the Gibas Family for their "Win in 2016"

And for Judging this upcoming year in 2017.

And Thanks to Tom Losey, Boat Parade Committee

Found: A water ski turned in at fishing context - 54" long, a super sport Connelly—contact Bud Hays



Mission Township Website

The Mission Township has a new improved website! Check out this great resource to stay in touch with what is happening or available in our township.

For instance, did you know ...

- **The trails** have been mowed and are ready for a beautiful fall walk? You can print a map of park and township trails.
- **Pickle Ball**
Is up and going! Two courts have been set up on the basketball court behind the tennis courts at Mission Park. The nets are moveable to allow both basketball and pickle ball to be played in the same area. Paddles & Balls can be reserved in advance - call Michael Blassey (218) 765-3863
- **INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE** and Events in **2017** will be held on Saturday, July 1st.
- Contact information and board meeting dates listed

Magnets available with website information.

For more information on Mission Township visit their website at www.missiontownship.org

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.
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- **TRANSFER STATION** open April-October







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