



NEWSLETTER FALL 2019 - No. 116



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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Presidents Corner

I must admit, it is always a little sad doing the year's final lap around the lake and pulling the boat in...summer goes much too fast. It is also a time to reflect on HLPOA's year.

- In January, we had our first ice fishing contest with a very good turnout. Special thanks to past president Bob Kalton for organizing the event.
- Even with the rain shower, the 4th of July boat parade was wildly successful with more boats than in recent years, plus some creative marvels. Thanks to Commodore John and Treasurer Michele Buttweiler plus their family for braving the elements and leading the parade.
- We are currently maintaining our membership in the 80% range of lake property owners. Thanks to Pam Heller on continued selling of lake association signs.
- Let's not forget the ever-growing kids Labor Day fishing contest. It's fun to see a few of the kids grow up over the years and continue to participate. Thanks to the Hellers, Kevin Max and especially to Kim Kalton and father Bob for the hard work in organizing this event the past seven years. *We are searching for a new organizer so please let us know if you have interest.*
- The potluck had one of our biggest crowds in recent memory, with close to seventy in attendance.
- Most importantly, our lake remains to be free of Aquatic invasive species! The financial support and education of the DNR, Crow Wing County and lake homeowners has kept us in the clear. Unfortunately, it is an ongoing battle. Many thanks to Jerry Martin, Dale Johnson, Kevin Max and Bud Hayes for the oversight and diligence to help maintain our water quality. We had over 400 hours of inspection time for boaters entering our lake this summer.

To recap items from the Annual Meeting:

- We have met with the fire department and will help with some funding to Mission Township to provide a tornado siren on the tower next to the Mission Hall/fire station. Keep an eye on the Mission Township monthly minutes for updates this winter. If approved, the plan is to install by spring.
- We also are also working with Fisheries Department of the DNR to return the SE bay on the west basin to "no fishing" during the spawning season. This may be a tough battle but based on the homeowners' support at the Annual Meeting we stand a chance. We will continue to post updates on our Facebook page on the Horseshoelakemn.com website. Regarding the Facebook page we need to limit it only to paid HLPOA members and their immediate families. Unfortunately, we have had too many hacking incidents etc. to expand.
- Last but certainly not least a huge thank you to Renae Saunders for her many years of putting together our newsletter. Please welcome new HLPOA committee member Nancy Jones as she takes over the duties. The fact we can now email it to members is a huge cost saving help, and another board member Chad Boeckman, help set this up. Thanks Chad!

To all, have a safe fall and winter! We will see you in the spring.

Dave

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Benefits

You will find a copy of the membership and dues form on the last page of this newsletter. If you have not paid for your 2019-2020 membership, please send it in NOW. HLPOA has historically had a very high membership percentage from the available 246 sites on the lake - over 80%. The peak year for membership was 2013-2014 when we had 214 members or about 86% of potential members. This was the year after the Dredging of the Hays Channel and the AIS problems were highly visible in this area. Since then, the numbers have varied between 214 and 197. Eighty percent is still a good number for membership in the lake association but 90% would be much better. The programmatic efforts your lake association does make a difference. We are members of LARA and other organizations which lobby the legislature for clean lakes and give us a voice in the area.

HLPOA has supplemented the hours of lake access monitoring by doubling the inspectors at the boat landing. Each year those inspectors are paid out of your dues and the contributions you voluntarily make to HLOA.

The Volunteers of the Lake Association also maintain the buoy systems in the inlets

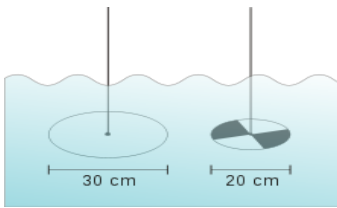
Committee chairs in the lake association regularly check the water quality so we can monitor any changes. Samples are taken each year to try and ensure that we catch AIS early if they should show up in our lake.

The Association also provides social interaction with the 4th of July Boat Parade and the Labor Day potluck lunch and children's fishing contest.

One of the most important things HLPOA does is provide you with current information and what is happening on the lake by our Newsletter and WEB site.

So please send your membership dues and information to Box 86 Merrifield MN 56465 and enjoy the Newsletter and the community of HLPOA. Let's keep our number above 80%. Send in your check today!!

