

Horseshoe Lake Property Association Minutes of Meeting Held July 2, 2011

Call to order at 9:00 am

Board Members Roll Call:

Present:

Mark Reeves-President	Laura Cragin-Vice President	Ed Wink-Secretary/Treasurer
Tim Poucher -Board Member	Russ Cragin-Board Member	Bob Holman-Board Member
Laurie Johnson-Board Member		

Absent:

Al Angen-Board Member	Dino Pierotti-Board Member	Steve Peterson
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Roll Call of members Present or Paid:

Jim Wink read the roll call of members present or paid. There were 32 members who paid their 2011 dues as of the meeting. All members present had paid their dues.

Old Business:

- Minutes from the 2010 meeting were presented-Tim Poucher motioned for their approval which was seconded. Members present voted for their approval.
- The channel is navigable again as a result of the dredging. The shoreline is restored to its former appearance. The total project cost \$13,510. The project was funded by: Horseshoe Lake Property Association-\$1,000.00; Member contributions-\$1,360; Horseshoe Lake Homeowners Association-\$11,510.

Treasurer's report: Balance as of May 31, 2011 was \$ 1,117.00. Meeting expenses are estimated at \$159.18 Meandering survey and EWM dive & removal was \$425.00 Dues collected \$760.00. Balance after the meeting- \$1,292.82,

President's report:

- Normal boating safety rules were discussed. Owners are encouraged to remind their guests and others to observe the 200 foot from shore "no wake" zone for personal water craft and 100 foot "no wake" zone for other water craft on our lake. These are state of Wisconsin regulations. High speed operation of water craft in "no wake" zones will stir phosphorous from of lake bottom sediment resulting in higher levels of algae growth.
- The July 4th boat parade will on July 2nd at 1:00 pm. Bob Holman will be the parade marshall. The parade will rally on the north end of the west bay.
- Lake water levels have returned to 1999 levels.

- Eurasian Water Milfoil was discovered by Steve Burval this spring. Ed Wink contacted the WDNR to learn what our options are for treatment.
- The Board of Directors hired a contractor to conduct a meandering survey of the shoreline to determine the extent of the infestation. The contractor and volunteers attempted to manually remove EWM, but the patch was too large. Chemical treatment will be necessary. A more extensive survey of our lake will be needed and our association will have to apply for a grant from the WDNR to cover the extensive costs of treatment.

New business:

- In order to qualify for a Rapid Response grant to manage EWM, the Association must:
 - Incorporate
 - Adopt new by-laws that makes the association a public organization (This means that anyone living within one mile of Horseshoe Lake may become member of our Association.)
 - Contribute a 25% match to the grant toward the costs of managing EWM
 - Additional funds must be raised. (Our association representatives will try to receive matching funding from the Washburn County Lakes Association and from the Town of Minong.)
- A motion was made by Tim Poucher to proceed with incorporation and adoption of the by-laws in order to apply for a grant to treat for EWM with a modification to raise annual dues to \$50.00. The motion was seconded with all members present voting in favor of the motion. Discussion of the Association's match requirement was estimated to be as high as \$5,000-\$6,000 over the next few years. This depends on how extensive the treatment of the lake will be and how many times it must be treated.
- Ed Wink received a bid for a full point/intercept survey of our lake at \$2,625. Ideally, the survey should be conducted in August. Treatment for EWM is optimally done in the spring when the plants are active in absorbing nutrients.
- Marker buoys for the channel—no wake zone. Most people are observing the no wake zone. Tim Poucher suggested that we buy informational signs that could be posted on shore.
- Next year's meeting will be held on July 3rd at 9:00 am.
- Officers and board members will continue for the next year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am a/s/p

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