Horsehead Lake Association Meeting September 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order - Mike Munsell Roll Call

	Terry Bakewell	Present	Charlie Foster	Present	Mike Munsell	Present
	Karen Bakewell	Present	Dave Haywood	Present	Donna Rutter	Present
	Dan Carpenter	Present	Fred Kuebler	Present	Dom Theodore	Excused
	Larry Conn	Present	Paul Mercieca	Excused	Frank Masotta	Present
	Bruce Costen	Present	Tracey Thelen	Present	Erin Munich	Present

Introduction of Guests:

Bruce Rutter, Chuck Thelen

Public Comments

There were no public comments

Review and approval of prior meeting's minutes

Minutes with a few minor changes were approved. Motion – Bruce Costen, Support – Dave Haywood, Unanimous.

Review and approval of Treasurer's report

General Fund Balance- \$7,316.03 Fish Management Balance - \$5754.77 Fireworks passthrough -\$14452.50 Reserve Fund-\$5000.00 There was discussion on putting the reserve fund into a money market account that could make around 5% - Karen will look into it *Motion to approve July Statement – Dave Haywood, Support – Donna Rutter, Unanimous.*

Lake Ecology/Fish Management

Lakefront Solutions has finished up spraying. The 2024 lake treatment has now been completed. Terry has also completed water testing for this year.

Mike M. is looking into the possibility to start a Creel Survey in which fishermen can record their catch. The survey could ask fishermen to track the number of fish caught, Number of each species caught, measurement of their fish, track the hours fished, boat count on the lake.

There was a lot of discussion on our fish population and slot limits. Mike Munsell recommended that this discussion be continued in a separate meeting in which we could focus on our current lake and fish management concerns.

Community Outreach Items for Newcomer Flyer

Nothing new to report

Communication/Newsletter

Tracey can still use some articles for the newsletter.

Continuous or new business

New Board Members

Frank Masotta and Erin Munich were voted onto the board. Frank will take over the open position that expires in 2025. Erin will take over the position that expires in 2026. *Motion - Karen Bakewell, Support – Charlie Foster, Unanimous*

Re-imagining the Horsehead Lake Logo Contest recap

The contest was well received. Donna Rutter will email Mike and Karen logo.

A/V equipment

The new equipment is on order and will be arriving shortly.

Raising membership dues in 2025

Discussion tabled and will be revisited in October.

Naming the various areas of the Lakes

Everyone agreed that we should name some of the areas of the lake to help residents understand the geographical regions of the lake. Bruce Costen recommended we could use historical names that were used in the past? Frank Masotta and Dave Haywood will investigate possible names.

2024 Walleye planting

1,850 ordered. The cost of planting has gone up thus the reduction of number of walleyes being planted.

New Loon Ranger

Charlie Foster has agreed to become the lake's Loon Ranger. Thanks Charlie – our loons are in good hands!!!!

New No -wake signs.

A recommendation by Dan Carpenter to change the entrance signs on Little John Brown Lake from No-Wake to No-Wake Lake. This would eliminate some confusion if the lake or the entrance to the lake is no wake.

Mike Munsell will work with the township to get new signs.

Adjourn

Motion - Dave Haywood, Support - Charlie Foster, Unanimous

Upcoming 2024 HLA Board Meetings- 10:00AM Martiny Township Hall Conference call number; Available upon request October 12 No Meetings scheduled for November, December, January 2025, and February 2025