Water Quality - Jerry Martin, Water Quality and AIS Management



Secchi Disc readings from September
West bay 14 feet and East Bay 19 feet.



**Review of Fishing Results
(Saturday August 31st)**

- Sunny's* 3rd place—7-3/4" Easton F.
2nd place—8" Conner B and Davis B (tie)
1st place—8-1/2" - Scarlett M
- Crappie* 1st place—8-1/2" - Francis R
- Bass* 3rd place—16" Wilson M
2nd place—16-1/2" - Alex M
1st place—17-3/4" - Jordon M
- Northern* 3rd place—22" - Carter K and Christian M (tie)
2nd place—22-1/2" : - Alex K
1st place—23" - Jimmy T
- Most Caught* Alex K
- Perch* 7-1/4" - Clara P
- Overall Size* Grand Prize—24" Roman R and Parker S (tie)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR KIDS!!

HLPOA Membership Signs

\$20—Contact Pam
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Fisheries Management

Please refer to Annual Meeting Minutes

Wildlife

Gwen and Marlin Sackett @612-281-9944 Wildlife Committee

A quick trip before the rain Saturday, Sept. 21st. found only one loon flying across the East Lake. We assume as we have seen only one loon for awhile that the adults have gone south and this is the Spring of 2019 hatch. The loons (usually 7 adults) had only one baby hatch this summer. Here is information from a letter from Michael Duval, District Manager/Division of Ecological and Water Resources, Brainerd. This letter was sent to Loon Watch Survey Volunteers. "The Minnesota Loon Watcher Survey began in 1979 with 56 volunteers on 73 lakes and has grown to 300 volunteers on upwards of 350-400 lakes. The Survey helped make sense of environmental contaminates and the importance of deep, cold water lakes for pre-migration staging. Altogether, more than 10,000 surveys over the years have been submitted. These surveys will provide essential insights into Minnesota loon biology and behavior. However, we (Mn DNR) have decided to take a break, not to continue with the volunteer survey. We (MNDNR) will spend the next several months re-evaluating the program and possibly restart the survey with a much smoother operation to chart the course forward."





Winter Is Coming – Is Your Property Ready?

Many of you may be closing up your property for the winter and heading for warmer climes. Here is a checklist that may be helpful as everyone prepares for colder weather:

- Remove all garden hoses from outside hose bibs and blow out waterlines for underground systems
- Shut off hose bibs and shut off water, drain all water from your pipes
- Drain water from your water heater and water treatment equipment and use anti-freeze to fill traps and drains
- Make sure gutters and down spouts are clear of debris
- Turn on air exchanger(s), Turn on humidifiers, Turn on forced air furnaces
- Clean and or replace furnace filters
- Inspect fireplaces, flues and fresh air intake for proper operation
- Inspect smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
- Keep all foot traffic off septic drain fields
- Mulch and snow cover can protect both pipes and the tank from freezing by acting as an insulating layer that prevents frost from penetrating deep into the ground. Snow cover is helpful as long as it is not significantly compacted. Snow that has been compacted from vehicle or foot traffic can drive down frost and increase the chances of freezing.
- Notify Erik Lee and Crosslake Police to do drive-bys while away

PLEASE NOTE: There will be open water this winter on the East Basin (100 feet out). Signs will be posted as it is a MN DNR approved aeration project. So Snowmobilers beware!!

Mission Township News

<https://missiontownship.org/index.html>

Transfer Station last day open is Saturday, October 26th (10-2 p.m.)

The Mission Township Fire Auxiliary is now taking orders for winter wreaths to raise money for our local fire department. There are large 24" fresh pine wreaths, decorated with pine cones, bow and holly for \$20.00. They will be delivered by the end of November.

Contact: Dar Hays at (218) 952-7089 if you would like to purchase a wreath(s)

Pickleball Players

Show your support for upgrade and possible new courts and attend the Mission Township Annual Meeting. Based on past meetings, we believe it will be Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

This will be updated on our website.

