

Horsehead Lake Association Meeting
April 8, 2023 10:00 am at Martiny Township Hall
Meeting Minutes
Conference call number • 605-475-3220 Code 867983#

Call to Order

Roll Call

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

Introduction of Guests: Bob Forche, Ed Richter, Ken Battle, Paul Mercieca, Tom Dunlop

Public Comments: There were no public comments

Review and approval of March meeting minutes. There was one minor change to the minutes, Sharon Haywood name change to the correct name Cheryl Haywood. Motion to approve – Fred Kuebler, second – Dom Theodore, - unanimous.

Review and approval of April Treasurer’s report: Motion to approve, Donna Rutter, second, Kathy Battler, Unanimous

Lake Ecology/Fish Management – Terry and Bruce completed the annual Phosphorus test. A special thanks to Bruce for bringing his boat up to complete the test. While they were on the lake, they tested the water clarity and the results were visibility to the depth of 18.6 feet. Terry mentioned that that is the clearest the water has been for several years.

Update on Eurasian Milfoil patch for benthic barrier experimentation: The patch of Eurasian Milfoil that we would like to test a benthic barrier has grown over the winter and now is 6’ by 12’. Lakeshore Solutions has been trying to get a permit to test the barrier but as on now they have not been able to secure it. They will continue to try to work for one.

Frank Masotta reported that the chemical application on the Starry Stonewort worked and he has not seen any regrowth at this time.

The price of fish stocking has gone up from \$6628 to \$7526

Community Outreach Items for Newcomer Flyer: The door hangers will be ready for delivery in a few weeks!

Membership: Current membership is 170. That is up from 151 at the same time last year. We are now at 99.4% of last year’s total membership. Goal this year is 225 members which would be 65% of the estimated 375 lake property owners.

Communication/Newsletter Feedback: We had a question from a member on Fire Zone signs and if emergency crews still use them. Karen B. contacted the county dispatch and the answer was no.

Carry over or new business.

Goose nest and egg destruction permits: We have received the 3 permits! We will now have a 5-year window that we will be able to participate in the population reduction program. The permits are active this year from April 15 to April 29. We will have several 2–3-man teams on the lake to look for the geese nests. All of the teams will have gone through the training video that Mike has sent out. The USDA wants to make sure that all of the eggs that are collected are warm and that no eggs have not started to hatch. All nests and eggs will be counted and recorded. All eggs will be delivered to Mike and he will freeze them.

The following several members volunteered to help on the program.

Dave Haywood, Tracey Thelen, Kathy Battle, Kevin Battle, Bob Forche, Pat McKay
Jack Rutter, Craig Foote, Jon Tansey, Terri Tansey, Dan Carpenter.

The majority of the lake residents have been very positive about the program. We had a total of 137 responses and only one negative response. Mike will be sending out a tri-fold with information of the program to any member that did not return the survey.

Mike / Dom – Hats Off for all your hard work on this program!!!!

Update on Lake Levels: The lake level is up to 12.5 feet. A foot higher than normal at this time of year and there is water flowing over the damn.

Committee for 2023 Annual Meeting -Township pavilion

Kathy Battle, Dom Theodore

Martiny Fire Department to exhibit some equipment and meet/greet: The fire department has agreed to be at the annual meeting to interact with the kids and adults. There are more kids' activities being planned.

MLSA Conference May 5-6: Terry and Mike will be attending the MLSA Conference.

Adjourn: 11:15 am - Motion, Jade Wilson, Second, Mike Munsell, unanimous

2023 HLA Board Meetings-10:00AM Martiny Township Hall

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