



PO Box 86

Merrifield, MN 56465

## NEWSLETTER

JULY 2018 - No. 112

# 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.

### HLPOA OFFICERS

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### President's Corner

Greetings Horseshoe Lake Property Owners!

At this writing we are now in the full swing of summer. I always believe that lake cabins and homes are like 'family glue.' It is our special place where our families and friends keep coming together! We have such a great lake and so many wonderful neighborhoods on Horseshoe Lake! As your association, we are working hard to maintain this great atmosphere to join together.

On a special note, I would like to update you on measures to control the Cormorant populations on our lake. Cormorant populations were reaching numbers that would potentially reduce our desirable fish populations in our lake. Additionally they were stripping the vegetation on the island where they nest. Your board voted to participate with 5 other lake associations and the DNR to take control actions to reduce nesting cormorants on Gooseberry Island in Pelican Lake. It is this rookery where cormorants on Horseshoe Lake originate. Those control measures were successfully completed on May 29 after obtaining a federal permit to shoot the birds. Control actions were also previously taken in 2016. Numbers have been significantly reduced protecting the fish populations of the surrounding lakes including Horseshoe Lake.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the annual meeting on August 4! Have a great summer!

Sincerely, Bob Kalton HLPOA President

### Mark your Calendar

#### Calendar Dates for 2018

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

- April Order Lake Apparel
- May 5 BOARD MEETING
- June 9 BOARD MEETING
- July 4th Boat Parade—Noon
- July 7 BOARD MEETING
- August 4 Annual Meeting  
Social Time 8:00 AM/Annual Meeting 8:30 AM
- August 11 BOARD MEETING
- September 1 Fishing Contest-7:30 AM
- September 1 Potluck-11:30 AM
- September 8 BOARD MEETING

### BY-LAWS (Proposed change for August 2018)

Article IV—Officers and Directors

4.2 ~~Directors are 4 areas (north, south, east, west) and 2 seasonal members.~~

There are 6 Directors elected at large.

### In This Issue

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## STANDING COMMITTEES

### WATER QUALITY AND AIS MANAGEMENT

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### LAKE EVENTS:

#### -Kids Fishing Contest

Kim Kalton  
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#### -4th of July Boat Parade

Sue Peterson  
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### CHANNEL BUOYS

Jerry Martin, Bud Hays, and Dale Johnson

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

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#### -Website—Horseshoe Lake

Dave Baker  
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# Committee Reports

## KIDS FISHING Tournament & HLPOA Potluck

**Saturday, September 1, 2018**

- Fishing Tournament for HLPOA members' kids age 16 and under. (Annual association dues must be paid in advance for the current year.)
- Potluck Picnic for all residents of Horseshoe Lake

REGISTER FOR FISHING TOURNAMENT 7:30-8:00 AM \$5 per boat

**East Basin** - Public Access **West Basin** - Heller's dock **Just Look for Balloons!**

**Measurement of Catch 10:15-10:45** Same Place as Registration

**Awards** will follow the tournament at the Mission Park Shelter after the Potluck

All contestants will be awarded some Prize (cash or fishing tackle) **Good Luck Kids!**

Prizes to the biggest in four categories: Sunny, Crappie, Bass, Northern/Walleye.

Winners—1st=\$20, 2nd=\$10, 3rd=\$5 and \$50 Grand Prize to the biggest fish!

POTLUCK PICNIC AT MISSION PARK Shelter - Saturday, Sept. 1

- All Residents who are members of HLPOA please join us for potluck at **11:30 AM**.
- Just bring a casserole or salad **large enough to feed your group** (large group = large casserole or salad) along with your own plates, silverware, or tablecloth.
- And don't forget the desserts! Lemonade and water will be provided!
- Awards for fishing tournament will follow.

**Thanks to Kim Kalton and Bob Kalton for organizing these Lake Events!**

## Wildlife

On Friday, July 6th, we saw a pair of loons and a baby on the east lake, east side. There is a difference of opinion as to where they came from. Marlin thinks they came from the channel between the lakes. I don't know anything about a dead baby loon. Maybe the following story got changed some. On June 28th, we were looking very extensively for the loons. We went into the bay across from the public access. There was one loon calling loud and mournful. All of a sudden two eagles dived at the loon who happened to be just feet from our pontoon. There was lots of splashing, beating of wings and the eagles flew away and perched atop two different trees. We hung out for a few minutes. By the time we left the bay, the eagles had left. We did see a dead fish floating not far from the loon. But we never saw a baby loon at that time.

