



NEWSLETTER FALL 2020 - No. 119



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

Greetings from the shores of Horseshoe Lake. As I write this as your new President, the leaves are turning brilliant colors, the breezes are cooling, and the lake is like glass. Fall is upon us as we leave summer behind. I am delighted to serve this year as your President and to work with many of you dedicated board, committee members, and volunteers. I have been a board member for the past ten years and a homeowner on Horseshoe for twenty-nine years. That's many years but many of you (and your families) have had property ownership for generations. This is significant because families that have dwelled here are passionate about the condition and eco-system of our beautiful lake. It is a legacy of our past and an acknowledgement to the future. It is why HLPOA exists. Our lake quality is important for our upcoming generations, enabling them to enjoy what we have now. Although we have limited powers, we do have influence with the Township, County, DNR and Police/Fire Departments.

Our management functions include:

- Placing buoys each spring and removing them in the Fall
- Coordinating AIS inspectors with the County to assure our lake is monitored for invasive species
- Performing clarity readings and other testing of the water quality
- Checking for invasive plant life to our shorelines
- Monitoring the nesting of loons and other wild birds
- Controlling the cormorants on our waters
- Promoting the enjoyment of our lake for residents and guests

We also foster the social side of Horseshoe with our Annual Fourth of July Parade, Fireworks, and the Children's Fishing Contest/Labor Day Picnic. The Annual Meetings in August recap the accomplishments of the year and induct new officers and Committee Members.

Think about participating in the protection and enjoyment of our lake through the HLPOA. Keep your membership active by completing your dues statement (attached). We welcomed three new Board Members in August: Judy Deis, Nancy Jones and Diane Wiener. Chad, Kevin and Jim continue to serve as Board Members. Contact any Officer or Board Member if you are interested in volunteering. Currently, we have openings to manage the Fishing Contest and Picnic, so consider undertaking this important event. Let's not cancel it for next year. Continue to support the condition, environmental protection, and properties of our beautiful lake. Stay safe and be healthy throughout the Fall and Winter.

Rob Saunders

President

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LAKE EVENTS:

-Kids Fishing Contest
OPEN POSITION

-4th of July Boat Parade

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CHANNEL BUOYS

Jerry Martin, Bud Hays, and Dale Johnson

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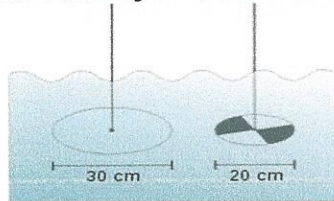
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Quality and AIS Management



Jerry Martin collected water samples from two sites on the east bay and one site on the west bay, the week of September 20th.

Secchi disc readings:

West Bay 14.5 ft., East Bay 16ft.

The Buoys were removed on Wednesday, September 23rd by Jerry Martin, Bud Hays and Dale Johnson.

Jerry Martin

AIS

We continued to have another successful year with inspections. We utilized close to 500 hours of inspector time at our landing. (May thru September). DNR and Crow Wing funds paid for our first 300 hours, with additional hours covered by HLPOA. (Approx \$3,000) We believe having more qualified inspectors and adding a port- a- pot made it more desirable for a constant supply of inspectors. We also hope to fill in the potholes at the public access area and have the DNR improve the ramp.

Thanks for all those HLPOA members for your continued support through annual dues plus additional dollar donations.

Dave Baker

Membership

Thanks to all HLPOA members for signing up for membership (August 2019—July 2020). Our paid membership dues were at 216. This is outstanding considering we have approximately 240 homes on Horseshoe Lake. Currently for 2020-2021, we are at only approximately 50% of last year's total (104). If you have new neighbors on the lake please let them know about the Association. It helps if homeowners can let a board member know via e-mail that there are new residents. E-mails can be sent to info@horseshoelakemn.com. A reminder: you may pay your dues online at Horseshoelakemn.com. Scroll to the bottom of the home page. It's fast, secure and easy. Additionally you can certainly send in your dues with the form attached at the end of this newsletter. Let's aim for 100% membership in HLPOA! Thanks and have a safe winter.

Dave Baker

Wildlife

Now that Autumn is here, it's time to see the loons off to warmer climes. Thank you Joeffry Bartsh for again putting out the loon platform and storing for the season. Also, thanks everyone for proceeding gently around the loons that built their nest in the channel very near to the traffic lane. It was amazing to gently proceed around that nest and get a good look at our beautiful nature up close. Those two babies were 2 of the 3 loons hatched on our lake.

Marlin and Gwen Sackett



Bear Alert!

