



## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2020 - No. 117



### 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

Fortunately we had the ice out early compared to years past, but certainly a different year with the whole Coronavirus issues and social distancing. Not to dwell on this but please follow the state's social distancing rules. (see info within this newsletter). Please support our local businesses as you feel comfortable-especially nearby Mission Tavern, Sportsman, Grandpa's and Valerie Ann's.

Currently we will plan to continue the boat parade, the annual meeting and Kids fishing contest. Regarding that we are in need of a volunteer or two take over the fishing contest. We saw tremendous turnout the past few years under Kim and father Bob Kalton's leadership. Thank you Bob and Kim!

Our biggest area of concern going into 2020 is seeing a big decline in membership, currently at 140 members, compared to 190-210 members in years past. We believe our Fall communication for renewal or joining is suspect in that drop off. Many regular on-going members failed to renew. (Remember the benefits of membership keep our AIS funding supplied, provides membership in the Facebook HLPOA page, and most importantly continues a 50-year plus sense of community.) If you have not renewed or are new to a membership, please see the enclosure with in the newsletter for paying the membership dues. Additionally, a mailing was recently sent out to current non-members and we saw a nice increase from that. We certainly appreciate your support.

The lake is currently at a 100 YEAR high water mark. PLEASE NO Large wakes 100' feet from shore to help prevent bank erosion. Remember your neighbors!

#### Some other tidbits:

- The Mission 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade will now be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June. (June 20) instead of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekends. It will now be called **"The Start of Summer Parade"**.
- Transfer station is open thru Oct 30. Saturdays only **10am-2pm**.
- It has been a dry spring, so please be careful with campfires. Water it down and make sure it out before retiring for the night.
- Recycling is no longer available at Mission Hall due to costs. Currently the closest is in Crosslake off Hwy 3 until May 31<sup>st</sup>. After that:
  - Crow Wing township 6390 Cuyuna Ave Crow Wing townhall 9a-12n
  - Crosby 1077 1<sup>st</sup> street SW.
  - Additional locations on Crow Wing website under recycling.

Stay safe this summer, we will get through the "new world condition". We appreciate everyone's consideration, support and awareness as we go forward this summer.

*Dave*

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### LAKE EVENTS:

#### -Kids Fishing Contest

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#### -4th of July Boat Parade

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Jerry Martin, Bud Hays, and Dale Johnson

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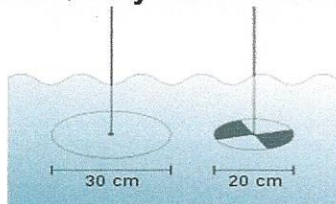
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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Water Quality and AIS Management



Lake monitoring dates have been set. I will be taking seechi disc readings and collecting water samples on the following dates:

May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17 and September 21. The data and samples are

shipped to RMB Environmental Laboratories in Detroit Lakes for testing and results are added to their data base. The data is then sent to the MPCA.

HLPOA has been involved with the Lake Monitoring program since 2004, so we have 15 years of data for analyzing trends. According to the data, Horseshoe Lake's water quality is on a positive trend. Tropic State Index (TSI), Total Chlorophyll A, and Total Phosphorus are all on a downward trend, which indicates improving water quality. The data is available on RMB Environmental Laboratories website: [www.rmbel.com](http://www.rmbel.com)  
We are very fortunate to live on Horseshoe Lake. Let's all continue to be good stewards of our lake.

Jerry Martin

### Fisheries Management

Kevin Max spoke to Marc Bacigalupi in February regarding the possibility of putting the "Keep Out, Spawning Area" sign back up at the entrance to the bay on the South end of the West basin. He was clear that the answer is "No". He said that the entire lake is open to the public to fish. Marc is the Brainerd Area Fisheries Supervisor for the Mn DNR.

### AIS Inspectors

AIS inspectors will **again** continue to be at our landing weekends and summer holidays. Additionally, we have provided them with a **restroom** facility thru September. We have 300 hours paid for by Crow Wing County and the Minnesota DNR. HLPOA will cover the balance of the year after the 300 hours are filled. Thanks for your support! Inspections began on May 15<sup>th</sup>. (a late start due to training issues)



## Wildlife

After ice out, there were three pairs of loons plus one smaller loon, swimming on the lake. One pair of loons has settled on the East lake. The other two pairs haven't been seen for a couple weeks. The inlet of the West lake has changed. It could be due to the high water level, the environment around the nest or the heavy fishing occurring. Previously, there was no fishing posted. Now the third pair has vanished in the past two weeks. The loon platform that Geoffrey Bartsh set out in the channel remains empty. Please use caution when boating near the loons as the nests are close to the water and the water level remains high.

