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NEWSLETTER

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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

Wow! What a dazzling summer it's been – many beautifully warm and sunny weekends that are treasured by those of us who aren't lucky enough to be at the lake full-time. The Independence Day celebrations were terrific. We had some very creative entries in the boat parade, and incredible fireworks displays in every direction. After the busy-ness early July, my head gets filled with lists of all the things I want to make sure we squeeze in before the end of August – a few more rounds of golf, more visitors at the cabin, a bike ride on the Paul Bunyan Trail and of course plenty of time on the lake. As you're thinking ahead, make sure that you put **August 6 on your calendar for our annual property owners meeting**. It is always a great chance to catch up with some of the news from the lake, see some old friends and meet some new neighbors. I look forward to seeing you there!

Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

Pam Heller, HLPOA President

Mark your Calendar

HLPOA ANNUAL Meeting 8 AM
Saturday, **Aug. 6** -Mission Town Hall
Social Time 8:00 AM -Coffee/Donuts!!
Meeting at 8:30 AM

Kids Fishing Contest & Potluck
Saturday, **Sept. 3**

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

HLPOA Dates for 2016

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

- May 7 BOARD MEETING
- June 11 BOARD MEETING
- **July 4th Boat Parade—Noon**
- July 9 BOARD MEETING
- **August 6 Annual Meeting**
- August 13 BOARD MEETING
- **September 3 Fishing Contest/Potluck**
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LAKE EVENTS:

-Kids Fishing Contest

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-4th of July Boat Parade

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Committee Reports

Water Quality



Crow Wing County will be sponsoring their Zebra mussel veliger monitoring program again this year. Horseshoe Lake is one of the un-infested lakes included in the program. Sampling will be done between the dates of June 17 and July 18. Results of the testing will be available in our next newsletter.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has just released a report of secchi transparency trends in Minnesota Lakes. The report only includes lakes showing increasing or decreasing transparency. Horseshoe Lake is not included in the report due to no significant trends.

You can access the report along with the county case studies at the following link:

<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/secchi-transparency-trends-minnesota-lakes>

Jerry Martin, Water Quality and AIS Management

Fishing Management



The DNR will do their fish population survey the week of August 8th. The survey consists of them putting in 12 large gill nets and 12 trap nets, and subsequently pulling the nets and counting, weighing and measuring the different species of fish. Fishermen/women and boaters should watch out for the nets during that week so they do not destroy the nets or get tangled up in them.

Ron Mumm, Fishing Management



Wildlife



Thanks again to Len Leland for taking out the loon platforms. He has informed us that there were shells indicating that two of the nests had hatchings. He has seen a baby with two of the three pairs that inhabit at our lake. We have not seen the babies but other board members have sighted a baby loon in the east basin and one in the west basin, too.

On your ventures on the lake, please watch for the babies and give us a call if you do see them, so we can report any babies to the DNR. [\(952\) 934-2463](tel:9529342463).

There are a total of three pairs of loons and one single loon on Horseshoe.

Bear sightings in the area: bear and her cub were recently seen on Velvet Beach.

Marlin and Gwen Sackett, Wildlife Committee

4th of July Parade



First Place to The Gibas Boat
Horseshoe Olympics

17 Participants in 2016

Horseshoe Lake parade

Up six from last year :)

Thank You to

The Boat Participants

The Commodore:

Jerry and Linda Martin

Whose pace kept most boats in until the finish.

The Judges:

Mainquist Family Boat

See you next year!

Tom Losey,

Boat Parade Committee

Note that Mission Park traditionally has their parade event on the first Saturday in July. Check their website for details on date and times this event is held.



Second place to The Trenary Boat - *Prince RIP*



Honorable Mention to The Hansen Boat for one of the best ideas, however, a windy Mother Nature didn't allow it to finish and kept *Under The Big Top* out of the running.

Lake Information

Coming Soon

KIDS FISHING Contest & HLPOA Potluck Picnic

Sign up your kids or grandkids

Picnic is for everyone on the lake



Saturday, September 3, 2016

- 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 (Bud Hayes/Terry Havar)
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

Lake Memorabilia Items

Welcome to Teresa Weihs who is our new committee chair for Memorabilia! Thank you Teresa for making this process easier. We can now order and pay for t-shirts, sweatshirts, totes, hats online at www.rambow.com Store Code = horseshoe.

Store is **OPEN NOW** but will close **Sun., July 31** to give time to process our orders before Labor Day. The plan is to distribute the order Labor Day weekend.

If you miss this opportunity, have no fear, there will be another chance to order in the spring.

ORDER PICK UP: To help save cost on shipping and handling we have decided to pick up the order at the supplier and distribute the order at the lake on:

- **Saturday, September 3rd** at Bill and Teresa Weihs' - 30205 E. Horseshoe Lake Rd (by lake, it's the gray cabin with the boat house on the upper northeast corner) from **10:00-Noon**.
- **Sunday, September 4th** at Richard and Pam Heller's - 13299 N. Horseshoe Lake Road from **10:00-Noon**.

If you have any questions please reach out to Teresa Weihs at btweihs@gmail.com or [320-250-0899](tel:320-250-0899).



Emergency Numbers

Emergency - **911**

Mission Lake Fire Department

218-765-3259

Crow Wing Non-Emergency

218-829-4749

Crosslake Police

218-692-2222

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 bndhays@brainerd.net.
- **TRANSFER STATION** open April-October



Membership & Lake Notes

246 Property Owners on the Lake

202 Paid Memberships as of 7-8-16

44 Not Paid

The dues statements are attached to this newsletter and they are \$35 again this year. (Mail it to the address on the form or bring to the annual meeting.) Note that part of your dues goes into the **LAKE PROTECTION FUND**.