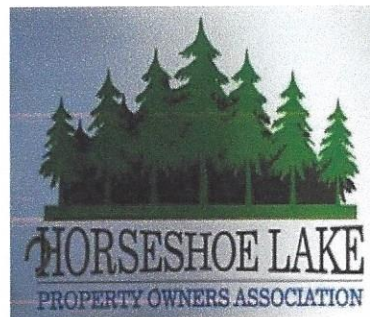
If bears are in the area (and there have been sightings) let your neighbors, homeowners and fellow campers know about it so everyone keeps potential attractants away from bears. Together we can reduce conflicts with bears and avoid teaching them bad habits. The bears are typically shy and flee when encountered, but they are bolder when natural foods are in short supply. People are asked not to try and pet bears or approach them. While injuries due to bears are rare, people should still be cautious. The state of Minnesota does not have bear relocation program because rangers say it does not resolve the underlying issue, which is food sources left out by humans. Relocated bears often return or become a problem elsewhere if they are relocated.

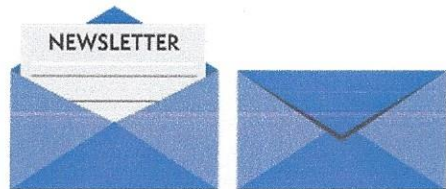
Here is a full list of ways to avoid bear conflicts:

- ✓ *Store garbage in bear-resistant garbage cans or dumpsters. Keep garbage inside a secure building (not a screened porch) until the morning of pickup.*
- ✓ *If there is not a secure building to put bear attractants in, erect an energized fence around trash or any other item attractive to bears (e.g., fruit trees, animal feed, gardens and compost piles).*
- ✓ *When camping, pack out trash, dispose of it properly, and store food in bear-resistant containers or in a locked vehicle or camper.*
- ✓ *If you wish to feed birds, hang birdfeeders 10 feet up and 4 feet out from the nearest trees. Use a rope and pulley system to refill birdfeeders, and clean up spilled seeds daily.*

HLPOA Membership Signs

\$20 – contact Pam Heller24@mail.com





Did You Know?

Sending out the Newsletter by US Postal Services costs approximately \$5.00 per newsletter. The Newsletter is sent out three times a year: October, May and July. **That totals approximately \$1,000 per year.** Some of you have mentioned that your newsletter is getting to you late or not at all. With the US Postal Service in turmoil and showing great inefficiency, it might be a good time for members to switch to the electronic system. It will save money for the Association that can be spent to the good of other areas of need. It will also save time. Please contact Chad Boeckmann (chad@trustsds.com) if you opt to get the newsletter electronically. The mailing list is never shared or sold to others, so your addresses are secure.

COVID 19

Despite some recent hopeful trends in Minnesota's COVID-19 data, state health officials are still prepping Minnesotans to expect a long road back to normalcy. Please continue to wash hands thoroughly, wear a mask when out and about, and practice social distancing until we have more information and protection from this virus. Let's all do our part to help eradicate this disease.

Minnesota Lakes and River Advocates

If you are interested, be sure to check out the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates for the latest information on our lakes and rivers. Blogs, books, and webinars are available for those that want to learn more about our conservation, lake living and ways to protect our shared lake and river heritage. Go to www.mnlakesandrivers.org

Mission Township News

<https://missiontownship.org>

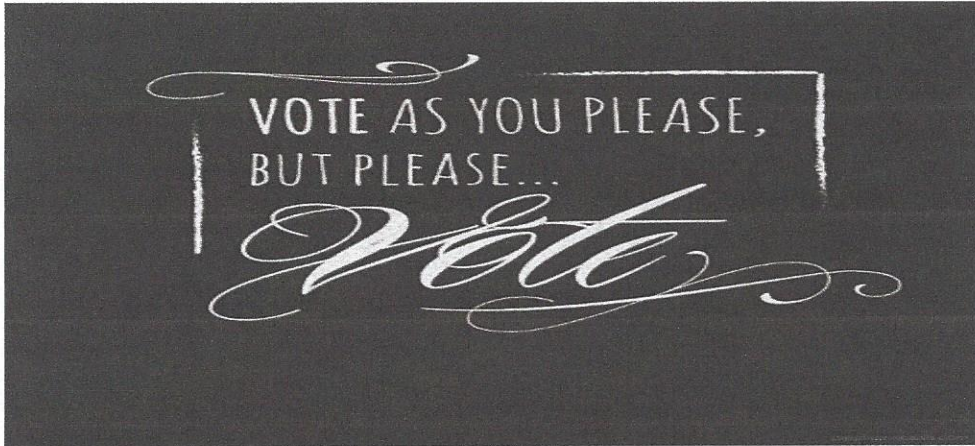
- Transfer Station now open Saturdays 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Social Distancing is being implemented. It will close October 31 for the season and then reopen Saturday, April 3, 2021
- Fires in the area have increased so if you plan to burn, check the Crow Wing County website to obtain a burning permit and follow the directions for safe, clean burning
- If you plan to vacate your property this fall/winter season, you can download a Property Watch Form from the Mission Township website and send to the Crosslake Police Department and they will perform drive-bys for the duration of your vacancy
- Mission Township recently set up a Roads and Bridges Committee with some of our HLPOA members serving (Jon Auge, Dave Meyer, and **Eric Carter**) and
- a Park Committee with Michael Blassey, Carl Anderson, **Dave Baker**, **John Buttweiler**, and **Jim Peterson** as Chair
- A new website is planned for later this year
- A new snowplow was purchased for the coming winter season

