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Greetings from the shores of Horseshoe Lake. The weather cooperated after our dubious skies for our Annual Fourth of July Parade. As this year's Commodore, I appreciate all the entrants who took part as well as the spectators who came out to support all the colorful pontoon decorations. You can read about the winners on page 4. With sixteen entries this year, it is gratifying to see the enthusiasm and enjoyment of this annual event.

Our next big event is our Annual Homeowners Meeting on August 6th at 8:30 a.m. at Mission Town Hall. The board members and I encourage you to come and hear the latest updates pertinent to our community. Local officials will supply information regarding the township, and members of the fire and police departments will be available to answer questions. We will also review the challenges the HLPOA board members have met and attempted to resolve. We will address and examine the current issues and costs associated with these concerns.

Labor Day is not far off as the last big weekend of summer. The Annual Kids Fishing Contest will once again take place on Saturday, September 3rd. Judges will be at both the east and west basins. Diane Wiener is the coordinator for the contest and potluck luncheon to follow in Mission Township Park. The luncheon is open to all homeowners and their families to come and enjoy. You are encouraged to come join in the fun, tasty food and connect with your lake friends.

Further details are available on page 3 of the Newsletter so mark your calendar now for this annual get-together.

We will be electing board members at the Annual Meeting so this may be a suitable time to think about volunteering to become a board member. There are openings for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The board members function to meet the goal to preserve and protect our lakeshores for our future generations and to support our status as one of the cleanest and environmentally sound waters in Minnesota. We meet approximately five times a year during the spring-summer season.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the board members and especially Dave Baker, Past President for acting as interim leader while I was recovering from surgery and rehabilitation. The board did an exceptional job with many extra meetings, zoom calls and thoughtful deliberation regarding the Hideaway Bay litigation.

Finally, if you know of new neighbors on the lake, or families that are not members of the lake association, encourage them to join HLPOA. It provides access to amenities, volunteerism, community pride and an added layer of support to deal with property issues.

See you on the lake!

- Rob Saunders

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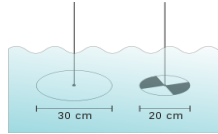
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**WATER QUALITY**

Secchi readings were the following:

As of June 19
 13.5 feet – West Basin
 16 feet – East Basin

On July 5 the readings were
 12.5 ft. on both bays.

Crow Wing county's AIS prevention plan has designated ten lakes that can be sampled for Spiny Water-flea that are uninfected by designated AIS. Horseshoe Lake is one of those ten. We will be sampling this month.

- Jerry Martin

WILDLIFE REPORT

Two loon families are each on the east basin and west basin. They both have expanded their families with two baby loons each. This translates to having an extremely healthy lake for all wildlife to enjoy. Please appreciate from a distance and be on the lookout for these birds to keep them safe.

The beavers are still near the channel. The DNR allows trapping, but unfortunately, there are no known trappers in this area.

**Committee Reports, Etc.**

Water Quality, AIS, Wildlife, Membership, Coffee Mugs and Wine

AIS

AIS monitoring continues thru the end of September. To date, we have had approximately 142 inspection hours.

Please remind guest bring their boats to the Decontamination Station prior to launching in our lake. The station is located at the Crosslake Joint Highway Maintenance Facility, 13870 Whipple Drive. It is open and fully staffed 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday through Sunday, and available for on-call only 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. During on-call hours, boaters can call 218-692-2689 to arrange for decontamination. Watercraft decontamination consists of a hot water rinse used to kill zebra mussels and, if needed, a high-pressure spray to remove material from boats, motors, trailers, and personal gear. No soaps, bleaches or chemicals are used during the process. The station is operated by trained and certified inspectors who ensure the process effectively and safely removes or kills AIS, a news release stated. See the map found at the end of this Newsletter.

- Dave Baker

COFFEE AND WINE!

This year's Annual Meeting on August 6th will feature the sale of Horseshoe Lake Coffee Mugs and Wine tumblers. You can never have too many of either! The image of Horseshoe Lake is imprinted on each cup and wine tumbler. Tumblers are acrylic and mugs are ceramic. Cost of the mugs will be \$20 each and tumblers will be \$25 each. Supplies are limited, but we can also take orders at the meeting. This effort goes to help replenish the Lake Protection Fund so bring your checkbook and raise a cup (or tumbler) to our Beautiful Horseshoe Lake!!

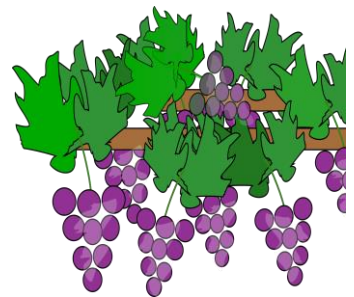
**MEMBERSHIP**

Please help keep our property owners contact information current. If you sell your property or if you know of new owners around the lake, please let Judy Deis, Membership Director, know so the new owners can be contacted.

