

**Horseshoe Lake Newsletter**  
**July 24, 2021**

Hello,

Attached are the minutes from the Association's annual meeting held on July 3rd. Even though we think we have removed or treated EWM found in the lake, please continue to watch for fragments along your shoreline. Watch for floating fragments on your pontoon rides around the lake. If you find fragments, please remove them and let a board member know about your findings.

Progress is being made on the installation of the decontamination station at the boat landing. The station will reduce the transmission of invasive species going into and leaving our lake.

Many of our members have already paid their dues and many have additional generous contributions. If you have not paid your dues (\$75.00), please send your check payable to Horseshoe Lake Property Association, Inc. to me at 11895 Dunkirk Cir NE, Minneapolis, MN 55449. Additional contributions are helpful in our battle to maintain and preserve our lake.

Please remind your guests to maintain a no wake zone of 200 feet from shore for jet skis. This means no high-power take-offs from shore. Maintaining the no wake zone prevents phosphorus in the lake bottom from being released into the water. Phosphorus feeds algae blooms.

We have a beaver in our lake. We think the beaver house is located in the east basin along the southeast between Becherer's Resort and the boat landing. The beaver has taken down two eastern aspen on the west shore in the west basin. You may see the beaver cruising on the lake at dusk.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Ed Wink  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Horseshoe Lake Property Association, Inc.

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## Minutes of Meeting Held July 3, 2021

Call to order at 9:05 am by President Al Angen

Board Members Roll Call:

Present:

Al Angen President, Laurie Johnson-Vice President, Ed Wink-Secretary/Treasurer, Russ Cragin-Board Member, Mike Durand-Board Member, Mark Hoffman-Board Member, Dino Pierotti-Board Member, Kurt Schini, Board Member

Roll Call of members Present:

30 members representing 24 properties attended the meeting.

### Old Business:

- Minutes from the 2020 meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's report: The checkbook balance as of June 30, 2021, was \$ 15,812.82 and the certificates of deposit have a balance of \$10,230.01. Revenue for the year ending December 31, 2020, was \$10,089.49. Expenses were \$11,124.13. Projected revenue for 2021 is expected to be \$19,581.81 based on dues of \$2,500.00, contributions of \$4,000.00, and grant revenue of \$12,991.81. Projected expenditures for 2020 are expected to be \$20,417.54 which is comprised of the following: \$4,420.00 for the lake surveys; a contribution to the Lakes Committee of \$1,000.00; EWM treatment of \$3,331.00; EWM diver removal of \$1,000.00; consultant fees of \$9,284.83; laboratory fees for lake water sampling of \$300.00; decontamination station expenses of \$800.00; and miscellaneous expenses of \$291.71. Since we have a grant, 75% of the lake surveys, consultant fees and expenses will come from our grant, but the EWM treatment and removal will be 100% expense for the Association.

### New Business

- Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) treatment and removal
  - Ed Wink informed the members that the EWM was treated in the west basin on June 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - On Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Noah Berg and five volunteers removed the recently discovered EWM plants just east of the channel. Noah used scuba gear to dive down to manually remove the plants and the five volunteers scooped floating fragments. Dave Blumer and his assistant surveyed the entire lake and found scattered plants near the dive site. These were subsequently removed.
  - Noah Berg surveyed by diving the treated patch of EWM. He reported the all the plants in the patch were dead and there was no evidence of surviving plants.
  - Ed Wink and Noah did a survey of the nook in the south end of the west basin and did not see any living EWM in this area that was treated with ProcellaCOR.
- Monitor zebra mussel sampler plates on three locations on the lake
  - Zebra Mussels continue to be of high concern with zebra mussels in the McKenzie Lakes chain. We have three monitoring plates for zebra mussels on Horseshoe Lake. Amy Sundland, Kurt Schini and Ed Wink have plates on their docks and are monitoring them.
- Decontamination station for Horseshoe Lake boat landing

- Volunteers Don Palm, Mark & Lynne Witmer, Kevin Keenan will work to install a decontamination station at the boat landing.
- Investigate forming a lake district
  - A lake district is a special purpose unit of government formed by property owners and run by the property owners.
  - Owners vote to create it.
  - Owners vote on what activities get done in the coming year.
  - Owners vote on the budget.
    - What gets funded.
  - Owners decide what they are going to charge themselves.
  - Owners petition either Washburn County or the Town of Minong to form the lake district.
  - At least 51% of the owners must agree to form the lake district.
  - The County or the Township can approve or deny the formation of a lake district.
  - There are two lake districts in Washburn County.
    - ✓ Trego Lake District
    - ✓ Spooner Lake District
  - Governance is by a Board of Commissioners for a lake district that consists of:
    - ✓ Three owners voted into office by the owners to serve as commissioners
    - ✓ One of the three should be a full-time resident on the lake.
    - ✓ One member of the town board serves as a commissioner.
    - ✓ One member of the county board serves as a commissioner.
  - Ed Wink will gather more information and bring it back to the board and membership
- Minong Town Lakes Committee Contribution
  - Laurie Johnson is our lake's representative on the Committee. The Committee Town of Minong provides funding through a WDNR grant for monitoring of the boat landing to check for invasive species on boats, trailers, and live wells. The Committee's grant requires a match and neighboring lake associations have been making contributions to the Committee for this match. The Board recommended a donation toward the match of \$1,000.00. The membership approved another contribution of \$1,000 for 2021.
- Nomination/Appointment of Officers and Board members of 2021/22
  - The current board has agreed to continue to serve for another year.
- Boat Parade
  - The boat parade next year will be on Sunday, July 3rd at 2:00 pm.
- Next Year's Meeting
  - Members agreed that the annual meeting will be the Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am a/s/p

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