

## **Half Moon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District**

Minutes of Annual Meeting – July 16, 2016  
Half Moon Lake Public Beach – Voss Landing

The Meeting was called to order at 10:15am by Chair John Weber. Board members present and introduced: John Weber, Chair; Ellen Butler, Treasurer; John Briegal, Fisheries; Bud Ericksen, Vice – Chair; Harlen Hegdal, Milltown Township Chair. Dave Balestri, Secretary; was not present due to a health matter.

John Weber verified that the meeting postings and publication were legal.

Motion to Approve the Agenda made by Diane Erickson and Seconded by Suzy Bank was approved.

Opening Remarks by John Weber:

- Welcomed new homeowners to introduce themselves.
- There were a few Half Moon Lake Merchandise items available for sale. John remarked that there is an opportunity for someone to take over the business of marketing and selling the items.
- David Butler's Half Moon Lake history books were available for sale.
- John announced there would be no outside speaker but John asked Harlen Hegdal to speak as Milltown Town Chair. Harlen identified the following issues for our notification.
  1. In discussions with the Wisconsin DNR, Harlen found that one of the biggest pollution factors of our area is the fallout of the electrical power-plant smokestack in Bayport Minnesota. The plant is undergoing a conversion from coal to natural gas, which will greatly reduce the pollutants.
  2. We should all check for the presence of Arsenic in our water wells. Testing of both deep and shallow wells has found Arsenic present although not at a poisoning level. There are test kits available from Polk County.
  3. Light pollution of backyard security lights has become a problem for residents, especially in the winter months when trees have no leaves. Polk Burnett is switching all outdoor lights to LED bulbs. They have also placed a cone shade at the public beach to see if this will help eliminate this light pollution.

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Motion to approve by Marv Christopherson, seconded by Chris Schneider was approved.

Nominations of New Board Members:

John Weber stated that we had two members whose terms were complete, John Weber, and John Briegal. Both were willing to run for another three

years and John opened the meeting to additional nominations. There were no other nominations and John instructed the qualified voters to mark their ballots and turn them in.

**Audit Report:**

Terry Radke and Mike McMahon completed the Audit. Terry Radke reported that the books are True and Correct.

**Treasurers Report:**

Ellen Butler reported as following:

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Checking Account                  | \$14,888.40  |
| Money Market                      | \$12,871.33  |
| 1 Year CD (1.06%) matures 3/25/17 | \$75,200.83  |
| Fireworks account                 | \$ 1,259.78  |
| Savings account                   | \$ 5.14      |
| Total Current Assetts             | \$104,225.48 |

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| Tax Revenue                | \$29,089.61 |
| Polk County Lottery Credit | \$ 298.89   |
| Interest Income            | \$ 27.10    |
| Total Income               | \$29,415.60 |

**Main Expenses:**

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| CBCW Monitors            | \$12,522.00 |
| Newsletter, postcards    | \$ 3,141.00 |
| Annual meeting and lunch | \$ 2,023.00 |
| Reserve Fund             | \$10,000.00 |
| Total Expenses           | \$27,686.00 |

The reserve fund exists in the event we need to treat/remove invasive weeds etc.

Motion to accept treasurers report by Arne Kolbjornsen seconded by Phil Siegle was approved.

**CWCB:**

John Briegal reporting for Dan Leh who is out of town. The Llid camera monitor is up and running for 2016. The only realistic method to keep Half Moon Lake clean is to pay for landing monitors, to date Charlie and Jack Hatten have done an excellent job on our behalf. The Hatten's review approximately 1,500 boats as they enter Half Moon, as many as 50% of the boats carry weeds to the landing. The Hatten's focus on cleaning weeds off the trailers, and how to empty ballasts in boats and jet skiis.

John reported that there is currently no weed volunteers to monitor the lakes weed types. After the meeting Bud Ericksen and his son Brent volunteered to be weed monitors.

#### Loon Report:

Arnie Kolbjornsen reported for Pat Maleche that there are two pair of nesting loons on Half Moon. The pair on the south end of the lake had two loons born in early July. Arne requested that we maintain at least a 200' clearance from the loons and especially the young ones.