In other wildlife news, please watch your pets outdoors. A dog was injured by a porcupine, there are sighting of beavers, and telltale signs left behind of bears roaming on Huxtable Point. A big thank you to all that furnished information for this article.

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



## New Guidelines for Outdoor Recreation During Covid-19

These are unprecedented times and our intent is to keep all our property owners and visitors safe this spring and summer. The **Minnesota Department of Natural Resources** has communicated new Guidelines for use during this pandemic.

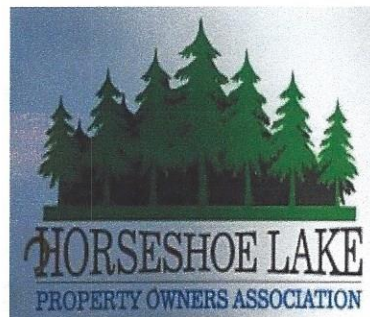
- Practice social distancing (essential at boat launches, fishing piers and hunting lands)
- Stay as close to home as possible. This is not the time to be traveling long distances to recreate.
- Do not host large gatherings who are not members of your immediate family. This includes gatherings like outdoor events and cookouts.
- Explore the range of nearby public lands available and if it is busy, choose a different option.
- Do not carpool to outdoor recreational activities other than immediate family. Similarly, do not share equipment.

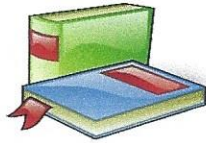
Being lake property owners, these are very difficult rules to follow, but your adherence to participate in these guidelines **will** make a difference. Remember: We are all in this together!

**Know before you go: Contact the DNR for additional information at 651-296-6157 or by email at [info.dnr.@state.mn.us](mailto:info.dnr.@state.mn.us)**

## HLPOA Membership Signs

**\$20 – contact Pam Heller24@mail.com**





## Did You Know?

North Horseshoe Lake Road has a "Free Library" nook that encourages people to drop off a used paperback and pick up another. There is no better time than right now to pick up some good books as well as do some spring cleaning on your library. Stop by soon and take advantage of some good reading material this spring.

## Ice Report

Ice out this year was	<b>2020 April 11-12</b>
Past years	2019 - April 21-22
	2018 - May1
	2017 - April 2-4

## Women's Auxiliary Meeting

Although not meeting currently, the meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm and if anyone is interested in joining the group contact Dar Hays at 218-765-3616 to 952-769-7089.

## Fishing Coordinator Position Open

HLPOA is looking for a new kids fishing tournament coordinator for Labor Day Weekend on Horseshoe Lake. It's a great event and families enjoy participation every year. Here are the requirements if you are interested in volunteering:

- Prepare the awards for the kids – lures and bobbers for all participants (paid back by the Lake Association). We also print 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place certificates.
- Announce the awards at the potluck. Ensure there are helpers on each basin to check boats in and measure the fish. In the past a family has helped on the west basin and two volunteers and been at the landing dock for the east basin.
- Contact Nancy Jones, Newsletter Editor ([nancysayresjones@gmail.com](mailto:nancysayresjones@gmail.com)) to get the word out regarding event, starting times, etc.
- Contact Michele Buttweiler, treasurer a few days before the event to assure you have money for the cash awards (\$50 longest overall plus each category (northern, bass, sunny, crappie – 1<sup>st</sup> \$20, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5)
- Potluck Event at Mission Park – Coordinate set-up of beverage coolers (owned by Association) for water and lemonade. Everyone is to bring a covered dish and their own dining supplies (paper plates and cutlery)

Time commitment is modest and we look forward to hearing from volunteers. Please reach out to Bob or Kim Kalton if you are interested.

## M Versus E

The HLPOA Newsletter is mailed three times a year and many of you have agreed to receive the Newsletter electronically. This certainly assists in saving paper, stamp expenditures, time, and handling. There are still a number of you who opt for postal mailing of the Newsletter. In these uncertain times, it is beneficial to cut down mail service as well embrace good environmental practices. With more budgetary constraints for the Association, won't you take a moment to review your status of currently how you receive the Newsletter and make the switch to electronic (M to E). Please notify Membership Chairman Rob Saunders [robs.7680@gmail.com](mailto:robs.7680@gmail.com) if you can make the switch. Your Association thanks you!