Judy's email address:

mdeis@comcast.net

or call 612-481-5151.





ANNUAL LABOR DAY FISHING CONTEST

The Annual Labor Day Kids Fishing Contest (16-year-olds and younger) and Potluck Picnic will take place on Saturday Sept 3, 2022

There is a \$5.00 per boat fee for participants.

Registration begins at 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. either at the East Basin Public Access or West Basin (Heller's Dock) on the North Shore. Measurement of all caught fish will be from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Following the contest, there will be the Potluck Picnic and awards for the fishing contest at 11:30 a.m. in Mission Park. Last year we had a great turnout with over 65 in attendance. The Potluck is open to all families on Horseshoe so let's increase numbers this year!

Bring a dish to share. Categories include, appetizers, salads, main dishes, side dishes, and desserts. Please bring your own plates and silverware. Beverages will be provided.

HIDEAWAY BAY UPDATE

HLPOA filed their Writ of Certiorari Appeal on October 20, 2021, and its brief setting forth its appeal arguments on January 31, 2022. HLPOA argued in the brief that the County erred in approving the plat because the plat does not comply with the County shoreline ordinance or state statutes, the findings are not adequate, and the County relied on criteria outside the requirement set forth in the ordinance.

The County Board passed a resolution on March 8, 2022 stating that it reconsiders the approvals of the Hideaway Bay plat and remands the matter back to the Planning Commission. Furthermore, the Developer, B-Dirt, LLC agreed with the County's reconsideration of its approvals.

Later this spring, B-Dirt announced its intention to abandon the Hideaway Bay Project.

The parties, (HLPOA, County, and B-Dirt) entered a joint motion based on a stipulation that B-Dirt "abandons the project... and waives any interest in the plat approvals." All parties further stipulated and agreed to vacate the plats of record. Accordingly, the Court of Appeals dismissed the appeal since there is no longer live controversy.

To date, the plat termination has been filed with the Crow Wing County District Court and served on the township. B-Dirt is proceeding with the required published notice. A hearing date has not yet been determined. The two lots are now again for sale.

Our goal was to stop fourteen new homes to be built on fourteen acres. We need to replace much needed funds for our Lake Protection Fund as our legal obligations exceeded the original estimate so please consider a donation.

EYE ON IT

It's boating season and our lake homeowners are enjoying the benefits of boating, jet skiing, and fishing. Here are just a few pointers to remind everyone of safe and enjoyment on the lake.

Boat wakes can cause tremendous shoreland erosion, so boat slower. In shallow areas (Less than 15 feet), motor at slow-no-wake speeds (5 mph or less) to reduce the boat wake and the consequent wave action that can erode your shoreline and others around the lake. Observe all posted "no-wake" and low-speed zones. For personal watercraft, running at slow, no-wake speed within 150 feet of the shore is the law.

Boating slowly makes less wake, less noise, reduces pollution and is less disruptive to wildlife and other people—plus you will see more and enjoy the lake longer. When running at higher speeds, keep the motor properly trimmed to reduce noise and the boat wake.

Reminder:
Our Channel is a NO-WAKE zone, so please remind your guests to observe this rule. All boats and jet skis are to slow down when passing through the channel. The channel is filling with sand and no-wake traffic will help preserve the waterway.



GOURMET S'MORES



The grocery stores are loaded with graham crackers, chocolate bars and marshmallows for this summertime favorite. Why not kick it up a notch for dessert or a campfire treat and add fresh chocolate spread (such as Nutella) or add apples with caramel sauce. For you peanut butter lovers, incorporate peanut butter cups and chocolate graham crackers. Or, use any of your favorite candy bars to melt between the grahams. Yes, there are even candied bacon s'mores for you bacon lovers. Grill bacon sprinkled with brown sugar and add chocolate and marshmallows. The possibilities are endless. Best of all, you set out the ingredients, let the others choose their dessert fillings, and remain the perfectly serene, cool and creative hosts for simple living in the summer!

FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADE

16 boats participated in the 4th of July parade, an impressive turnout given that it rained all morning. Thank you to all who participated, it was fun to see so many creative entries! Last year's winners, Rick and Janyce Hansen and family, served as the judges this year and chose the following as this year's winners:

First place was the Dodge family with their castle theme.

Second place was the Geiger/Bartsh families with their ice cream theme.

Third place was the Gross family with their 80's theme.

Thanks to our judges and to our Commodore Rob Saunders. Already looking forward to next year's parade!