Township meeting occur on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Join in at the Mission Town Hall or Zoom. (See website day of the meeting for Zoom meeting link).

In Memorium

Our sympathies go out to the family of Ruth Groff who passed away earlier this winter and to the family of Bill Lallman who passed away July 7th. He resided on Huxtable Point.

Election -2020
Tuesday November 3, 2020



Know your polling address or send in your ballot!
Mission Township Supervisors running:
Jim Roach, currently unopposed and Dave Hauser running against Bob Steele

Simmered and Savory

Now that the weather is cooling down and Autumn is here, it might be time to dust off some soup and stew recipes that have been on hiatus since Spring. Here is an easy and "comfort food" recipe that is hearty and filling for busy weeknight dinners. Add some honey/butter cornbread, a fruit salad and you have a winner. Best of all it features our Minnesota wild rice that is healthy and nutritious.

Minnesota Cream of Wild Rice Soup



3/4 cups chicken broth
1 cup diced carrots
1/2 cup celery
1/3 cup wild rice
1/3 cup sliced onion
1/2 tsp dried thyme
2 tbsp butter
3 tbsp flour
1 cup Half and Half cream
2 cups cut up cooked chicken

Mix broth, carrots, celery, uncooked rice, onions, thyme and dash of pepper. Bring to a boil and simmer one hour until the rice is tender. Melt the butter and stir in the flour, then slowly add the half and half. Stir for one minute and then add the cream mixture to the rice mixture stirring constantly. Gently add in the chicken and heat through. Ladle into bowls and serve with a sprinkling of parsley. Yield: 4 servings and 341 calories per serving. It also freezes well.

From: Genius Kitchen

If you have a recipe you would like to share, e-mail to nancysayresjones@gmail.com and we will include in the next newsletter.

Ready for Fall and Winter?

Outside Duties

- Clean and store **boats**, dock ornaments, ladder, life jackets and ski equipment.
- Mow the lawn one last time (if you have a lawn at your place).
- Clean and winterize lawnmower and other gas-powered yard equipment.
- Rake and remove leaves within at least 30 feet from your cabin.
- Store **fire pit** decorations, emptied flower pots, drained hoses and sprinklers, and deflated water toys.
- Look for air leaks around electrical wiring, dryer vents, pipes, windows and doors; then seal leaks with caulk or insulation to keep out cold air and pests.
- Insulate pipes in crawl spaces by wrapping them with heat tape or thermostatically- controlled heat cables; also open cabinet doors to allow heat to get to un-insulated pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls.
- Clean out gutters, and inspect roof for shingles that are raised or cracked; leaking roofs and clogged gutters can lead to significant water damage.
- Take in dock and boat hoists. Remove hoist motor and electric line.
- Turn off outside pump breaker, hoist motor breaker, dock light breaker.
- Store outdoor furniture, picnic tables and hammocks.
- Make sure your winter sports gear is ready to go. Snowmobile and **ATV** tuned up? Skis waxed? Where are those snowshoes?

Inside Duties

- Ensure that the power and water are in the proper mode for vacancy.
- Set thermostat at the appropriate temperature for the region. If you heat your place in the winter, set the thermostat no lower than 55 degrees.
- Clean furnace filter to maintain an efficient heating and cooling system and reduce the risk of fire.
- If you're shutting off the refrigerator, leave the door cracked open to prevent musty smells from developing. Also, unplug computers and major appliances.
- Pull shades, or cover furniture to keep it from being bleached by the sun.
- Put dryer sheets near linens.
- Restock and store first-aid kit.
- Take out all perishable foods; store those that remain in air-tight/critter-tight containers. If you don't heat the cabin in winter, carry out canned goods so they don't freeze.
- Turn off dehumidifier and hot water heater.
- Close damper for **fireplace**. Seal box to prevent critters from entering cabin.
- If you don't heat in winter, drain the pipes by attaching a hose to the lowest point in the plumbing, then blow out all water with an air compressor.
- Winterize washing machine; kitchen appliances.
- Do a final cleaning of indoor space



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2021 Calendar Dates

May 1	Board Meeting
June 5	Board Meeting
June 26	Board Meeting
July 4	Boat Parade - Noon
August 7	ANNUAL MEETING
August 14	Board Meeting
September 11	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/>

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

Looking forward to Spring

Ice Out – Boats and Docks In!