## Minnesota Lakes and River Advocates

Since the stay at home orders, MLR has put out a number of webinars. Please check the [Minnesota Lakes & Rivers website](#) home page for registration links to future webinars. You may also click on links to view recordings of past webinars. These are usually less than 60 minutes. Lake associations are part of the largest, most generous and most committed conservation/angling group in Minnesota, contributing about \$6.25 million towards lake work collectively, and about 1.2 million volunteer hours to protect the public waters, and almost \$400k for annual fish stocking.

### Take Action to Increase Boaters Safety, AIS Knowledge and Enhanced Wake Watercraft Training

In mid-March the Legislature recessed due to the Covid-19 outbreak. At that time there were a number of bills MLR was working on:

\$5 million to MN DNR for AIS enhancements to water access sites and Lake Association AIS grants was included in the Governor's recommendation,

- An approximate doubling of AIS fines, with the top set at \$1,000,
- A requirement for the MN DNR and interested parties to recommend a watercraft operator's certification with specific training for public safety, enhanced wake watercraft, and AIS self-inspection,
- Legislation to protect loons, other waterfowl and raptors from lead poisoning due to lead based fishing tackle.

Since mid-March the focus has been on Covid-19 related bills. Now, late in the session, stripped down versions of the bills, with many of the spending items removed (\$5 million in AIS funding, etc) are being moved.

The House Bill contains language that requires the MN DNR to convene interested parties to recommend a boater's operating training and certification program. The language asks the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Center to establish Best Management Practices, BMPs for preventing the spread of AIS.

It also asks the fluid dynamics lab at St. Anthony Falls to establish BMPs for preventing damage to lake bottoms and aquatic plants from the operation of watercraft, and the minimum distances boats should operate from shore to prevent damage to sensitive shorelines from wakes.

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To learn more about the issue, view a recording of the MLR Webinar - **Enhanced Wake Watercraft Impacts on Lakes - Emerging Issue** with Jeff Forester, MLR, Jeff Marr, St. Anthony Lab, and Chuck Becker, Safe Wakes for Small Lakes.

### Mission Township News

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

- Transfer Station now open Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 pm. Social Distancing is being implemented
- The Mission Township Board will hold a public meeting on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall to present a Road Management Plan. The draft proposal is for \$3.4 million over 5 years to improve the roads in the Township. More information is available on their website ([missiontownship.org](https://missiontownship.org)).
- Horseshoe Lake residents had asked about having a tornado siren installed at the Mission Township Hall. Most sirens only have about a 1 mile radius coverage. A new siren would cost approximately \$18,000-\$20,000. A better solution is to utilize technology and that most residents have cell phones and/or have weather apps on their phones. Currently all major phone providers have enable emergency alerts on their devices (Tornado warnings/Amber Alerts) anything life threatening should automatically come across a person's phone unless they have physically disabled it. Crow Wing County has purchased a mass notification system, called Crow Wing County ALERT <https://crowwing.us/1490/Crow-Wing-County-ALERT>

### In Memorium

Leonard Leland passed away on January 13, 202. Our sympathy to his family in his passing.

## Don't Be Left Out: Join the Fun!

This year's boat parade will be held on Saturday, July 4.

- The Commodores are Mark and Sharon McCormick
- Judges are last year's winners, the Laurence family

Meet at the East Basin side of the channel around 11:45 a.m. The parade begins at noon and the Commodores will lead you counterclockwise around the East Basin first, then the West Basin. The parade lasts for about one hour so you will have plenty of time for your other 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities.

Please be sure to identify your boat so everyone knows who you are. Boats will be judged on creativity and enthusiasm. Good Luck to all entries!



## 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

## Fire Up the Grill

With so many restaurants still closed and social distancing strongly encouraging Minnesotans to “Stay Safe Minnesota” it's a good time to gather immediate family and fire up the grill. In this corner is a fun, easy and flavorful recipe to prepare for your family:

### Jamaican Jerk Chicken

- 1 4-1/2 oz. can green chilies
- ¼ cup lime juice
- 1 tbsp. rosemary
- 2 tsp. thyme
- 2 tbsp. mustard seeds
- 2 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- ½ yellow onion cut in chunks
- 2 cloves of garlic chopped
- dash of salt
- One cut up chicken



Combine the first 9 ingredients in a food processor until it forms a thick, smooth paste. Pat the chicken pieces dry and rub the paste into the chicken. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 2 hours. Prepare the grill and place the chicken skin side down and cook slowly until done. Transfer the chicken to plates and add sprigs of rosemary and serve. Add some sides such as corn on the cob, spicy cole slaw, green onion biscuits and you have a beachside fiesta! Dessert – (of course!) – Cappuccino Walnut Brownies with ice cream!

