

**Horsehead Lake Association Meeting  
September 9, Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order** – Mike 10:00am

**Roll Call**

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

**Introduction of Guests:** Micky Gibbs, Cheryl Haywood.

**Public Comments:** none

**Review and approval of August meeting minutes** - One change on meeting header. Donna motion to approve, Terry seconded- Unanimous

**Review and approval of Treasurer’s report.** Dom motion – Bruce seconded - Unanimous

**Lake Ecology/Fish Management:** Terry had a follow-up discussion with Michigan Lakefront Solutions concerning advance notification on the spraying the weeds on the lake. Michigan Lakefront Solutions said there is not a time regulation from the state on when they need to provide notice. They could actually provide notice 5 minutes before spraying but they try to give the lake residents as much notice as possible. LMS is having issues with being short staffed like many other businesses so the schedules for spraying occasionally changes.

This year’s Purple Loosestrife treatment was very effective and the vast majority of the plants have been eliminated!

Terry will write up an article on the spraying process for the newsletter and the website.

The township board decided to take a “tax holiday” from the special weed treatment assessments on the upcoming winter and summer 2024 tax bills. The fund balance is very large. No additional funds will be needed at this time.

We have not received the permit from the state for fish planting but we should receive it soon.

Final 2023 water testing will occur the week of 9/9/2023. Terry will send results to C.L.M.P.

Water visibility is stable at 10 feet, no change from the previous month results.

**Community Outreach Items for Newcomer Flyer:** No update

**Membership Update:** Total membership is now at 241 members - up 1 new member since last month. We are up by 70 new members or 40% from last year.

**Communication/Newsletter:** All of the new member packets have been picked up by the residents. Tracy will make more!

Kathy would like to have all newsletter articles sent to her by mid-December for the January newsletter. There was a suggestion to add a few pictures from the Splash Bash weekend and “light the lake” boat parade.

***Carry Over and new business.***

**HHL flag on Sandbar:** We had a resident wonder if we could put up a permanent Horsehead Lake Association flag on the Sandbar. The board decided not to pursue. If individuals want to put up a flag on the Sandbar similar to the American flag that was up on Labor Day it would be up to them.

**Update on Lake Levels:** we are currently at 12.1 feet. This is about average with previous late summer lake levels.

**E.G.L.E. Response to last month’s inquiry:** The resident that has purchased the WEEDDOO is using a cutter to clear weeds. This is different from the bottom lake rake that Cisco has been using. We are not sure if EGLE has receive any complaints on CISCO’s process.

Mike will follow-up with E.G.L.E. to see if there is a limit on how much lakeshore can be cleared at one time.

E.G.L.E. has been having issues with receiving state funding this year which results in the ability to timely address complaints.

**Adjourn Motion:** Motion, Dom – seconded Fred, Unanimous - 11:01am.

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

October 14

November 11

- No Meetings scheduled for December, January 2024, and February 2024

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