



NEWSLETTER SPRING 2021 - No. 120

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 sandy shores of Horseshoe Lake. The weather is warming and the woods are turning green which is a welcome sight after a long winter. The launching area has been seeing increased traffic. When you launch your boat or pontoon, please thank the individuals who are providing a critical need to inspect and prevent Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) from invading our beautiful lake. Again HLPOA has contracted to double the 300 hours that Crow Wing County has allocated. The resulting 500-600 hours will cover most weekends and upcoming holidays. It is an important endeavor to keep AIS out of our lake. These pests can travel on any watercraft and affect the natural habitat of our water and shores.

The HLPOA board has been active this spring with a response to a proposed development request on the East Bay of the lake. Thank you members for your support to voice your opinion on expanding the increase of homes and population by signing a petition of opposition. An overview of this proposal is included below. An Advisory Board Meeting scheduled by Crow Wing County Land Services is pending at the old courthouse in Brainerd. Board members are encouraged to attend and will keep the membership advised at to the outcome of this meeting. We are also planning to complete an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the Office of Land Services.

We will continue our program of water testing this summer and Jerry Martin and his team will be reporting on water quality.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming 4th of July Boat Parade beginning at noon that day. Also, we are still looking for volunteers for the Labor Day Fishing Contest and Pot Luck at the Park.

Finally, what makes HLPOA special are the volunteers who generously donate their time to keep our lake clean and a fun place to recreate. If you are interested in volunteering, let me or a Board Member know.

Let's all enjoy the spring season and finally be with family and friends.

Rob Saunders
President

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LAKE EVENTS:

-Kids Fishing Contest
OPEN POSITION

-4th of July Boat Parade

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Jerry Martin, Bud Hays, and Dale Johnson

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HIDAWAY BAY DEVELOPMENT



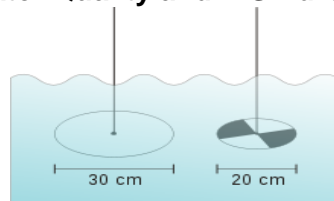
The HLPOA Board of Directors and Officers unanimously voted to oppose the Hideaway Bay on Horseshoe Lake Development. The project proposes to add thirteen additional residences on the lake with docking capability.

Here are the likely ramifications:

- AIS monitoring of the public access may need to be increased at the expense of the HLPOA.
- Our shoreline and lake environment could be impacted by additional residents and boat traffic.
- The potential increase in boat traffic from the project will make it more challenging to check and maintain our clean AIS-free lake.
- Setting this precedent can increase the potential for other landowners to create similar developments and additional lake congestion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Quality and AIS Management



HLPOA will continue to monitor water quality this year by taking water samples and secchi disc readings May through September. This data is collected for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Crow Wing County Land Services. HLPOA has been monitoring water quality since 2001. Since 2004, our water samples and secchi disk readings have been tested and tracked by RMB Environmental Laboratories. RMB's summary of trends for both East and West Horseshoe, state that Phosphorus, Chlorophyll and Tropic State Index are all improving. If you're interested in looking at the data for Horseshoe and other lakes in Minnesota, go to www.rmbel.com.

Jerry Martin

AIS

We will continue to have another year with AIS inspections. Inspections will begin May 14th and will end in September. Shifts are usually Friday through Sunday with additional hours scheduled for holidays.

Dave Baker

Membership

130 members for 2020-21 have paid their dues. A proposed change to pay with a Jan-Dec membership form is under consideration. There are approximately 240 homes on Horseshoe Lake. If you have new neighbors on the lake please let them know about the Association. It helps us if homeowners can let a board member know via e-mail that there are new residents. Emails can be sent to info@horseshoelakemn.com. You may pay your dues online at Horseshoelakemn.com. Scroll to the bottom of the home page. It's fast secure and easy.

Dave Baker

WildLife

This spring has seen an increase of the loon population with seven sightings on Horseshoe! So far there has not been any nesting activity spotted. We also have seen an increase of large eagles on the lake. If you are a pet owner, please take note that these are large eagles and could easily snatch a small dog or cat. Keep your pets safe and secure this season.

Marlin and Gwen Sackett



Bear Alert!

There have been sighting of bears around North Horseshoe Lake Road. Please note:



If you see a bear, slowly back away; do not turn your back on the animal.

- **NEVER run from a bear.** Don't approach a bear – just quietly move away and leave the area. However, if a bear does approach you, make yourself look big, make loud noises, clap your hands, and continue to back away.
- 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).
- If you 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



Boat Parade – Join the Fun!!



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

- The Commodores are Rob and Renae Saunders
- Judges are last year's winners, the Geiger/Bartsh families

Meet at the West Basin side of the channel around 11:45. The parade starts at noon and the Commodores will lead you counter clockwise around the West Basin first, then the East Basin. The parade lasts around an hour so you will have plenty of time for the rest of your 4th 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!!