Marlin & Gwen Sackett Wildlife Committee

### MN DNR- Loon Monitoring Program:

*Healthy lakes, shorelines and watersheds benefit many species, including loons. Give loons space during nesting and chick rearing—loon chicks cannot dive when very young to get out of the way of boats; they also tire easily. Use non-lead fishing tackle and responsibly dispose of fishing line and tackle. Apply only phosphorus-free fertilizer if you live on a lake; excess phosphorus can lead to increased algae and plant growth. Report harassment of loons to your local conservation officer (be sure to get boat identification information too!).*



**The DNR was called this weekend to a report that some wave runners were harassing loons.** Loons are an iconic part of life on our lake. We report their numbers to the DNR annually, we build nesting sites for them, and we also need to protect them so they can raise their young here and we can continue to hear their haunting calls on our lake. **Tips for observing loons is to watch them from at least 200 feet away! Harassing wildlife is against the law.**

# Committee Reports Continued

## Fisheries Management

### New Northern Pike Regulations for Horseshoe Lake and the North Central Zone

Beginning March 1st, 2018 the DNR instituted new Northern Pike regulations across the state of MN. The rule divides the state, specific to Northern Pike fishing, into 3 primary zones **respectively titled Northeast, North-Central and Southern.**

The largest zone consists of the north-central zone making up the majority of the state to address the issue of overpopulation of small pike. The objectives are to allow more harvest of abundant small pike and shift population size to more medium-sized pike. Essentially this new rule is enabling people to rebalance the northern pike population in our area lakes.

The **north-central regulation zone** will start on a line stretching roughly from Hastings to just south of the Twin Cities and over to Ortonville; and in the north from Duluth along U.S. Highway 53 until it reaches International Falls.

In the north-central zone, where Horseshoe Lake is sits, anglers will be able to keep 10 northern pike, but not more than two pike longer than 26 inches; and **all from 22 to 26 inches must be released.** Northern pike taken by spear- ing follow the same rules except one pike may be between 22 and 26 inches or two larger than 26 inches.

By reducing the smaller pike in our lake we will increase the size of available northern pike in the future while supporting the population of panfish that are highly sought after on Horseshoe Lake. It is important to understand that any special regulations applied to specific lakes take precedence over this new statewide northern pike rule. For more information please review the MN DNR 2018 fishing regulations or the DNR website.

Fisheries Management Committee

## AIS Management

### Reminders of our partnership in keeping Horseshoe AIS free...

- Landing Inspections We have fulfilled our 200 hours from the state, and now HLPOA is paying for the hours through September. In June, we were averaging 22-30 hours per week, with most hours around the holidays. (Memorial-4<sup>th</sup> of July) Since Horseshoe is an "at-risk" lake (because all lakes around us are infected) it is important to continue to allocate hours for inspection at the landing to catch potential risks.
- But in addition to inspections at the landings, we must be diligent about cleaning equipment used in the river or other contaminated lakes that might otherwise bypass inspection: Canoes, kayaks, inner tubes, and paddleboards
- A reminder to Horseshoe Lake members if you boat in infested lakes\* around us and then return to our lake on days there is no inspector at the landing, it is vital we don't forget to follow the same cleaning procedures.

\*DNR charts **AIS infested lakes around us**—<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/infested.html>

### Under DNR guidelines, boaters need to decontaminate their boat when:

- it has been in the water for over 24 hours,
- if is being transported to a new body of water within 24 hours
- or if undrainable or unverified water is present

⇒ If you are required to decontaminate your boat, an AIS inspector will use high pressure hot water to kill the aquatic invasive species from boats, motors and trailers. The AIS inspectors are trained by the DNR to properly and safely remove and kill aquatic invasive species. There are permanent and traveling decontamination stations.

**For a full list of decontamination locations, time and dates go to:**

[www.crowwing.us/DocumentCenter/View/14814/2018-AIS-Decontamination-locations-WEBSITE](http://www.crowwing.us/DocumentCenter/View/14814/2018-AIS-Decontamination-locations-WEBSITE)

- President's Message **excerpt from Crow Wing County Lakes and Rivers Alliance (LARA) June 2018 Newsletter** "Additionally, if you buy or sell a dock, a boat lift, or a swim raft, and that piece of equipment is going from one waterbody into another, **the law says water-related equipment like that must stay out of the water for at least 21 days.** Many people don't know about this law, which makes the buying and selling of docks and lifts via sites like Craig's List problematic. If you want to buy or sell a dock or boat lift, and you want to make sure it stays out of the water for 21 days on your end, for example, sell it in the spring after it has sat outside during a Minnesota winter. Or pull the dock out of your lake, wait 21 days, and then advertise to sell it. If you purchase a used dock or boat lift, and the previous owner is unsure how long it has been out of the water, you can be the responsible one - some might say "hero" - and make sure it stays out of your lake for a full 21 days."

