

Horsehead Lake Association Meeting
March 11, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order- Mike called the meeting to order at 10:00am

Roll Call

Terry Bakewell	Present	Jerry Devenbaugh	Present	Donna Rutter	Remote
Karen Bakewell	Present	Charlie Foster	Remote	Vacant	
Kathy Battle	Present	Fred Kuebler	Present	Tracey Thelen	Present
Dan Carpenter	Present	Frank Masotta	Absent	Dom Theodore	Present
Bruce Costen	Present	Mike Munsell	Present	Jade Wilson	Present

Introduction of Guests: Larry Conn, Dave Haywood, Cheryl Haywood, Paul Maramba, CoraMaramba

Public Comments – No comments

Review and approval of November meeting minutes- Motion to approve amended minutes – Don, 2nd – Terry, Unanimous

Review and approval of Treasurer’s report.

- November and December 2022 Report**– Motion to approve - Bruce, Second -Jerry, unanimous
- January and February 2023 Report**– Motion to approve - Bruce, Second-Jerry, unanimous
- Treasurer Audit Report** – Motion to approve - Bruce, Second-Fred, unanimous
- Proposed 2023 Budget** – Motion to Approve- Dom, Second – Jerry, unanimous

Update on Horsehead Lake Association Insurance, proposed changes in coverage, carrier and agency.
New insurance has been purchased for 2023. Total cost of policy is \$984

Lake Ecology/Fish Management – Spring Phosphorus test has arrived and Terry will test the lake water once we have open water.

Community Outreach Items for Newcomer Flyer – Tracy has been working on a door hanger that welcomes new residents. The door hanger also has information on how to become a member of the lake association and QR codes to websites the HHLA on boating rules etc. Tracy will make a few minor adjustments and send it in for printing.

Membership – 2022 membership (171 members) that was down by 25% verses 2021. Good news, the 2023 membership is currently trending higher than 2022.

Communication/Newsletter Feedback – We have receive input from some members that they would like to see additional human interest/lake activities content in the FeedBag.

We also believe that since we put a 2023 membership self-addressed return envelope in the newsletter we have seen an early increase of memberships come in. We also have seen some residents send in comments on the fish article, fireworks and articles on social activities around the lake.

Any carry over or new business.

Vacant Member Addition - Vote to add Dave Haywood to the Horsehead Lake Association board.
Motion – Dom, Second – Fred – Unanimous. WELCOME DAVE!

Goose nest and egg destruction – The DNR has allowed the HHLA to participate in a Canadian goose nest and egg destruction program. This program is designed to reduce the Canadian Goose population within the state and on Horsehead Lake. In order to participate we must receive permission from at least 70% of the lakefront property owners and then acquire a permit from the township. There is a tight timeline to get the approvals and permit as the deadline is March 21. Dom will develop a link to a property owner survey and will send out an e-mail blast to all members. He will also post the link on Facebook. HHLA members also have been requested to send the link to all of their friends and neighbors so everyone has a chance to vote.

UPDATE – Dom has sent out the email and posed the link to Facebook – Thanks Dom!

-STAY TUNED FOR RESULTS-

Update on Lake Levels – Winter water level was very high in January, over 7” higher than normal winter levels. This was caused by above normal precipitation and a beaver obstruction in the outlet. The obstruction has been removed and the levels continue to recede.

Committee for 2023 Annual Meeting - The annual meeting will take place at the Martiny township pavilion on August 12, we invite Chippewa - Martiny Fire Department to exhibit some equipment and meet/greet families that attend. There will also be some kid activities at the picnic. Members -Kathy Battle, Dom Theodore.

MLSA Conference May 5-6 – Terry and Mike will be attending. If there is anyone on the board members would like to attend, please talk to Terry.

Adjourn - 11:30am - Motion – Dom, Second - Jerry, unanimous.

- **2023 HLA Board Meetings-10:00AM Martiny Township Hall**
 - March 11
 - April 8
 - May 13
 - June 10
 - July 8
 - August 12 – Annual meeting and election of board members and officers
 - September 9
 - October 14
 - November 11
- No Meetings scheduled for December, January 2024, and February 2024