Electronic for 2021

Sending out the Newsletter by US Postal Services costs approximately \$5.00 per newsletter. The Newsletter is sent out three times a year: October, June 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. Considering the extensively reported challenges of the US Postal Service, it is a good time for members to switch to an 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) to get the newsletter electronically. The mailing list is never shared or sold to others, so your addresses are secure. Make 2021 the year to "go electronic" to receive the Newsletter!

Stay Safe Minnesota

COVID-19 has tested us like never before. We have worked hard to keep ourselves, our loved ones, and our communities safe, all while balancing our personal wellbeing and our livelihoods.

Cases are receding, more people are being vaccinated every day, and vaccines are available to those who want them. We can now confidently and safely set out our path back to the things we miss and the people we love.

We are beginning to end the restrictions that made Minnesota's COVID-19 mitigation strategy so effective. The state will continue its emergency efforts to get Minnesotans tested and vaccinated, and will continue to monitor the virus and the growth of variants in the months to come.

Health experts state our path forward relies on Minnesotans getting the vaccine. These vaccines are safe and effective. Extensive populace vaccinations will end this pandemic.

Effective May 28, businesses will no longer be subject to occupancy limits, distancing or other sector-specific requirements and need follow only the [Universal Guidance for All Businesses and Entities](#) and face covering requirements.

Minnesota Covid-19 website

Minnesota Lakes and River Advocates

There is a new program that will help your Lake Association protect Minnesota's iconic loons.

Get the Lead Out is a program at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency under a cooperative agreement with the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service. The mission of GTLO is to protect and restore the population of common loons in Minnesota by reducing their exposure to lead-based fishing tackle. This is done through education, outreach, and advocacy/intervention activities that promote the use of lead-free fishing tackle. In the past, we've done tackle exchanges, set up display stands of lead-free tackle at shops, and education/outreach at sports shows.

Lead poisoning is a leading cause of death for loons. The current national estimate is that 25% of loon deaths are caused by lead poisoning.

Loons

- Consume fish with lead tackle attached. The fish can either still be on the line or broke off with tackle attached.
 - Pick up pebbles at bottom of lakes to store in their gizzards to help them grind up and digest their food.
 - Pick up lead tackle at the bottom of a lake and swallow them.
 - Strike at fishing tackle being retrieved.

Solutions/Strategy:

These collection kits will allow organizations take in lead tackle to be disposed of and recycled properly at household hazardous waste facilities, and will also have lead-free tackle to distribute. In short, the kits will help to make sure that there is more lead-free tackle out there, and less lead tackle. This is especially crucial for lake associations and lake residents, as they have a direct connection with lakes and the loons that may be present on them.

Solutions and things people can do:

- Buy & use lead-free tackle.
- Share about the dangers of lead.
- Encourage others to use lead-free tackle.
- Ask retailers to carry lead-free tackle.
- Dispose of lead tackle properly.
- Make your voice heard to your elected officials.

If you/your association would like to collect and dispose of lead tackle to protect common loons, eagles, and other wildlife, please fill out this 4 question form, https://bit.ly/GTLO_Kit_InterestForm, to request a free lead tackle collection kit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Get the Lead Out program. More information and pictures can be found on the form. If you have any questions, please visit www.pca.state.mn.us/leadout or contact leadout@state.mn.us

In Memorium

Longtime lake resident John Buttweiler passed away February 8, 2021. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Michele and their family.

Mission Township News

<https://missiontownship.org>

- Transfer Station now open Saturdays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. through October. If you arrive and gates are closed, contact Jim Roach (218) 765-3638. Joachim@Brainerd.net.
- A new Mission Township Newsletter is sent semi-annually that will provide a window into what the township board is planning. The board is responsible for the supervision of the township assets and amenities. This includes the fire department, 20.1 miles of road and the township park.
- 6 roads were identified as needing reclamation at a cost of \$1.7 million.
- There are openings to join the Roads and Park committees. Go to the website at missiontownship.org if you would like to join this committee.
- The fire department has several new hires and they continue ongoing training and skill development. New equipment including protective gear and a new fire truck are to be integrated into a five-year capital expenditure plan.
- We are waiting to hear on DNR grant applications for Mission Park. This includes an upgrade to the playground, ball field, fencing, trails, pavilion roof, basketball court and add 2 pickle ball courts. We will be notified in early July. If approved projects would take place over the next year. Special thanks to Jim Peterson with well over 200 hours writing and rewriting the grant application. If the grant is not approved the Mission Board will integrate the cost of the recommendations into the five year expenditure plan.

Township meetings 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).



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

Light and Nutritious

Did you add a few extra pounds this past year by not being as active in the pandemic? Is it time to eat healthier, exercise more and cut back on “comfort food”? Well, you don't have to sacrifice great taste to achieve healthy meals. Its grilling season and the gardens are growing! Here is a recipe that incorporates garden fresh vegetables and grilled meat. Add a brown rice casserole, fruit salad and skillet pineapple upside down cake and you have a winner. Best of all – it can all be done on the grill!