Horseshoe lake Information can be found when you:

- Join HLPOA Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association (\$35.00)
- Check out the Website: <https://www.horseshoelakemn.com/>
- Horseshoe Lake Facebook page – HLPOA Members Only

Emergency Numbers To Remember

Crosslake Police
218-692-2222

Mission Lake Fire Department
218-765-3259

CALL 9-1-1

If you have an emergency

HLPOA ANNUAL MEETING - August 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 after a 30 minute social time. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Dave Baker introduced the current Board Members that were in attendance: Dave Baker, President, Rob Saunders, Vice President, Michele Buttweiler, Treasurer. Sue Peterson, the Secretary was absent. Also, the following Directors were introduced: John Buttweiler, Pam Heller, and Teresa Weihs. Bob Kalton, the Past President was also introduced.

Dave Baker reviewed the 2018/2019 accomplishments with the most important being a continued focus on AIS inspection at our boat landing resulting in no invasive species being detected on Horseshoe. He also discussed our Facebook presence which is only accessible to dues paying members. We currently have 170 Facebook members. Dave believes with Facebook and our email system, our communication among our members has been heightened.

Chad Sherak of the DNR then spoke on various water quality issues:

-7% of area lakes have invasive species, of which 3% are Zebra mussels.

- Zebra mussels in this area originated on Ossawinnamakee-Large lakes with a lot of boat traffic are most susceptible to unwanted species being transported to Horseshoe.

-Of particular concern of late is private Dock Service Providers who transport docks from one lake to another.

-Permits are required for swim rafts and platforms, weed rollers, Aqua Jets, etc.

He then answered many questions regarding float planes, Bass fishing tournaments, decontamination sites, weed eradication, removal of vegetation, wake zones, and allowance of signage in bay areas as it pertains to fishing during nesting and spawning times. A vote was called on whether the attendees were in favor of requesting the DNR to reinstate signage in the West bay area that once existed, but that the DNR is thinking of removing from the fishing ban list during spawning areas. The group unanimously voted to have it reinstated. Discussion was then held regarding the East bay on buoys and No Wake Zones. Dave suggested this be a topic as the upcoming board meeting.

Rob Saunders next reviewed the By-laws changes that were explained to be a cleanup of who is an eligible voter, who is eligible for Board Member seat and their terms. The area designations (i.e. East, West, etc.) were removed from the 6 Director slots, allowing for easier recruitment. It was noted that committee members should attend all Board Meetings. Rob motioned approval, all agreed with one exception. The motion was seconded by Dale Johnson.

Michele Buttweiler reviewed current financial position of Horseshoe Lake noting that we began the year with \$9,987.49 in Cash and \$46,486.00 in CD's. For this past fiscal year (Aug 1, 2018 - July 31, 2019), we took in \$12,758.15 in revenues, and spent \$8,198.48. About \$7,000 of the income is from dues, and \$3,260 came in from additional lake protection donations. Membership sign income was \$1,340. Our largest expense is AIS Inspection costs of \$3,850. The other costs include meeting expenses, postage and mailing, newsletter expense and other miscellaneous lake items including buoys, etc. If any member would like a copy of the Financial Report, they should email their request to Michele.

Chad Boeckmann discussed communications:

- Website and auto email system are in and functioning well.

- 80% open rate for emails.

-90% of membership signed up for email communications of newsletter and other news which decreases labor and costs.

-History of Newsletter in on the website allowing archiving availability.

-Horseshoelakemn.org is the website. He welcomes comments, suggestions....

Dale Johnson reported on Water Quality and noted the following clarity measurements:

May, 2019	West 19 ft	July, 2019	West 18 ft
	East 23.5 ft		East 15 ft

All tests show negative for zebra mussels

Kevin Max discussed Fish Mgmt:

-The lake is not being actively stocked for walleye.

-We want Northerns out of the lake - catch and keep.

-Still can only keep 10/per person - still slot issues.

-Commerant hunt was May 21st with Breezy point and area associations:

388 came out - 225 previous year.

-Kevin unveiled the new sign that is being put at the landing that highlights where boats can be cleansed.

Dave Baker touched on Public Access AIS Monitoring that we to date had utilized 300 hours, with 200 hours left to use by season's end.

Pam Heller discussed driveway signs and how to obtain them. She noted the cost of \$20, with \$10 going to the lake protection fund.

Kevin Max awarded the Laurence Family the Boat Parade Plaque as the 2019 Boat Parade Winners. He mentioned we are currently seeking a Commodore (family) for 2020 Parade.