First Place



Second Place



Third Place





FACEBOOK

We are getting 10 plus requests a week to join our site and most are from people who have been hacked. This means we get a name and photo with no history. When the questions are asked for your Horseshoe Lake address and are not answered (yes does not suffice) and you or family member are not a HLPOA member (2nd question) we delete the request. The page is for helpful information regarding the lake, items for sale by owners, lost items etc. It is not for business solicitations, political statements, or personal comments. We cannot and will not post any litigation issues with the association or individuals.

Be respectful of others and avoid turning discussion topics into heated debates. There is administrative oversight and unfortunately, sometimes we must take down a post.

We will begin purging non-members and those that have moved off the lake by September 1.

We are searching for an administrator for our Facebook Page. Please reach out to any board member or officer.

BEWARE THE DRAGON FLY!

Walking the dogs one last time the other night, the winds had calmed down, and there was the promise of a peaceful night at the lake. Re-entering the house, there was a buzzing, flapping sound of a dragonfly – in my hair! After jumping around wildly and screeching, my husband came to the rescue and the insect flew off into the family room. Landing up high on a wall by the window, it implied it was “tucked in for the night”. Well, I thought, stay there then. (But I did shut the bedroom door!)

We see dragon flies all over our lawns, in the air, and on our foliage. Who are these creatures? Since my encounter, and because we have so many on Horseshoe, a little research was in order. What I found is just how beneficial dragonflies are to the environment. Flying insects are usually annoying. Mosquitoes bite you, leaving itchy red welts. Bees and wasps’ sting. Flies are just disgusting. But there is something magical about dragonflies.

- Dragonflies were some of the first winged insects to evolve, some 300 million years ago. Modern dragonflies have wingspans of only two to five inches, but fossil dragonflies have been found with wingspans of up to two feet.
- There are more than 5,000 known species of dragonflies, all of which (along with damselflies) belong to the order *Odonata*, which means “toothed one” in Greek and refers to the dragonfly’s serrated teeth. They do not sting, but they can bite! Usually, it will not break the skin.
- They can fly forward, backwards, and sideways and up to 34 miles per hour when migrating.
- Some adult dragonflies live for only a few weeks while others live up to a year.
- Nearly all of the dragonfly’s head is eye, so they have incredible vision that encompasses almost every angle except right behind them.
- Dragonflies, which eat insects as adults, are a great control on the mosquito population. A single dragonfly can eat 30 to hundreds of mosquitoes per day. They also feast on horseflies, wasps, and other larvae.
- Dragonflies are more numerous in high-quality water, so **abundance is an indicator of healthy aquatic ecosystems**, and that is a good thing.

So, there are many positive facts about these iridescent, colorful creatures – just not in one’s hair! Our resident dragonfly spent the night on the wall and was gently removed to the outdoors the next morning to continue its quest to reduce the mosquito population.

- Nancy Jones





MISSION - To protect, preserve, and enhance Horseshoe Lake and its surrounding area. To ensure 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.



Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time." – John Lubbock

HLPOA Calendar Dates

* The Annual Meeting will be held at the Mission Township Hall, County Road 3 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Please plan to attend!

May 7	Board Meeting
June 4	Board Meeting
June 11	Mission Township Kickoff for Summer
June 25	Board Meeting
July 4*	Horseshoe Lake Boat Parade - Noon
August 6*	HLPOA Annual Meeting
August 13	Board Meeting
September 3	Kid's Fishing Contest
September 3	Board Meeting

MISSION TOWNSHIP AND PARK

The new pickleball courts are now open and the basketball court has been resurfaced for basketball and pickleball play (one court). The courts are beautiful and are seeing significant use. The new playground is also being enjoyed by a lot of children. While those were the most significant items covered by the DNR grant (with matching township funds), other improvements to the park will be completed within the next year per grant requirements.



The Mission Township Board meets the first Monday evening of each month at 7:00 pm at the Townhall. The meetings can also be accessed via Zoom. Check out the Mission Township website for more information on our township developments including the roads, Fire Department, new snowplow storage/maintenance building, long-term capital planning, and more. <https://missiontownship.org/>

- Jim Peterson

UPCOMING LAKES AREA EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
July 29	9:30 pm	Crosslake Campgrounds	Outdoor Movie Night
August 2		Crow Wing County Fair	Crow Wing Campgrounds
August 5-6	10:00 am	Crosslake Book Sale	Crosslake Community Center
August 6	9:00 am	Chokecherry Festival	Trailside Park, Pequot Lakes
August 11-13	10-5 pm	Crosslake Art Show	Crosslake Community Center
August 20	8:30 am	Crosslake Flea Market	Crosslake Town Square
August 24	7:00 pm	Back Porch Program – Chasing the Paranormal	Historic Log Village - Crosslake

As always, check before you plan to attend as events can be cancelled.



The Horseshoe Men's Breakfast/Coffee Group

Meet at Valerie Ann's, Ossipee at 9:00 a.m. every Wednesday.

