Horseshoe Lake Property Association, Inc.
Minutes of Meeting Held July 2, 2022

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:
Twenty-seven members representing twenty properties attended the meeting.

Old Business:

- Minutes from the 2021 meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's report: The checkbook balance as of June 30, 2022, was $ 12,877.86 and the certificates of deposit have a balance of $10,271.08. Revenue for the year ending December 31, 2021, was $12,325.93. Expenses were $14,143.82. Projected revenue for 2022 is $20,806.81 based on dues of $3,750.00, contributions of $4,000.00, interest income of $65.00, and grant revenue of $12,991.81. Projected expenditures for 2022 are $8,168.67 which is comprised of the following: $2,600.00 for the lake surveys; diver assisted removal of EWM of $1,000.00; a contribution to the Lakes Committee of $1,000.00; biological consultant, Dave Blumer assistance expense of $3,246.96; decontamination station expenses of $100.00; and miscellaneous expenses of $221.71. Since we have a grant, 75% of the lake surveys, consultant fees and expenses will come from our grant, but the EWM removal and our donation to the Minong Town Lakes Committee will be 100% expense for the Association.

New Business

- Lake Education and Planning Services-workshop for residents to learn how to identify Eurasian Water Milfoil
    - A date will be set soon for the workshop
- Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) Management
    - Dave Blumer and his daughter found thirty EWM plants east of the channel two weeks ago. They removed all the plants they could find
    - A scheduled snorkeling group will look for plants sometime this summer.
    - Residents should watch for floating fragments while cruising around the lake and by walking along their shoreline.
- Grant Status
    - Ed Wink requested an extension to our grant scheduled to end December 31, 2021. His request was approved for one year.
    - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources approved the Association's updated Aquatic Plant Management Plan that was one of the goals of our grant. Future grant applications to manage EWM require an approved Aquatic Plant Management Plan.
- 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
  - Mark Witmer reported that boaters are using the station tools especially the sprayer which contains a diluted bleach solution. Mark keeps the sprayer full for use.

- Horseshoe Lake Loon Ranger
  - Jody Durand is the loon ranger for our lake. Notify her of loon sighting and unusual happenings. Her contact information: jodydurand@hotmail.com
  - Eagles ate the loon eggs from both nests.

- Lake Shore Buffer Zones
  - Laurie Johnson explained that natural buffer zones are important for the health of the lake. Buffer zones filter out contaminants, help preserve the shoreline from erosion, and keep geese off shoreline property. Washburn county sponsors cost sharing grants for homeowners to restore shoreline and help defray the cost of planting natural plants in buffer zones.

- Investigate forming a lake district
  - Ed Wink reported that he has not done much to pursue formation of a lake district.
  - He discussed the possibility with Susan Collins, Minong Town Clerk. She suggested that Ed could discuss the possibility of a lake district with the town chairperson. She confirmed that there are not any lake districts within the Township.

- 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 2022.
- Nomination/Appointment of Officers and Board members of 2022/23
  - 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 1st at 9:00 am.

- Next Year's Boat Parade
  - Boat Parade will be held on July 2, 2023, at 2:00 pm.

- Future Boat Channel Dredging
  - Currently the channel is navigable, but if lake levels continue to drop, it will be necessary to dredge the channel again.
  - The channel was dredged in 2012 with the expectation that re-dredging would be necessary in five years.
  - The cost of the 2012 project was $13,000.00

- Members suggested that channel dredging should be a budget item. After the meeting, the board discussed the need for a budgeted amount for future channel dredging. The following was decided: 1) Keep the CD ($10,271.08) in reserve for channel dredging. 2) Add $3,000.00 in this year's budget for channel dredging. 3) Raise next year's annual dues to $100.00 to cover the added future budget item for dredging and possible EWM treatment. The Association will purchase a certificate of deposit in the amount of $3,000.00 for future channel dredging.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am

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