Recipe: *Williams-Sonoma Complete Grilling Cookbook*

If you have a summer recipe you would like to share, e-mail to [nancysayresjones@gmail.com](mailto:nancysayresjones@gmail.com) and we will include in the next newsletter.



**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/>

**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

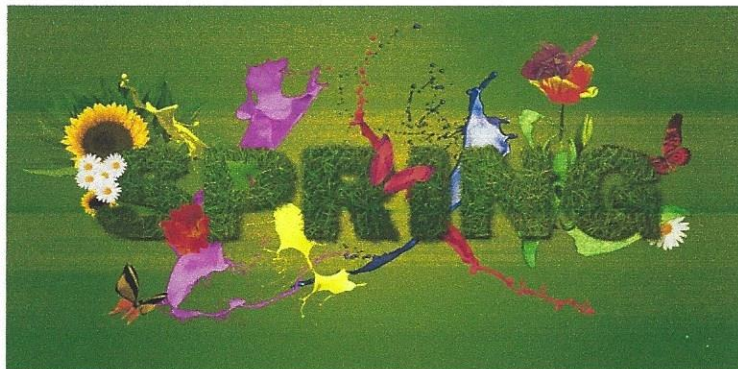
Mission Lake Fire Department

218-765-3259

CALL 9-1-1

If you have an emergency

**Be STRONG, BE WELL, AND STAY SAFE**



**FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING AUGUST 1, ENDING JULY 31**
**Actual 2018/2019**
**9 Mos Actuals**
**2019/2020**

<b>Beginning Balance 07/31/2018</b>	<b>\$9,987.4</b>		
	<b>9</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance 07/31/2019</b>		<b>\$14,582.15</b>	<b>\$14,582.15</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Dues	\$3,045.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,085.00
	0	0	0
Fishing Contest	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$95.00
Misc	\$808.15	\$0.00	\$35.00
Memorabilia Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Lake Protection Fund</b>			
LP-Dues	\$4,060.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,780.00
	0	0	0
LP- Contributions	\$3,260.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,705.00
	0	0	0
LP-Advert/Donation	\$200.00		
Membership Signs	\$1,340.00	\$800.00	\$160.00
	0		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$12,793.15</b>	<b>\$10,900.00</b>	<b>\$7,860.00</b>
			0
<b>Disbursements:</b>			
PO Box Rental	\$76.00	\$80.00	\$103.10
Meeting Expense	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Annual Meeting Expense	\$412.58	\$400.00	
Conference Expense	\$0.00		
Newsletter (includes postage)	\$436.38	\$750.00	
Water Quality	\$23.68	\$25.00	
Fisheries Management	\$303.10	\$300.00	
Aquatic Plant Management	\$0.00		
Membership	\$68.15	\$75.00	\$15.00
WEB site	\$255.00	\$255.00	
Lake Events	\$0.00	\$75.00	
Boat Parade	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Kids Fishing Contest	\$363.24	\$365.00	\$245.00
Office Supplies	\$11.00	\$25.00	\$60.11
Dues	\$0.00		
LARA	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
MN Waters(MLR)	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
President (Gifts)	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Map Guide	\$0.00		
Miscellaneous	\$779.50	\$0.00	\$64.74
Lake Navigation Supplies	\$157.45	\$150.00	
Memorabilia Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
One Time Seed for Tornado Siren		\$2,000.00	
		0	
<b>Lake Protection</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>	
Signs cost	\$612.38	\$800.00	\$792.80
Transfer from General Fund	\$0.00		
LP Expense (AIS Inspect)	\$3,850.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,226.98
	3	0	8
<b>CD First National Bank</b>			
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$8,198.49</b>	<b>\$10,200.00</b>	<b>\$4,807.73</b>
<b>Net for Year</b>	<b>\$4,594.66</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>	<b>\$3,052.27</b>
<b>Ending Balance Checking</b>	<b>\$14,582.15</b>	<b>\$15,282.15</b>	<b>\$17,634.42</b>
<b>CD Balance</b>	<b>\$46,801.80</b>		<b>\$46,999.95</b>



*"Spring is the time of plans and projects."*

— Leo Tolstoy

If you haven't paid your dues for 2019-2020, there is still time to send in your check.

## 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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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.)