Shorelines reappearing!

Spring birds and loons returning!

And

Look forward to the Spring Newsletter that will feature a new electronic version of our lake basins with property owners listed. It will provide an opportunity to get out and meet your (old and new) neighbors!

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



"I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion."

— Henry David Thoreau

If you are planning to be around the Lakes Area this Autumn/Winter

*Events**

November 6-7	Fall Into Christmas – Downtown Nisswa
November 14	Minnesota Christmas Market (Brainerd Exchange) Shopping showcasing home grown brands
November 27	Nisswa City of Lights Celebration – Downtown Nisswa
December 2	Sertoma Winterwonderland – Brainerd 5:30-8:30 p.m. www.sertomawinterwonderland.com
December 5	Holiday at the Dam – Crosslake 1:00-4:00 p.m. www.crosslake.com for more information
December 6	Heartland Symphony Orchestra Holidays Around the World – Tornstrom Auditorium 2:30 p.m.
January 30	Jaycees Annual Fishing Extravaganza – Gull Lake

***Be sure to check before you head out as cancellations may occur**

HLPOA FINANCIALS

Actual 8/1-
9/26/20 Budget
2020/2021

Receipts:

Cash Beginning Balance 07/31/20xx \$ 20,774.87 \$ 22,426.52

Receipts:

Dues	\$	1,260.00	\$	2,700.00
Fishing Contest	\$	-	\$	100.00
Misc	\$	-		
Prepaid 2020/2021 Dues	\$	15.00		
Memorabilia Income	\$	-		
Lake Protection Fund	\$	-		
LP-Dues	\$	1,680.00	\$	3,600.00
LP - Prepaid 2020/2021 Dues	\$	20.00		
LP- Contributions	\$	1,530.00	\$	3,000.00
LP-Advert/Donation	\$	-		
Membership Signs	\$	73.00	\$	300.00
Total Receipts	\$	4,578.00	\$	9,700.00

Disbursements:

PO Box Rental	\$	-	\$	80.00
Annual Meeting Expense	\$	45.48	\$	200.00
Conference Expense	\$	-		
Newsletter (includes postage)	\$	294.15	\$	570.00
Water Quality	\$	-	\$	-
Fisheries Management	\$	-	\$	-
Aquatic Plant Management	\$	-	\$	-
Online Dues Fees	\$	44.96	\$	65.00
Membership	\$	-	\$	100.00
WEB site	\$	630.00	\$	730.00
Lake Events	\$	-		
Boat Parade	\$	-	\$	150.00
Kids Fishing Contest	\$	-	\$	300.00
Office Supplies	\$	-	\$	100.00
Dues	\$	-		
LARA	\$	-	\$	100.00
MN Waters(MLR)	\$	-	\$	200.00
President (Gifts)	\$	-	\$	100.00
Map Guide	\$	-	\$	750.00
Miscellaneous (IRS tax)	\$	-	\$	75.00
Lake Navigation Supplies	\$	-	\$	300.00
Memorabilia Expense	\$	-	\$	-
Lake Protection	\$	-	\$	600.00
Signs cost	\$	-	\$	300.00
Transfer from General Fund	\$	1,643.32		
LP Expense (AIS Inspect)	\$	268.44	\$	4,000.00
LP Expense (Portable Restroom)	\$	-	\$	550.00
CD First National Bank	\$	-		
Total Disbursements	\$	2,926.35	\$	9,270.00

Net	\$	1,651.65	\$	430.00
Ending Balance Checking	\$	22,426.52	\$	22,856.52

CD Balance	47,815.34
70,241.86	

General Fund	General Fund	Lake Protection Fund	TOTALS
Beginning Balance	5,532.05	15,242.82	20,774.87
Deposits	1,275.00	3,303.00	4,578.00
Disbursements	(1,014.59)	(1,911.76)	(2,926.35)
Transfer to LP Fund	-	-	
Checking Balance	5,792.46	16,634.06	22,426.52
CD's with interest	-	47,815.34	47,815.34
Ending Balance	5,792.46	64,449.40	70,241.86
Current Year (20/21) Paid memberships		104.00	(28 online)
Prepaid (20/21) Paid memberships		1.00	

If you haven't paid your dues for 2020-2021, 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 2020-July 2021

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.)