

Horseshoe Lake Property Association, Inc.

Minutes of Meeting Held September 5, 2015

Call to order at 9:00 am

Board Members Roll Call:

Present:

Al Angen-President Ed Wink-Secretary/Treasurer Bob Holman-Board Member Laurie Johnson-Board Member
Dino Pierotti-Board Member Gary Bosiacki-Board Member

Absent:

Steve Peterson-Vice President Russ Cragin-Board Member Steve Burval-Board Member

Roll Call of members Present:

17 members representing fourteen properties attended the meeting.

Old Business:

- Minutes from the 2014 meeting were presented and approved.
- Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) Report
 - During 2014 Matt Berg conducted four meandering surveys of the lake with a scuba dive with a team of students from Grantsburg over of the treated areas for EWM;
 - During 2015 Matt Berg conducted two meander surveys finding one EWM plant in the treated area for EWM;
 - The plant was removed manually and all fragments recovered;
 - Matt will conduct another meandering survey of the lake in September or October;
 - We have contracted for three surveys for 2015.

Treasurer's report: The checkbook balance as of August 31, 2015 was \$ 11,039.65 and the certificate of deposit has a balance of \$5,025.00. Revenue for the year ending December 31, 2014 was \$5,641.12. Expenses were \$2,810.81. Projected revenue for 2015 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 2015 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, a contribution to the Lakes Committee of \$750.00, and miscellaneous expenses of \$190.00.

Our Rapid Response grant expires December 31, 2015. Ed Wink will check with the Wisconsin DNR to see if another extension is possible.

President's report:

- President Al Angen noted that the boat activity was very intense on the 4th of July. While everyone wants to enjoy the lake high speed launch of water craft from too close to shore tears up native aquatic plants and stirs up phosphorous from the lake bottom which in turn raises algae levels in the lake and reduces the water clarity. There have been reports of personal water craft operating at high after dark. Members should make their guests aware of boating regulations. Should anyone observe a violation, violations can be reported confidentially to 1-800-TIP-WDNR or 1-800-847-

9367. Some members noted that boaters who are viewing the eagles' nest are often too close to docks or swimmers with their water craft.

New business:

- A Creel Study on Horseshoe Lake was conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources during 2014-15. The purpose of the study was 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 and environment for the production of walleye on the lake so the only walleye present are those stocked. The lake has been stocked since the 1970s and most recently in 2000, 2003, and 2005. A electrofishing survey conducted in the spring of 2014 shows that Bluegill fish are the most numerous, The next most numerous species are Largemouth Bass and Northern Pike, Ed Wink received a copy of the complete Creel Survey report and he will post it on the Association's website at: <http://www.horseshoelake.org> There was a discussion to look into the possibility of stocking Crappies in the lake. Bob Holman will pursue stocking with the DNR.
- 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. Kris and Mike gave a report on their activities during this summer including a demonstration of the Secchi disk used to determine water clarity. The PowerPoint presentation is attached.
- 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.
- Bob Holman who is the lake's Loon Ranger reported that the Loons have on baby and possibly two this year. The young are fairly good sized now. This is the first offspring in many years. Bob also reported that the muskrat is back.
- All of the current officers and board members agreed to serve another year with the exception of Steve Burval who asked to be replaced on the Board. Mike Durand agreed to serve in Steve's place. The members unanimously approved Mike as a Board member.
- The members agreed that the 2016 annual meeting should be in July 2nd at 9:00 am at the Minong Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am a/s/p

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