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We have survived a long and arduous winter and it is good to see the boats, docks and summer paraphernalia appearing on the lake.

Your Board and I have already met this spring and we are pleased to report that membership has increased, and the Lake Protection Fund is showing growth. We will be again selling Horseshoe memorabilia to augment our funds.

The channel is open with the placement of buoys and the water is slightly deeper. Remember to respect the no-wake zone and to give boats wide leeway when going through the channel.

The Board is developing a membership directory that you can read about on page 2 of the newsletter. Our thanks to Judy Deis and Diane Wiener for directing this task. It should be ready later this summer or by our Annual Meeting.

Our upcoming Fourth of July Boat Parade is approaching and we hope you and your families and guests will participate in this year's parade on July 4th at noon. It is a great event to decorate your boat, line up at the Channel and drive around the West and East Basins. Participants can meet at the Channel at 11:45 a.m. So, show your spirit and join us on the lake. Judging for first, second and third place will take place and announced in the next newsletter.

There are many activities going on this summer in the Brainerd Lakes area. Note the Calendar of Events on page 5 for dates and times for these events.

Mission Township will be holding their Summer Startoff Parade on June 24th at 11:00 a.m. It is a good time to come to Mission Park and see the parade floats and enjoy a root beer float. There is no cost. The Park continues to improve with equipment and playing facilities. Families have been enjoying the park amenities and environment.

Our landscape is ever changing and that includes our current Board. There will be open positions on our ballot in August that will include:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Newsletter Editor
- 3 Open Director Positions

If you have been considering or want to get involved with our Association, now is the time to step in and run for one of these offices. The Board meets five times a year and the Newsletter is sent out three times a year. Please contact me or any one of our Board members if you would like to have a role in our Association.

Enjoy Spring and our lake!

- Michael

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-4th of July Boat Parade

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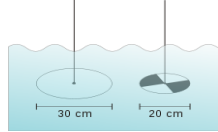
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-Memorabilia

Open position

-Website—Horseshoe Lake

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**WATER QUALITY**

Monthly water sampling will continue again this summer. Sampling dates are May 22, June 19, July 17, August 21 and September 18. This program was originally set up by the Thirty Lakes Watershed District and when it disbanded the funds were transferred to Crow Wing County Land Services. The funds are used for testing water samples from ten lakes within Crow Wing County.

Secchi disc readings on May 21st: West Bay 19' and East Bay 14.5' Secchi disc readings are also sent to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

WILDLIFE REPORT

The loons are back! Three loons were spotted on the West Basin in early May.

As an Eagle Scout project, one of our resident's installed a loon nesting box in the bay area. The HLPOA board is supporting this endeavor as it will continue to help the ecology of the lake.

New on the lake is a fox roaming the beaches as well as a bear and her two cubs. Remember to take in bird feeders as bears are eager to get at them in the spring/summer. They also are great fans of trash bins if they are not properly secured.

AIS

AIS inspections will again go through September, Friday-Sunday. They will have presence around major holidays.

Committee Reports, Etc.

Water Quality, AIS, Wildlife,
Membership, Lake Items

MEMBERSHIP

To keep our contact database updated, please let Judy know if you are selling, or if your neighbors are new to the lake, or if you are new to the lake.

Membership Directory:

The board is working on developing a membership directory, which will be emailed out in July. The information included in the directory will be names, lake address, email address, and cell phone numbers. A lake map with names named by lot will also be included.

Please contact Judy at mdeis@comcast.net with updated contact information or if you have any concerns about your information being included in the Horseshoe Lake Directory or if you'd like to verify that we have your correct information.

Boat Decontamination:

It is strongly encouraged for all families and guests to decontaminate boats before launching into Horseshoe Lake if it's been in another body of water in previous 3 weeks, to protect from invasive species. There is a decontamination station in Cross Lake.

