

Horsehead Lake Association Meeting

October 14, 2023

Present:

Karen Bakewell
Terry Bakewell
Bruce Costen
Fred Kuebler

Mike Munsell
Donna Rutter
Dom Theodore
Jade Wilson

Excused:

Kathy Battle
Dan Carpenter
Jerry Devenbaugh
Charlie Foster

Dave Haywood
Paul Mercieca
Tracey Thelen

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order and the Board welcomed guests Larry and Debbie. There were no public comments.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

September minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Terry Bakewell; seconded by Donna Rutter.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Treasurer's Report - No new financial activities or expenses since the last meeting. The account incurred \$.49 in interest and account balance is \$6780.75 with a reserve fund remaining at \$5,000.00. The Fish Management fund incurred \$1.01 in interest and balance is \$8474.71. The Fireworks pass through is \$9777.50. Motion to approve by Dom Theodore; seconded by Bruce Costen.
2. Lake Ecology and Fish Management - Water samples were submitted to the State of Michigan EGLE Division as scheduled. Walleye planting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19th at the public boat launch. This will be posted on the HHL website under the fishing tab.
3. Community Outreach - Nothing new to report.
4. Membership - No new memberships and total remains at 241.
5. Communication/Newsletter - The next newsletter will be published and distributed in January 2024. Members were invited to submit articles for inclusion in the newsletter.
8. Lake Levels - Mike Munsell reported lake level at 12.2 which is the typical average, but noted that measurement was taken before the last several days of rain. Dredging on the channel has been completed and it was noted that ice formation at the channel may be different this year as a result.
9. Fish Planting Permit Status - This is in place and, as noted above, walleye planting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19th.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Boat Cleaning Station - Dom Theodore shared information he received from a vendor regarding the installation of a boat cleaning station to mitigate the spread of invasive species. His research confirmed that HHL would likely qualify, per the criteria provided on vendor website. He forwarded the email to Board members. Terry Bakewell will contact the State of Michigan to pursue more information and Mike Munsell will bring this up as a topic of conversation at the next Township meeting to explore the

possibility of partnering with the township for this objective. The Board will revisit this topic at the next meeting. Further, there are other grants available that the Board may want to consider applying for, such as maintenance of the boat cleaning station. It was noted that grants range from \$25,000.00 to \$400,000.00 and cover both water and land for invasive species control and eradication.

2. Annual Membership Fees - Bruce Costen opened a discussion regarding an increase to the \$25 annual membership fee. Discussion was held regarding the justification for an increase and it was decided that we would discuss it again at the next meeting and if decided, the increase would be included in the next newsletter.

3. A donation of \$500.00 was received from the Hidden Harbor Condominium Association to be used at the Board's discretion in support our mission to preserve and enhance the environmental and recreational quality and safety of Horsehead, Little John Brown and Big John Brown lakes. Mike Munsell will send an acknowledgement of appreciation to Hidden Harbor.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on November 11, 2023 with no meetings scheduled for December, January or February.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Dom Theodore; seconded by Terry Bakewell.