

Horseshoe Lake Property Association, Inc.

Minutes of Meeting Held July 5, 2014

Call to order at 9:00 am

Board Members Roll Call:

Present:

Al Angen-President Ed Wink-Secretary/Treasurer Russ Cragin-Board Member Laurie Johnson-Board Member
Dino Pierotti-Board Member

Absent:

Steve Peterson-Vice President Mark Reeves-Past President Bob Holman-Board Member Steve Burval-Board Member

Roll Call of members Present:

Twenty members representing fifteen properties attended the meeting.

Old Business:

- Minutes from the 2013 meeting were presented and approved.
- Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) Report
 - During 2013 Matt Berg conducted four meandering surveys of the lake with a snorkeling swim over of the treated areas for EWM;
 - On June 21st Matt Berg conducted another meander survey with a snorkeling swim over treated areas for EWM
 - No fragments were found and there were no visible EWM in 2013 or this past June;
 - These findings do not mean that EWM is not present in the our lake;
 - Matt commented that the plants are more than three weeks behind past years' growth;
 - Matt will conduct another meandering survey of the lake at the end of July or August;
 - We have contracted for three surveys for 2014.

Treasurer's report: The checkbook balance as of June 30, 2013 was \$ 12,139.46. Revenue for the year ending December 31, 2013 was \$7,810.12. Expenses were \$4,718.99. Projected revenue for 2014 will be \$9,706.25 based on grant revenue of \$4,706.25, dues of \$2,500.00 and contributions of \$2,500.00. Projected expenditures for 2014 are expected to be \$7,215.00 which is comprised of \$1,275.00 for the Lake Surveys, \$5,000.00 for a possible EWM treatment, and miscellaneous expenses of \$190.00.

Our Rapid Response grant has been extended to December 31, 2015. This will give us enough funding to cover 75% of the possible chemical treatment for EWM if necessary and the meandering surveys.

President's report:

- President Al Angen noted that the lake levels are at an all-time high. As a result of the high water levels, shore line erosion is occurring so it is very important that the no wake zone are observed—100 feet from shore or boats and pontoons and 200 feet for jet skis and in the channel.

New business:

- Creel Study on Horseshoe Lake is being conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The purpose of the study is to determine the fish population and the number of the fisher people who fish on the lake and the quantity of fish caught. Of special interest is the number of walleyes in the lake. Horseshoe Lake doesn't provide the necessary structure for hatching of walleye more on the lake so the only walleye present are those stocked. 2005 was the last time fish were stocked in the lake.
- Our contractor, Short Elliot Hendrickson, completed our Aquatic Plant Management Plan. The plan was presented to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for approval. The plan was approved in January 2014. The plan serves as a guide for the management of our lake and it means that we will continue all of our current efforts and expects us to expand them to include boat ramp monitoring and water quality monitoring. A grant project sponsored by the Town of Minong, and implemented by the Minong Town Lakes Committee, has provided trained, paid monitors at the landing for many of the weekends during this years' boating season. The project is part of the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program for 2014 on Minong Town lakes. The monitors will be helping boaters check for plant life going into or out of Horseshoe, and educating people about current Wisconsin watercraft laws.
- Citizen Lake Monitoring is one of the goals of our Aquatic Plant Management Plan. Kris Carlton and Mike Durand volunteered to take the readings (clarity, temperature, phosphorus, and chlorophyll) in both the east bay and the west bay. Laurie Johnson was present at the training conducted by Kris Larsen earlier this spring and she can fill in for Secchi disk or temperature readings if Kris or Mike are unable to do it on specified days. Kris Carlton's report to the members is attached to these minutes and is part of the record.
- The members present motioned to make a contribution of \$750.00 to the Minong Town Lakes Committee to support the many projects that are conducted to the benefit of the lakes in the township. The Committee provides paid boat ramp monitors for Horseshoe Lake and nine other boat ramps on lakes in the Township. The Committee also sponsors the Lakes Fair for Minong which will be held on July 26th this year. This year's Fair will focus on education related to aquatic and shoreline vegetation. There will also be a lot of kids' activities, entertainment and special exhibits. A lunch will be served at noon.
- All of the current officers and board members agreed to serve another year so nomination of new officers and/or board members was not needed.
- It was noted that use of fireworks on Horseshoe Lake properties are creating floating debris on the shorelines. Members are reminded not to aim their fireworks out over the lake—the debris is detrimental to the lake and a nuisance to property owners. Some groups were launching fireworks late into the night as late as 1:00 am and are encouraged to be respectful of their neighbors. Fireworks should not be used after 11:00 pm
- The last several annual meetings have been poorly attended and it was the consensus that the Secretary/Treasurer send out a survey to the members to determine a more suitable time for the annual meeting.

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

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Citizen Lake Monitoring – Kris Larsen, DNR Lakes Program, CLM Program Coordinator
Kris Carlton, West Basin
Mike Durand, East Basin

ACTIVITY	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY
Secchi Disk	Depth Clarity; both basins in holes	Secchi timed with satellite when possible to link readings with satellite observations (23 days May-Oct; Horseshoe is along satellite path #26)
Water Temperature	Temperature; both basins in holes	Anytime; when reading Secchi disk
Water Sampling	Chlorophyll and phosphorus; West basin only	Monthly; end of June, July & August
Other observations	Other notable observations, e.g., lake level, water color, water quality perception, etc.	When conducting other testing

All data entered into DNR SWIMS database – Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System

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