218-824-1055 or Text
CWCDECON

Cross Lake location -
13870 Whipple Drive
Open Thursdays – Sundays
9:00am – 6:00pm

HORSESHOE LAKE ITEMS

We had a very successful sale of coffee mugs and wine glasses last year. Because of your generosity, we have begun to restore our Lake Protection Fund. As you will note, we were able to deflect and stop a large 14 home development on the East Basin. Mission Township is taking steps to prevent large developments in the township. The litigation process took time, money, and much effort on the part of everyone on the lake.

With that in mind, we would again like to offer Horseshoe Lake items for sale. We are in the process of looking at key chains, garden flags, and fishing hats. Additional information will be forthcoming so that we will have items available by our Annual Meeting. A limited number of wine glasses are still available.

If you have suggestions as well, let any one of our board members know.





FAREWELL TO WINTER

Minnesota had the third snowiest winter on record (over 83 inches). Folks opening their residences noticed the broken trees, brush, and twigs that were everywhere this spring. Thank a December snowstorm for what now will be a huge spring clean-up of yards and beaches. The snow was THAT heavy on our forests. Many had roof and exterior damages to their homes. There was also ice and slippery surfaces. The emergency rooms were kept busy with broken bones and fractures. We welcome spring and can rejoice that warmer temperatures are elevating, the birds are busy feeding and nesting and we once again have the lake to enjoy. Let's bring out the boats, swimwear, and fishing gear and send this past winter sailing off into the past!



FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADE



Mark your Calendars for the Horseshoe Lake Boat Parade. Participants should gather at the Channel at 11:45 a.m. with the parade beginning at noon in the west basin. Everyone is welcome – decorating your boat is not a requirement for joining the parade. For those of you who do, judges will be on hand to declare the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. First Place will have their name engraved on a traveling plaque and will serve as judges for next year's event. So, start thinking about your boat decorations as we get ready to celebrate America's 247th birthday! This year's judges will be, the Tripet Dodge Family (last year's winner). Serving as Commodores are Ron and Nancy Jones. Questions can be directed to Sue Peterson at jmsuepeterson@comcast.com

KIDS FISHING CONTEST

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 2, 2023, for this annual event during Labor Day Weekend. After the morning of fishing, there will be a potluck lunch at Mission Park. Winners will be announced as well as cash prizes awarded for the entrants. Everyone is welcome to attend this popular event.

It has been reported this spring has been excellent for Crappies and Sunfish.



EYE ON IT

*On May 24th, 2023 Governor Walz signed the "One Minnesota" budget, and passed into law a number of property tax measures that includes a combination of local government and county aid formulas, homestead credit changes, Payment in Lieu of Tax, PILT payment to local governments with public land, and increased Soil & Water Conservation District aid that should assist to reduce property tax increases. The day before, Governor Walz signed into law one of the most productive, and forward- looking efficient Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Funding Bills in Minnesota history.

Lake advocates like you made significant progress in our mission to "protect Minnesota lake and river heritage." Legislation passed this year should help protect and restore our lake and river ecosystems and sustain our lake homes and cabins to be more affordable for the next generation.

Also, there is funding and language that looks ahead to address matters that are starting to appear. MLR advocates have made progress in:

AIS
Waste left on the ice
Loon and swan protection
Shoreland protection
Boater training to reduce ecological damages
Reduced runoff pollution and lower property taxes.

*Minnesota Lakes & River Advocates

With spring temperatures on the rise, here is a quick robust dinner salad for busy weeknights that is better than Chinese take-out.

Chinese Chicken Salad

2-1/2 tbsp hoisin sauce
1 tbsp soy sauce
1 tbsp dry sherry
1/tsp sesame oil

4 chicken breasts
Head of iceberg lettuce
Package of ramen noodles
1/2 c green onions
1/4 c peanuts
Dash of coriander

Combine 1 tbsp. hoisin sauce with soy sauce, sherry and marinate the chicken breasts for 30 minutes. Brown marinated breasts in olive oil and cook until chicken is tender. Cool the meat and cut it into strips. Combine remaining hoisin sauce, sesame oil, 2 tbsp sesame seeds and green onions. Toss mixture lightly with cooked ramen noodles (see package). Place lettuce on a serving platter and mound chicken mixture on top. Sprinkle with peanuts and remaining sesame seeds. Pair with store-bought egg roll and you have dinner on the table for a quick and flavorful meal.