Minnesota Shish-Ko-Bobs

2 pounds round steak cubed (or sirloin) or chicken

Marinate in 2 cups barbeque sauce and

½ cup red wine, Worchester sauce (1 tsp)

salt and pepper to taste

Marinate in refrigerator for 2-4 hours

Assemble metal skewers (or wood)

Thread your favorite cleaned vegetables onto the rods:

Green and Red Peppers

Cherry Tomatoes

Zucchini

Whole Mushrooms

Pineapple Spears

Onions

Red Skin Potatoes

Grill over medium heat until vegetables are tender and meat medium to well-done.



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

The HLPOA Newsletter goes out three times a year:

Spring (May/June)

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

If you are planning to be around the Lakes Area this Spring/Summer

*Events**

June 2- August 18	Nisswa Turtle Races every Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. (\$5.00 entry fee)
June 19, 26, July 3	Bands in the Park (Trailside Park, Pequot Lakes) 7:00 p.m.
June 24-27	Cass County Fair, Pine River
July 2, 3	Nisswa Fine Arts Show and Sale 5459 Lakes Lane 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
July 3	Freedom Day Parade, Nisswa on Main Street , Time Pending
July 4 th	Horseshoe Lake Annual Boat Parade at Noon

***Check the websites for additional updates and times before you head out**

DUES

MEMBERS, PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR FISCAL YEAR IS AUGUST 1 - JULY 31.
OF YOUR \$35 DUES, \$15 GOES TO OPERATING FUNDS AND \$20 TO LAKE PROTECTION FUNDS.

WE SHOULD HAVE ABOUT 200 PAID MEMBERSHIPS EACH YEAR, SO WE ARE SHORT ABOUT 50 MEMBERS PAYMENTS!

CONTACT MICHELE mlbuttweiler@gmail.com to inquire if you have paid this year.....

HLPOA Financials		
	Actual 8/1-9/26/20	Budget 2020/2021
Beginning Balance 07/31/2020	\$20,774.87	\$11,739.51
Receipts:		
Dues	\$ 1,935.00	\$ 2,700.00
Fishing Contest	-	\$ 100.00
Misc	-	
Prepaid 2020/2021 Dues	\$ 90.00	
Membership Signs	\$ 73.00	\$ 300.00
Memorabilia Income	\$0.00	
Lake Protection Fund	\$0.00	
LP-Dues	\$2,580.00	\$ 3,600.00
LP - Prepaid 2020/2021 Dues	\$ 120.00	
LP- Contributions	\$ 2,230.00	\$ 3,000.00
LP-Advert/Donation	\$ 0.00	
Total Receipts	\$7,028.00	\$ 9,700.00
Disbursements:		
PO Box Rental	\$0.00	\$ 80.00
Meeting Expense	\$ 45.48	\$200.00
Annual Meeting Expense	\$0.00	\$500.00
Conference Expense	\$0.00	
Newsletter (includes postage)	\$ 572.67	\$570.00
Water Quality	\$0.00	\$
Fisheries Management	\$0.00	\$
Aquatic Plant Management	\$0.00	\$
Online Dues Fees	\$ 104.18	\$65.00
Membership	\$0.00	\$100.00
WEB site	\$ 742.97	\$730.00
Lake Events	\$0.00	
Boat Parade	\$0.00	\$150.00
Kids Fishing Contest	\$0	\$300.00
Office Supplies	\$0	\$100.00
Dues	\$0.00	
LARA	\$ 100.00	\$100.00
MN Waters(MLR)	\$ 200.00	\$200.00
President (Gifts)	\$0.00	\$100.00
Map Guide	\$510.00	\$750.00
Miscellaneous (IRS tax)	\$0	\$ 75.00
Lake Navigation Supplies	\$0	\$300.00
Memorabilia Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
Signs cost	\$	\$300
Lake Protection	\$0.00	\$600.00
Transfer from General Fund	\$	
LP Expense (AIS Inspect)	\$3,264.60	\$4,000.00
LP Expense (Portable Restroom)	\$ 523.46	\$ 550.00
CD First National Bank	\$10,000	
Total Disbursements	\$ 16,063.36	\$9,270.00
Net	\$ (9,035.36)	\$ 430.00
Ending Balance Checking	\$11,739.51	\$12,169.51

	General Fund	Lake Protection Fund	TOTALS
Beginning Balance	\$5,532.05	\$15,242.82	\$20,774.87
Deposits	\$2,025.00	\$5,003.00	\$7,028.00
Disbursements	(\$2,275.30)	\$(13,788.06)	\$(16,063.36)
Transfer to LP Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Checking Balance	\$5,281.75	\$6,457.76	\$11,739.51
CD's	\$0.00	\$58,079.84	\$58,079.84
Ending Balance	\$5,281.75	\$64,537.60	\$69,819.35

Current Year (Pre-paid last year)	20
Current Year (2021) Paid memberships	129 (57 online)
Prepaid (20/22) Paid memberships	6 (4 online)

NOTE: FISCAL YEAR IS 8/1/21 - 7/31/22

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." — Audrey Hepburn

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 2021-July 2022

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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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.)