Horseshoe Lake Property Association
Meeting Minutes
July 4, 2026 Annual Meeting

Meeting Notes

2025 Minutes approved

Ed Wink Treasurers report

- Budget includes $30k for channel dredging
    - Ed explained the basis for $30k estimate

Channel Dredging Discussion

- We don't know if we can use current property adjacent to channel in process of dredging the channel
- Guidelines and regulations regarding dredging are more strict than in 2010 (last time we dredged the channel)
- Consider approaching Thompson Sand and Gravel for a quote
- Ed asked if a person or persons are willing to lead an investigation into dredging (dredging committee).
    - Dave Olson volunteered to lead a committee to study this issue. Todd Butzer and Don Palm also volunteered
- Gary Christman Excavating in Trego is another company to approach about this
- Ed moved that we approve dredging the channel. David amended to motion to limit dredging costs to $30k.
    - Motion seconded
    - passed 27 for, 1 against

EWM

- Ed worked with Burnett and Washburn counties on May 22 to collect EWM from the lake EWM as part of a grant to study possible hybridization of the plants.
    - EWM might hybridize, making more resistant to chemical treatment
- Markers were placed in seven EWM beds, but there is concern about liability. DNR says we can't do that. Need to use an approved marker and an approved application (approval comes from the DNR)
- Ed clarified that our Association Board will not approve marking the EWM locations this year
- Discussed buying legal buoys and placing them
- Moved to purchase legal markers for use to mark EWM
    - Motion approved
    - Carl volunteered to store the markers

Shoreline Preservation Meeting

- Dick Jones is hosting a meeting regarding shoreline preservation
- He contacted Lisa Burns, Washburn County Conservation Coordinator, regarding how to manage the shoreline to reduce erosion
- Meeting is July 7, 10am

Minong Area Lakes Alliance

- Update from Ed Wink
- MALA raises money (grants and donations) to hire and pay for boat ramp inspectors
- Horseshoe Lake Association donated $4,000 earlier in the year for operating funds for MALA.
- MALA received a state grant to continue the inspections
- Moved to approve $1,000 donation to the MALA
    - Motion was approved

<u>Other Discussions</u>

No Wake Zone

- Carl wondered if we should place “No Wake” markers near the channel
- Ed explained some of the details, including that we’d need permission and would have to use approved markers/buoys.
- Discussed expense of the buoys
- David proposed that a committee form to investigate the issue
- Moved to pursue a Town of Minong ordinance to place no wake markers in the lake near the channel.
    - Motion approved with all present voting in favor
    - Note: this motion does not include buying or placing the markers.
    - Carl Mundth volunteered to lead this effort

Lake District

- Discussed forming a Lake District
- This would result in each property getting taxed. These taxes would go to the Horseshoe Lake Association
- This is an alternative to asking for donations
- Discussed if we should create yard signs supporting the Horseshoe Lake association
- Motion to explore Lake District
    - approved
    - Karin Birkeland, Jan Malcolm, and Mark Hoffman volunteered to lead this effort

Citizens Lake Monitoring Network

- Ed Wink and Jim Bosman are doing Secchi disk and temperature readings in the lake. Jim monitors the East Basin and Ed monitors the West Basin. Ed collects water samples for phosphorous and chlorophyll testing in June, July, and August.

Zebra mussels

- Ed Wink, Kurt Schini, and Amy Sundland have mounted monitoring plates in three spots in the lake
- No zebra mussel have been detected

Loon Ranger

- Jody wants to pass the torch. Thanks for her long-term volunteering on this
- Mark Witmer volunteered to take over as Loon Ranger

Nominations for officer positions, 2026-2027

- Current officers offered to stay in office

Dues

- We discussed if dues and donations could be collected electronically
- Ed Wink has investigated a couple of options (for example, REN Charitable, Vemno, etc).
- Ed Wink and David Pflum will investigate and test options for electronic payments

Communication

- Discussed if we can somehow improve communications with the whole lake (beyond simply emails)
- It was noted that we have a website, but it's not being maintained

Manual Removal of EWM

- David Pflum asked about manual removal of EWM
- This is the only method that doesn't require DNR approval
- Note that if not done correctly, manual removal can exacerbate the problem
- David Pflum and Don Palm volunteered to get details and possibly lead an effort to manually remove EWM as it appears in the lake.

2027 Meeting Date

- Next year's annual meeting will be held on July 3, 2027. The boat parade will be held in the afternoon of July 3, 2027.



July 10, 2026
David Pflum, Secretary