

# Horseshoe Lake Property Association, Inc.

## Minutes of Meeting Held July 6, 2019

Call to order at 9:04 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, Bob Holman-Board Member, Dino Pierotti-Board Member, Kurt Schini, Board Member

Roll Call of members Present:

16 members representing fourteen properties attended the meeting.

### Old Business:

- Minutes from the 2018 meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's report: The checkbook balance as of June 30, 2019 was \$ 10,022.90 and the certificates of deposit have a balance of \$15,162.09. Revenue for the year ending December 31, 2018 was \$6,552.67. Expenses were \$2,455.00. Projected revenue for 2019 will be \$6,500.00 based on dues of \$2,500.00 and contributions of \$4,000.00. Projected expenditures for 2019 are expected to be \$11,182.50 which is comprised of the following: \$1,275.00 for the Lake Surveys; \$4,259.00 for EWM treatment; a contribution to the Lakes Committee of \$1,000.00; Aquatic Plant Management Plan update of \$3,500.00; consultant fees of \$900.00, and miscellaneous expenses of \$248.50. Since we no longer have a grant, this means that all expenses will come from our current financial resources.

### New Business

- Washburn County Lakes and Rivers Association (WCLRA)-Patricia Shifferd
  - The WCLRA works with many agencies to preserve and protect lakes and rivers in Washburn County;
  - The Association sends every new lake property owner a packet of information, including shoreline rules and care, the newsletter, and a 1-year membership;
  - The Association helps with numerous problems on lakes and rivers;
    - Wake boats,
    - Zebra mussels and other invasive species,
    - Enbridge Pipeline Company,
    - Grant assistance.; The Association works with Enbridge to make sure the company does it best to protect our waterways and lakes.
  - The Association sends University of Wisconsin Extension packets to resort owners and bait shop operators regarding best practices;
  - The Association works with Washburn County zoning office;
  - WCLRA is working with the city of Spooner regarding water run-off into the Yellow River as the city upgrades Highway 63;
  - The WCLRA conducted a survey of the property taxes paid by lake property owners vs non-lake property owners. Minong has a higher percentage of taxes paid by lake property

owners, but the same mil rate is applied to both lake shore property and property away from shorelines. Patricia noted that the Minong Town Lakes Committee is unique from other governing bodies that have lake property in the township. The committee has a voice at the town board;

- The WCLRA sponsors educational conferences and encourages the WDNR to re-establish a scientific presence in the lakes and river community.
- Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) Report
  - Ed Wink has been working with David Blumer, a biologist consultant regarding the treatment of 3.65 acres of the lake that are infested with Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM);
  - The board approved the use of a new chemical, ProcellaCOR that has been developed specifically for aquatic plants;
  - The lake was treated on June 15<sup>th</sup> and a follow up survey will be done by the middle of August.
- Zebra Mussels in McKenzie Lake, Burnett County
  - Zebra Mussels continue to be of high concern. Patricia Shifferd told the attendees that Twin Lakes have monitoring plates for zebra mussels. The membership suggested that our association try to purchase them for our lake.
- High Water Levels
  - The lake continues to have high water levels. Watercraft operators are reminded to maintain no wake operation within 100 feet of shore and in the channel. Jet skis must maintain no wake operation with 200 feet of shore and in the channel. There are DNR regulations and following these regulations will reduce shoreline erosion. Property owners are encouraged to remind their guests about these regulations.
- Citizen Lake Monitoring Network (CLMN)
  - Kris Carlton and Mike Durand are the lake volunteers who gather data for the WDNR about Horseshoe Lake. Both take Secchi readings in the East and West basins for water clarity. Kris and Mike take water temperature readings at the surface and every five feet down. During 2019, our consultant suggested that we gather water samples to record phosphorous and chlorophyll from the east basin rather than the west basin as has been done for the last few years. All their data is entered into the SWIMS database for the WDNR. Generally, the water clarity is good but decreases after major holiday weekends.
- Minong Town Lakes Committee Contribution
  - Laurie Johnson is our lake's representative on the Committee. The Committee Town of Minong provides funding 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 2019.
- Nomination/Appointment of Officers and Board members of 2019/20
  - The current board has agreed to continue to serve for another year.
- Early morning lawn mowing and chain sawing
  - People are encouraged to be considerate of their neighbors when mowing lawns or chain sawing early in the morning on weekends.
- Fireworks
  - Members expressed concern about the number of days and hours that fireworks are set off. Property owners and their guest are encouraged to limit fireworks to the 4<sup>th</sup> of

July and the hours of 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm in consideration of others and the loons that are resident on the lake. Fireworks are not permitted near the eagle's nest as they will disturb the eagles and their young.

- Boat Parade
  - The boat parade next year will be on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.
- Next Year's Meeting
  - Members agreed that the annual meeting will be the Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 am a/s/p

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