**Keeping our lake clear of AIS is up to all of us.**

Dave Baker, Water Quality and AIS Management





## July 4th Boat Parade Results

1st Place:

We're Wild 4 Freedom - Trenary boat

2nd Place:

Magic - Mainquist boat

3rd Place:

Batman - Magnuson boat

See Horseshoe Lake Website for more boat parade photos  
[www.horseshoelakemn.com](http://www.horseshoelakemn.com)



## 2018 Horseshoe Lake Parade

Thank you to *this years participants!*

Did you know...

- 12 boats finished - Great for a Wednesday July 4th!
- Winner has their name added to the back of the Traveling Trophy
- Last year's winner judges this year's parade
- The Commodore has their name added to the back of the Horseshoe Lake Parade Plaque



*This Years Commodore:*

**Dave Baker Family**

*The Judges:*

**Laurence Family**

*Congratulations Winners!*

Get your creative juices going for next year!

Sue Peterson  
 Boat Parade Committee Chair

# Lake Area Information

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency - **911**

Mission Lake Fire Department

**218-765-3259**

Crosslake Police

**218-692-2222**

## North Horseshoe Lake Sign

If you are new homeowners on North Horseshoe Lake Road and would like your name added to this sign...

please contact Jerry Martin at [147ironwood@gmail.com](mailto:147ironwood@gmail.com).

**ICE OUT for 2018 was** May 1st, 2018 - both sides

## On Going Events in the Area

- **SPORTSMAN STORE - Gathering Place** for Men - 9:00 AM Wednesdays
- **FIRE FAIR FUNDRAISER** - 3rd Saturday in July at Town Hall/Fire Station - 11:30 AM - July 21, 2018
- **WOMEN'S FIRE AUXILIARY Meetings** 3rd Wednesday/month 1:00 pm. Raises money to support Fire Department. No membership fee. Contact Dar Hays 218-765-3616 [bndhays@brainerd.net](mailto:bndhays@brainerd.net).
- **MISSION TOWNSHIP BOARD Meetings** 1st Monday/month 7pm -Town Hall /Township News [www.missiontownship.org](http://www.missiontownship.org)
- **FIRE PANCAKE SUPPER & OPEN HOUSE** coming in September

**MISSION TOWNSHIP RECYCLING** 24/7 - Town Hall Cty Rd 3

Please only qualified recycling—No mattresses, furniture, etc.

- Household recycling (Paper/Glass/Tin/Cardboard/Plastic) separation not required.
- Special container for **aluminum cans**—Funds received from Can Recycling spent on improvements at the park.
- Used Oil, Oil filters, Anti-freeze can be recycled also for a nominal fee.

**TRANSFER STATION** located on E Horseshoe Lake Rd

- **Open Saturday April 7, 2018 10am - 2pm** (to October)
- Transfer Station takes brush, leaves, yard debris for Mission Township Residents.
- There is a fee for any commercial use.



## IN MEMORIAM



Our heartfelt sympathies to the families of lake residents who have passed away.

- Barbara Remy—Dec. 2017
- Craig Howe—Jan. 5th, 2018
- Bea Lahr—June 23rd, 2018
- Bruce Cameron—June 25th, 2018

## HLPOA is on Facebook!

It is a **closed group**, meaning if you or family members are members of HLPOA, please request to join the group.

*This is not a place for political statements and views, advertising, or other issues non related to Horseshoe Lake and the Association. Violation of this will result in removal from the group.*

To join go on Facebook to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/348693808894567/>

Hopefully, this will lead to an additional source of updating members of the Lake events.

# Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association

## Annual Meeting – August 4, 2018

8:00 AM Social Time



**8:30 AM Welcome**

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Board and Committee Members

HLPOA Association 2018 Review – Bob Kalton

Review 2017 Minutes – Vote

By-Laws Proposed Change - Vote

Treasurer's Report - Vote

Fire Department Update – Randy Roach

Police Department Update – Sergeant Eric Swanson

DNR Report – Horseshoe Lake Fish Population Management –  
Marc Bacigalupi

Water Quality Report – Jerry Martin

Public Access AIS Monitoring – Dave Baker

Driveway Signs – Pam Heller

Boat Parade Awards – Sue Peterson

Horseshoe Lake Memorabilia – Teresa Weihs

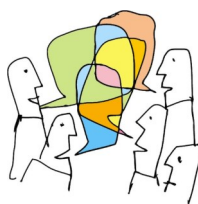
Membership Topic— Rob Saunders & Chad Boeckmann

Nomination/Election of New Board and Committee Members

September 1, 2018 Picnic and Fishing Tournament

Four \$25 Prize Drawings

Meeting Adjournment - Vote



# Horseshoe Lake Property Owner's Association

## ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

By Rob Saunders

For Period Ending July 31, 2018

RECEIPTS	Budget 2017-18	Actual
Dues	3,150.00	3,000.00
Interest	-	-
Lake Protection Fund	4,200.00	6715.00
Fishing Contest Refund	50.00	35.00
Memorabilia/Signs	-	900.00
Misc.	-	-