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

Horseshoe Lake information is available when you join HLPOA Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association (\$60.00)

- 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 Membership Signs – contact Pam Heller
Pamheller24@gmail.com

Be Well, Be Safe this Summer Season

Watercraft Decontamination – please be diligent

Crow Wing County provides invasive species decontamination stations at various locations throughout the county. We are fortunate to have one available just south of Cross Lake at 13870 Whipple Drive (on the back side of the Maintenance services building). The service is available free of charge from Thursday to Sunday between 9am and 6pm. Anytime you go to another lake or have taken your boat to another lake and putting it back in Horseshoe please stop at the station and get your boat washed and decontaminated. Also please have any visitors with boats/jet skis stop at the station before they launch in Horseshoe. We really need to be diligent to prevent any more invasive species in our beautiful lake.

Crow Wing County AIS Decontamination Stations

Outing Decon.

Address: 509 MN-6
Outing MN 56662
Staffed: Friday-Sunday,
8am-5:30pm

Ruth Lake Decon.

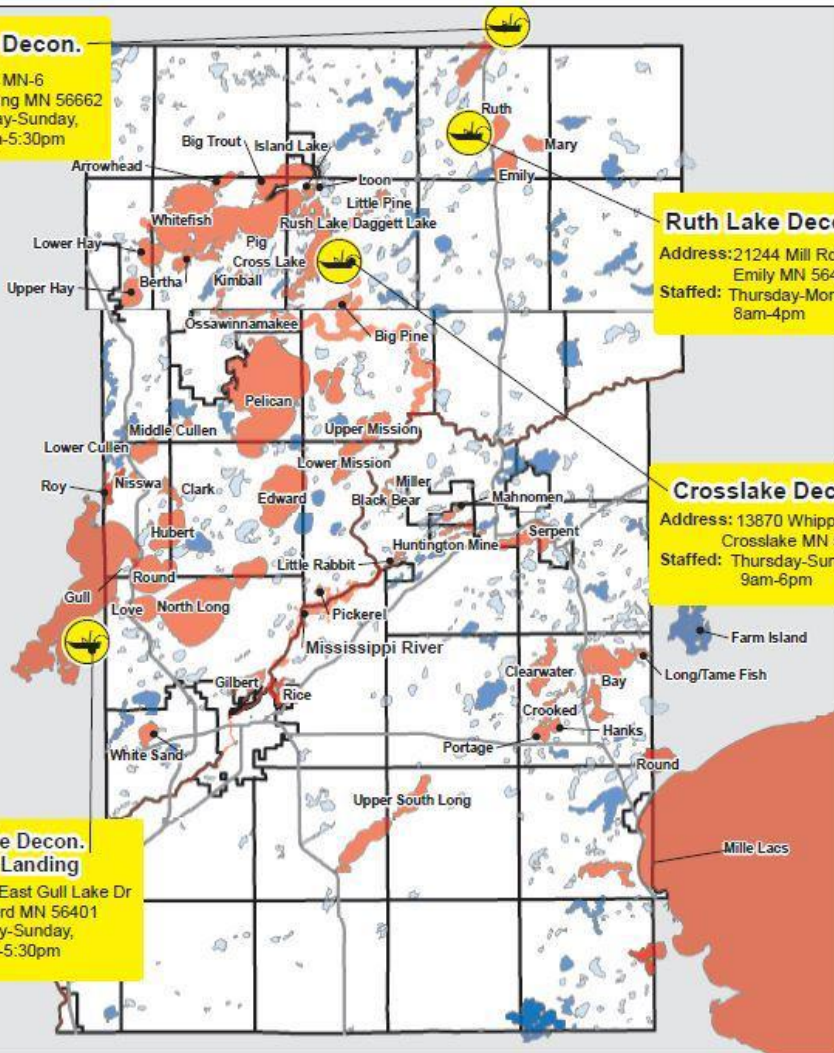
Address: 21244 Mill Rd
Emily MN 56447
Staffed: Thursday-Monday,
8am-4pm

Crosslake Decon.

Address: 13870 Whipple Dr
Crosslake MN 56442
Staffed: Thursday-Sunday,
9am-6pm

Gull Lake Decon. Gov. Pt. Landing

Address: 10867 East Gull Lake Dr
Brainerd MN 56401
Staffed: Thursday-Sunday,
8am-5:30pm



Crow Wing County Lakes Water Bodies by Infested Status

- Infested with AIS*
- Lakes with Public Access
- Other Lakes

*Eurasian Milfoil, Zebra Mussels,
Faucet Snail, Spiny Waterflea



Decontamination Station Location

CWC Mobile Decontamination Locations

Call (218) 824-1055
Text: CWCDECON to 1-833-258-7509
Visit: www.crowwing.us/AIS

MN DNR Decontamination Location

Visit: www.mndnr.gov/decon