#### Lake Map:

Arne Klobjornsen reported that the map will always be a work in process. He requested that we identify corrections so that he can get it as accurate as possible.

#### Water Clarity:

Bud Ericksen reported for Dave Balestri that the water clarity for 2016 based on Secchi Disc measurements for June 10<sup>th</sup> was 18 feet, and for the July 4<sup>th</sup> was 16 feet. These two measurements compare favorably with the historical averages on these dates. Dave will continue to measure the clarity every month throughout the summer. The months of July and August are sent to the DNR for compiling state-wide readings.

#### Fishing Report:

John Briegal reported that fishing reports have been good. The DNR stocks walleyes into the lake every other fall on the odd years. In 2015 the DNR stocked 5,500 fingerlings and reported finding 17" to 17 1/2" walleyes in the lake. John reminded everyone that walleye keepers must be 18" to be legal.

#### News Letter:

Diane Erickson reported the mailing addresses for the Loon Lines is based on Polk County tax records. If you are not receiving Loon Lines please check out the county mailing addresses. Loon Lines will be published twice per year.

#### Web Page:

Rick Miller reported that the Half Moon Lake web page is under the domain of <Half Moon.net>, it lists various item about the lake including ice out dates. In addition to the web page there is <HalfMoonweeds.net> to help with the monitoring of various weeds in our lake.

Rick requested someone to monitor the web page and Joe Lonsky volunteered.

#### Conservancy:

Ellen Butler reported that the Conservancy was established to protect Half Moon watershed and the lake clarity. The Conservancy now is impacted by

5,100 acres of land. The committee of David Butler, Harlen Hegdal, Herb Baldwin, Gordy Mommsen and Ellen Butler in addition to managing the Conservancy has spent considerable time creating a walking path and planting wild flowers in the Conservancy.

The importance of the Conservancy is shown by the fact that 5% of the Phosphorous in the lake is attributed to the cabins, and 65% attributed to the watershed.

**Long Range Planning:**

There was no report.

**Fireworks:**

Ellen Butler reported that the fireworks has become a liability issue and needs to be separated from Board responsibility. Harlen Hegdal reported that the Township is not interested in being involved. Recently insurance has tripled, and the insurance requires fire staff and equipment to be present. After discussion volunteers were solicited to create a committee to collect money and get the proper insurance for the event. Steve Minn volunteered to head such a committee.

**Water Ski Kids:**

Established to be the first Saturday of August. Each child is requested to bring skis and a 75 foot ski rope.

**2017 Budget:**

Ellen Butler reported that the Budget for 2017 will remain the same as the past 4 years. Motion by John Briegal, second by Arne Kolbjornsen - approved. See treasurer's report for actual breakdown.

**Election Results:**

The results of the election was an anonomus reelection of John Weber and John Briegal to new three year terms.

**New Business:**

Richard Kiesner reported that Geese waste has become a problem causing Ecoli in the water, as well as swimmers itch. The DNR suggested finding their nests and placing vegetable oil on their eggs. In discussion others suggested maintaining the shoreline naturally to prevent the Geese from getting to grass.

Sheila Waldock looking for someone to continue Half Moon Merchandise.

**Closing Remarks:**

John Weber thanked all volunteers involved with the annual meeting; registration, PA system, setting up the tables etc.

Next years meeting is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am and the food was served.

**Board of Directors meeting:**

A Board of directors meeting was called immediately following the Annual Meeting to elect officers for 2017.

John Weber suggested that all positions remain the same as in 2016. Motion made and vote taken.

Positions for 2017

|                         |               |
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| Chair                   | John Weber    |
| Vice Chair              | Bud Ericksen  |
| Treasurer               | Ellen Butler  |
| Secretary               | Dave Balestri |
| Fisheries               | John Briegal  |
| Milltown Township Chair | Harlen Hegdal |

Meeting was Adjourned

Respectively Submitted by Bud Ericksen for Dave Balestri