MISSION STATEMENT

- 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.

- "Spring is the time of plans and projects."
- Leo Tolstoy



MISSION TOWNSHIP AND PARK NEWS

Mission Park Drive and East Horseshoe Lake Road south of Mission Park Drive to 109 will be repaved in early June. Those are the only roads within the township that will be repaved this year.

There will be a "Summer Starter" kickoff and parade on Saturday June 24 (11:00 a.m.) at Mission Park that includes free root beer floats. Look for more details soon at the park. The Park Committee is wrapping up the improvements/additions this summer that were chosen in the Minnesota DNR Outdoor Recreation grant.

Cleanup from the winter storms continues through the township and the park and trails. The Mission Township Board meets the second Monday evening of each month at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. The meetings can also be accessed via Zoom.

Check out the Mission Township website for more information on our township developments. <https://missiontownship.org/>.

HLPOA DATES TO REMEMBER

May 6	Board Meeting
June 3	Board Meeting
June 24	Board Meeting
June 24	Summer Starter, Mission Park
July 4*	Horseshoe Lake Boat Parade - Noon
August 5	HLPOA Annual Meeting
August 12	Board Meeting
September 2	Kid's Fishing & Northern Pike Contest
September 9	Board Meeting



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

UPCOMING LAKES AREA EVENTS

If you are in the Brainerd Lakes Area this Spring, check out all the activities at the website: business.explorebrainerdlakes.com/events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
June 16	8:00 pm	Music on the Deck	Moonlite Bay, Crosslake
June 18	TBD	Ideal Lions Flea Market	Crosslake Town Square
June 22	6:00 pm	Lakes Jam	Brainerd International Raceway
June 24	11:00 am	Summer Starter	Mission Township Hall
June 7- August 16	2:00 pm	Nisswa Turtle Races	Town Square, Nisswa
June 25	TBD	Koman Race for the Cure	Baxter, MN Check Koman Website for details

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

WOMEN'S MISSION TOWNSHIP FIRE AUXILIARY MEETING

The Women's Auxiliary meets the third Wednesday of the month. The group assembles at Valerie Ann's (County Road 3) at 11:00 am for the meeting and lunch. The goal of the Women's Fire Auxiliary is to raise money to support the local fire department.

For more information contact Dar Hays 952-769-7089 bndhays@brainerd.net

IN MEMORIUM

Claude Hupe, of Surfland Road on the East Basin passed away recently. He was a Horseshoe Lake resident for the past six years. Our sympathies are with his family. It is also noted that Elmer Larson passed away this past November and we extend our sympathies to his family.

GET INVOLVED!

It's not too soon to think about our Annual Membership Meeting on August 5th. This year there are five open positions for the HLPOA Board of Directors on the election ballot - 3 Director positions as well as the Secretary and Treasurer positions.

We would like to thank Jim and Sue Peterson for their over a decade involvement on the Board. Sue is stepping down as Secretary this August and Jim will not run again as a Director.

Michele Buttweiler has been our Treasurer for the past six years and will be stepping down as Treasurer this August. She has provided excellent fiscal responsibility during her tenure and we appreciate all of her hard work.

Nancy Jones who has edited the Newsletter for the past five years will also be relinquishing her position after the Fall Newsletter is published. She is available to assist the new Newsletter Editor during the transition. The Newsletter is published three times a year (Spring, Summer and Autumn).

If you are interested in getting involved, this is a great time to think about stepping into and putting your name on the ballot for one of these positions. There will also be three new Director positions available. The Board meets five times a year and assists in guiding the principles of our Mission Statement. The Board has been instrumental in many critical decisions to preserve and protect our lake.

DUES

The dues form will be included in the Summer Newsletter for your dues and Lake Protection Fund. Our annual dues are \$60.00 per property. Our fiscal year runs August 2023 – July 2024.



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

Be Well, Be Safe this Spring Season

*Please note the latest financials are on a separate attachment