Teresa Weihs discussed Horseshoe Lake Memorabilia and explained the process of ordering.

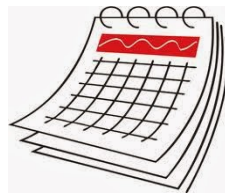
Bob Kallman noted that August 31st is the Fishing Contest/Pot Luck at Mission Park and encouraged all to attend.

Special guest Gordon Hinson shared his knowledge of the history of Huxtable Point revolving around the Swanson family. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Michele

Michele Buttweiler, Treasurer - filling in for Secretary Sue Peterson



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
2020 Calendar Dates

May 2	Board Meeting
June 6	Board Meeting
June 27	Board Meeting
July 4	Boat Parade - Noon
August 1	ANNUAL MEETING
September 5	Fishing Contest – Potluck (11:30 a.m.)
September 12	Board Meeting



The HLPOA Newsletter goes out three times a year:

Spring (April/May)

Summer (10 days before the Annual Meeting)

Fall (October/November) to keep you informed of lake happenings

Check out HORSESHOE LAKE FACEBOOK PAGE - <https://www.horseshoelakemn.com/>

HAVE A GREAT AUTUMN AND WINTER SEASON!

	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>		<u>Proposed</u>	
inning Balance 07/31/2018		9,987.49			
inning Balance 07/31/2019				14,582.15	
Receipts:					
Memberships	3,150.00	3,045.00	=203 * \$15	3,000.00	=200 * \$15
Boating Contest	50.00	80.00		100.00	
Misc		808.15		0.00	
Memorabilia Income		0.00		0.00	
Protection Fund					
Dues	4,200.00	4,060.00	=203 * \$20	4,000.00	=200 * \$20
Contributions		3,260.00		3,000.00	
Advert/Donation		200.00			
Membership Signs		1,340.00	=67 * \$20	800.00	=40 * \$20
Receipts	7,400.00	12,793.15		10,900.00	
Disbursements:					
Box Rental	70.00	76.00		80.00	
Boating Expense	50.00	0.00		50.00	
Annual Meeting Expense	200.00	412.58		400.00	
Reference Expense		0.00			
Newsletter (includes postage)	1,200.00	436.38		750.00	
Water Quality	500.00	23.68		25.00	Jerry Martin alcohol tests
Boat Series Management	50.00	303.10		300.00	Bud Hayes Buoys
Boat Plant Management	100.00	0.00			
Membership	600.00	68.15		75.00	Dues reminder mailing
Web site	150.00	255.00		255.00	\$20/mo + \$15 Domain Purchase
Boat Events		0.00		75.00	
Boat Parade	150.00	0.00		0.00	
Boats Fishing Contest	300.00	363.24		365.00	
Boat Race Supplies	100.00	11.00		25.00	
Boat Repairs		0.00			
Boat Insurance	100.00	100.00		100.00	
Boat Maintenance (MLR)	200.00	200.00		200.00	
Boat Identification (Gifts)	100.00	0.00		0.00	
Boat Trip Guide	100.00	0.00			
Boat Miscellaneous	400.00	779.50		0.00	
Boat Navigation Supplies		157.45		150.00	Solar Power Marker - Channel
Boat Memorabilia Expense	0.00	0.00		0.00	
Protection		550.00		550.00	Commerant
Boat Insurance cost		612.38		800.00	
Transfer from General Fund		0.00			
Boat Expense (AIS Inspect)	3,000.00	3,850.03		4,000.00	
First National Bank					
Disbursements	7,370.00	8,198.49		10,200.00	
Interest for Year	30.00	4,594.66		700.00	
Ending Balance Checking		14,582.15		15,282.15	

*“The spring, summer, is quite a hectic time for people in their lives, but then it comes to **autumn**, and to winter, and you can't but help think back to the year that was, and then hopefully looking forward to the year that is approaching.” - Anonymous*

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.

Our Fiscal Year is August 2019-July 2020

Dues - \$35 AMOUNT Paid _____

Donation for Lake Protection (AIS) AMOUNT Paid _____

TOTAL PAID _____

Checks to “HLPOA”. Mail to: HLPOA, PO Box 86 Merrifield MN 56465 / or Bring to Annual Meeting

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

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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.)