- At the 2014 Annual Meeting, the **Lake Protection Fund** portion of the dues was increased from \$10 to \$20 to help build the "war chest" to fight off AIS problems.
- Through your dues (**and your generous contributions in excess of that**) we have been able to add to this fund. \$7065 was contributed to the fund in 2015-2016 from Horseshoe Lake Owners.

The County has reallocated their inspection funds for 2016 and beyond, and as a result, Horseshoe Lake funding has been cut in half for 2016. At the May meeting, the HLPOA board decided they would fund the shortfall to ensure we have inspectors each weekend on Horseshoe Lake. So we need your continued support.

Keep up the donations because if we do get into a fight with AIS, the current fund balance will be a drop in the bucket for what we will need.

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

NEW OWNERS ON THE LAKE?



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.

New Member Contact - Pat McCormick 218-765-3290 patmc@brainerd.net

Membership – Rob Saunders 218-765-3323 robs.7680@gmail.com

'Swing-away' Mailbox Support Poles

The Mission Township Board would like residents to convert their mailbox supports to a 'Swing-Away' support to ensure damage is not done to mailboxes during the snow plowing season. Currently this 'Swing-Away' support is only required by Crow Wing County residents who live on a county road.

The 'Swing-Away' is designed for the snow plow blade to pass under the mailbox, if snow is thrown the support will swing out of the way not causing damage to the mailbox. **The 'Swing-Away' supports can be purchased at the Highway Dept. at 16589 County Road 142 in Brainerd.** The cost is \$55.00 plus \$4.06 tax.

If residents express interest in obtaining the 'Swing-Away' supports, the Township will make the kits available at the Town Hall for the same cost. **Please contact the Mission Town Clerk at 218-765-4377 or email mission-clerk@gmail.com if interested in purchasing the 'Swing-Away' mailbox supports.**

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

HLPOA Membership Signs

Some lakes in the area sport signs that show membership and support in their local lake association.

After discussion, the HLPOA Board voted to order signs to be bought and installed by HLPOA Membership to show support in our own lake association.

We are currently working on the design for these signs so if you have an idea please contact Pam Heller.

We hope to have signs and hardware for sale at the Annual Meeting or soon thereafter. Cost will be about \$10, and the signs will be made to install by your fire number.

Annual Meeting - Aug. 6, 2016



ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA



8:00 AM—SOCIAL TIME

8:30 CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Welcome
2. Crosslake Police Department
3. Mission Township Fire Department
4. Lake Water Testing Process—Jerry Martin
5. Jeff Forester Executive Director from *Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (or MLR)*

BUSINESS MEETING

- HLPOA Board & Committee Chair Introductions
- Acceptance of 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report, Audit Report for 2015
- Nominations for 2016 Elections
- Election of Board Members
- Presentation of Commodore & Boat Parade Trophies

OLD BUSINESS

- Public Access AIS Monitoring Update

NEW BUSINESS

- Memorabilia Update— New! Order and pay online
- Prize Drawings — Four \$25 cash prizes

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

By Rob Saunders
For Period Ending July 31, 2016

RECEIPTS	Budget 2015-16	Actual
Dues	3,150.00	3,045.00
Interest	-	77.61
Lake Protection Fund	4,200.00	7150.00
Fishing Contest Refund	50.00	60.00
Memorabilia	-	-
Misc.	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	7,400.00	10,332.61

DISBURSEMENTS:

PO Box Rental Fee	60.00	66.00
Meeting Expense	50.00	-
Annual Meeting	200.00	148.60
Newsletter (includes postage)	1,500.00	909.95
Water Quality	500.00	-
Fisheries Management	50.00	-
Aquatic Plant Management	100.00	-
Membership	300.00	98.00
Lake Events		
Boat Parade	150.00	20.00
Kids Fishing Contest	300.00	190.00
Office Supplies	100.00	81.23
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	50.98
CD Lakes Bank	-	-
Memorabilia Expense	-	-
Lake Monitoring	2,000.00	-
TOTAL Disbursements	5,885.00	1839.76

General Fund balance as of 7-31-16	6,771.43
Lake Protection Fund balance as of 7-31-16	7,844.22
Lake Protection Fund CD's	31,296.94

TOTAL HLPOA Assets as of 7-31-16 **45,912.59**

Membership Number 210 203

HORSESHOE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2016 – 2017 BALLOT

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Write-In Nominee</u>	<u>Approved</u>
President	Bob Kalton		<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	Interested in VP position? Let us know ahead of the meeting date.		<input type="checkbox"/>
East Director	Bud Hays		<input type="checkbox"/>
South Director	Dale Johnson		<input type="checkbox"/>
Seasonal Director	Sue Peterson		<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: _____

Bring completed ballot to the Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 6, 2016 — 8 AM

HORSESHOE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2016-2017 HLPOA - Annual Dues Statement

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Merrifield Address _____ Merrifield, MN 56465

Please **Email me the newsletter** at this Email Address _____

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

Lake Telephone _____ - _____ - _____

DUES for 2016-2017 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**



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BE AN ACTIVE HLPOA MEMBER

Please fill out and
return the back side of this page:

- 1. Your Ballot for HLPOA Officers**
- 2. Your Annual Dues for 2016-2017**

Funding from dues enables the HLPOA to help protect, preserve and enhance a healthy lake and the surrounding area....

The newsletter helps to keep you informed on what is happening on our lake, and goes to members paying their dues.

Let's shoot for **100% participation** in the Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association:)