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Dear Horseshoe Lake Property Association Members,

I am writing to give you a fall update about our lake and our Association. First, we have some very good news about the treatment for Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM). This past weekend, our contractor, Matt Berg, conducted a swim over and dive on the area where the EWM pioneer patches have been. He said that he could not see any EWM plants. He found only one fragment that had turned black and was in the process of dying. His recommendation is that we will not need to do anything this fall unless someone discovers another EWM patch. Next spring will need to conduct another meandering shore survey to determine if EWM has spread beyond the pioneer patch areas or even reoccur in the treated areas. We are not necessarily free of EWM.

Matt will send a final report to us and to the WDNR. In accordance with our agreement with the WDNR, I removed the marker buoys from the lake on Monday, September 3rd because of the successful treatment of the EWM.

Second, I am pleased to announce that the IRS has designated our lake association as a tax exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3). This means that contributions to our organization are deductible under section 170 of the Code. We are classified as a public charity. The effective date of our exemption is July 18, 2012.

SEH, Inc., Rice Lake is a contractor that we have retained to help us develop an Aquatic Plant Management Plan for our lake. This plan is one that required under the terms of our Rapid Response Grant that we have received from the WDNR. I expect that we will be hearing from them this fall or winter so that we can have it operational by next spring. This plan will help us to be more proactive and preemptive with the management of our lake and its environment.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who paid their dues and contributed additional funds for the management of EWM in our lake. Now, when I receive a bill, I don't have worry about whether there are enough funds to pay it.

I know the season on the water is slowing down, but watch your shoreline and the shallow water for unusual plant growth. If you have any doubt what kind of plant you are seeing, please contact me or our Board members (Al Angen, President; Steve Peterson, Vice President; Ed Wink, Secretary/Treasurer; Board Members: Steve Burval, Russ Cragin, Bob Holman, Laurie Johnson, Gino Pierotti, Mark Reeves).

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