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** 7,400.00 10,650.00

### DISBURSEMENTS:

PO Box Rental Fee	70.00	72.00
Meeting Expense	50.00	-
Annual Meeting	200.00	94.30
Newsletter (includes postage)	1,000.00	872.79
Water Quality	500.00	-
Fisheries Management	50.00	-
Aquatic Plant Management	100.00	-
Membership	600.00	-
Website		-
Lake Events		-
Boat Parade	150.00	25.00
Kids Fishing Contest	300.00	215.00
Office Supplies	100.00	11.38
Dues-LARA	75.00	100.00
Dues-MN Lakes Association	200.00	200.00
Map Guide	100.00	
President Gifts	100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	477.40
CD Lakes Bank	-	-
Memorabilia/Signs Expense	-	656.43
<u>Lake Monitoring</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>2,441.94</u>

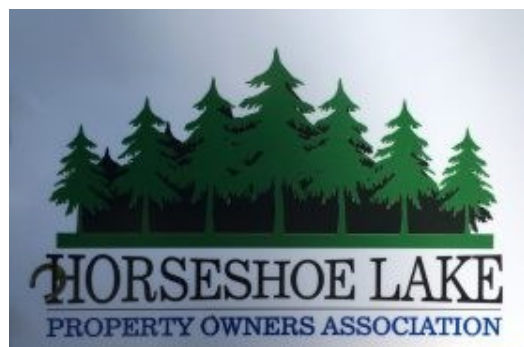
**TOTAL Disbursements** 6,845.00 5,280.23

General Fund balance as of 7-31-18 3,967.82

Lake Protection Fund balance as of 7-31-18 6,585.65

Lake Protection Fund CD's 46,486.00

**TOTAL HLPOA Assets as of 7-31-18** 57,039.47



HLPOA Membership Signs are here - \$20.  
Contact Pam at [pamheller24@gmail.com](mailto:pamheller24@gmail.com)

Membership Number

200

## HLPOA Annual Dues Statement & Lake Information Updates

Paying dues gets you information on what is happening on our lake and in the area through newsletters, directories, etc.

**2018-2019**

**Dues** - \$35

AMOUNT Paid \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation** for Lake Protection (AIS)

AMOUNT Paid \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign** for HLPOA Membership - \$20

AMOUNT Paid \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAID \_\_\_\_\_

Checks to HLPOA. Mail to: HLPOA, PO Box 86 Merrifield MN 56465

Help us keep current with any changes in your contact information by updating this form, and checking boxes below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Merrifield Address \_\_\_\_\_ Merrifield, MN 56465

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ for: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ for: \_\_\_\_\_

As investors in Horseshoe Lake, there is occasionally information that we as property owners like or need to be aware of. The HLPOA Board would like to modernize our messaging to you and add an option to "text" or email information about items involving the lake, including upcoming events. This will be an additional way to share lake information to you. Let us know if we can text you, and if we can email information & newsletters to you. Also tell us below if you do or don't want your information in lake directories.

\_\_\_ Yes, you can Text me using Cell Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_; or \_\_\_ No, I don't text.

\_\_\_ Yes, Email newsletter or lake information (updated email) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Yes, I like having a Lake Directory listing (phone, address, email) and I want to be in it. or \_\_\_ No, don't include me.

(If nothing is checked above, we will automatically include your information in the next updated directory.)

### 2018-2019 HLPOA BALLOT

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Write-In Nominee</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Vice President			<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Sue Peterson		<input type="checkbox"/>
Director	John Buttweiller		<input type="checkbox"/>
Director	Jim Peterson		<input type="checkbox"/>
Director	Pam Heller		<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed ballot and dues to the Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 4, 2018 — 8:00 AM

Address: **HLPOA, PO Box 86 Merrifield MN 56465**



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## Canoes and Kayaks

**can also spread Aquatic Invasive Species!**



- ♦ By Making Sure That Your Boat is CLEAN and DRAINED ...

**YOU** can Help Prevent the Spread of AIS!

- ♦ Day boats or those that spend only a few hours in the water are still at risk for picking up and transporting AIS that may be attached to aquatic weeds or in water pooled in the boat. That means canoes, kayaks, and inflatables.

### CLEAN

aquatic plants and mud from watercraft, trailers, and equipment before transporting to and from any water access.

### DRAIN

all water from your boat and equipment and pull any plugs before leaving the water access or shoreline. When keeping live bait used on infested waters, you must replace water in bait containers with tap or spring water.

### DISPOSE

of unwanted minnows, leeches, fish parts, and worms in the trash. It is illegal to release live bait.



<https://www.minneapolisiparks.org/asset/hnpx2n/ais-prevention-canoes-kayaks.pdf>