Horseshoe Lake Property Association, Inc.
Annual Meeting Minutes
Minong Town Hall
July 6, 2024, 9:00 AM

Call to order—Al Angen, 9:05 AM

Introduction of Officers & Directors: Al Angen, President; Laurie Johnson, Vice President; Ed Wink, Treasurer; David Pflum, Secretary; Mike Durand, Director; Mark Hoffman, Director; Russ Cragin, Director; Kurt Schini, Director

Directors not present: Dino Pierotti

Roll call of members

Old business

- 2023 minutes approved

Treasurer's report–Ed Wink

- Recap of 2023 financials
    - Ed explained some special items:
        - ~$400 interest on CDs
        - Matt Berg surveyed twice, costing $1300.
        - Annual contribution to Minong Town association
        - Setting aside money for eventual channel dredging
    - $35,000 balance at the end of 2023
    - Ed explained our Certificates of Deposits
- 2024
    - Treated four areas, a total of four areas of the lake (for EWM this spring, ~$9,000
    - Matt Berg will survey again, likely soon.
    - Raised dues to $100 to prepare for future expenses.
    - Ed mentioned putting $3,000 into reserves
    - Dredging
        - Al asked about channel dredging. This cost $13,500 in 2011. We were allowed to use nearby lake property to dump the sand. A few people expressed interest in
        - The company we used in 2011 was sold and the new owners might no longer offer dredging services.
        - Todd Schini volunteered that his property could be used in the dredging process.

New Business

- AIS-Small-scale Population Control Grant.
    - 2023 Costs: ~ $11,000
    - We have spent all but $3,300 of the grant which can be used in 2024.
    - This grant allows for Diver Assisted Treatment, but not chemical treatment.
    - The grant was extended through 2024. Likely it will not be extended into 2025 even if we have remaining funds.
    - Historically, we've treated 3-5 acres (chemically and Diver Assisted)
    - Al mentioned that we are fortunate to be able to use chemical treatment (ProcellaCOR). If a lake has wild rice, chemical treatment isn't allowed.
    - Ed Wink has dipping nets available as his dock for use to gather EWM fragments.
- Zebra mussel monitoring plates were installed in three locations on the lake.
    - Three locations on this lake
    - No sign of Zebra mussels yet
    - If you see something, send a photo to a board member.
- Citizens Lake Monitoring Network
    - Jim Bossman and Ed report lake conditions to the DNR. DNR wants those measurements coordinated with satellite monitoring.
    - Ed Wink submits water samples (from East basis) monthly for testing.
    - Ed feels the lake is in good condition.
- Jody Durand is the loon ranger. Notify her of loon sightings and unusual happenings with the loons. Her contact information is: Jodydurand@hotmail.com
- Beaver activity on the lake?
    - Al Angen that he saw what could have been a beaver but maybe a muskrat.
- Update on forming a lake district.
    - Ed spoke with Minong and eventually the County about lake districts.
    - Lakes District is a Special tax assessment district. Properties would be assessed by the county.
    - Next step, talk with the County chair to learn more and see if the County would help.
    - 51% approval from lake property owners required to form a lake district.
    - 1/3 of current property owners do not contribute to HLPA.
    - Taxes would be collected twice a year. Would then budget for milfoil control, dredging, director's insurance, etc.
    - Ed feels that the budget will grow to $30k-$40k annually if we do all the items that we should do to maintain the lake. Having a District would help pay for this.
    - U of W Stevens Point has good materials regarding Lakes Districts
- Suggested donation to the Minong Town Lakes Committee: $1,000.00.
    - Lake Association donations help the City of Minong pay for monitors at the boat landing.
    - Monitors are paid $10/hr.
    - Donation was approved.
- Questions/concerns about campsites on the lake

    - Great concern about camping development on Horseshoe Lake
    - Questions about Beechers and the development on Nancy Lake Road. How could these impact Horseshoe Lake?
    - Ed mentioned that the Spooner Lake association worked with their county to zone the property in their area.
    - Currently, there are no covenants on the lake.
    - Karin mentioned that landowners can be paid to put conservation easements on properties.
- Mark Witmer reported that boat dock use seems to be down this year.
- Nomination/Appointment of Officers for 2023/24
    - Karin nominated all existing officers, was seconded and approved.
- 2024 Boat Parade: July 6, 2024, 2:00 pm—meet on the east side of the channel. Al will be the parade marshal.
- 2025 meeting date/time: Saturday, July 5th, 9:00 AM
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- Misc. discussions
    - Is there interest in a shared document listing property owners' contact info?
    - Ed commented that all email addresses are available in his group emails.
    - There is concern about privacy.
    - The website horseshoelake.org is still active.

Adjournment at 10:01 PM

Signed: _____ Date: June 7, 2024

David Pflum, Secretary