

## **Half Moon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Minutes- Annual Meeting- July 15, 2017**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:11am by John Weber. John introduced the officers in attendance. Bud Erickson was unable to attend due to a family matter; other board members were present. John confirmed the posting of the previous year's annual meeting notes – they were published in the Loon Lines and online.
2. John then reviewed the voting-eligibility rules.
3. That was followed by new lake property owners introducing themselves. They were:
  - Rhea & Pat McKee
  - Cary & Greg Adams
  - John Olsen and Sydney Harrison
  - Steve and Terry Schotz

(Spellings of names not verified).

4. Chris Nelson, (County Supervisor) spoke:
  - a. Reviewed shoreline building ordinance and tree-cutting rules
  - b. Said county is in good financial shape
  - c. No new taxes; taxes not going up
  - d. Reminder about 30-foot viewing corridor is allowed for tree-cutting to the lake
5. Bob Feeley of Lakeland Communications spoke:
  - a. Main line for high-speed fiber internet around the lake is complete
  - b. In about 3 weeks, they'll begin connecting the main line to individual houses; this will take through the Fall
  - c. After that, Lakeland will connect the service
  - d. For more info, go to Lakeland's website and enter your address
6. Approved minutes of last year's annual meeting
7. Nominate officers for vacant position – Ellen Butler running for Treasurer
8. Ellen gave the Treasurer's Report. Financial audit was performed and all is in proper order. Motion to approve Treasurer's report was made, seconded, and carried.

9. Weed Report:
  - a. No new weeds found
  - b. Curly Leaf Pondweed exists on the north side of the lake
  - c. Oriental snails have been in the lake for over 20 years
  - d. No Eurasian milfoil, no zebra mussels in the lake
  - e. Need someone to take over the monitoring program
10. John B provided the loons report.
11. John also gave the fishing report:
  - a. This year, we'll get stocked with about 5,500 walleye fingerlings in October
12. Dave Balestri gave the water quality report:
  - a. Clarity was 17' on July 4 – very good on a busy weekend. Temperature and dissolved oxygen had not been collected yet, but would be later in the week.
13. Harlen Hegdahl gave the Milltown Township report:
  - a. The boat ramp has been fixed.
  - b. There is discussion about doing an aerial “heat map” of the lake, but it will cost money.
14. Jon Lonsky: The Half Moon Lake website has been updated with a whole new look and new content. It has recorded well over a thousand unique visitors since the new launch.
15. July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017:
  - a. There were over 100 people at the tie-dye event
  - b. Steve Minn organized the fireworks show - \$3,500 came from ads to cover the cost.
16. Reminder that kids waterski day is the first Saturday in August
17. Ellen delivered the proposed budget for 2018. Motion to approve was seconded and carried.
18. Election results: Ellen was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.
19. July 4, 2018 planning:
  - a. Would like to offer prizes for boat parade (Sue to organize)
  - b. Fireworks will be on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>
20. Guest speaker Chad Allberg from the Department of Agriculture spoke about the goose problem:

- a. Geese feces cause high levels of bacteria in the lake. This is likely what caused the beach to be closed for a while this summer – geese have been observed in large numbers on the beach.
- b. Can eliminate geese by rounding them up when they're molting, since they can't fly then. Other option is to oil their eggs. This option is very difficult because it's hard to find the nests.
- c. Round up costs between \$1,000 - \$4,000.
- d. Can't just re-locate the birds because they just return, so they're "euthanized" and fed to "captive carnivores".
- e. If we pursue this route, we'd have to do it in June, when the birds are molting.
- f. There was a motion to authorize the Board to take action on geese. It was seconded and carried.
- g. Chad talked about how mowing grass near the lake invites geese to hang out there – especially on flat ground. Dave Balestri reminded people of other tips to keep phosphorous and other chemicals out of the lake:
  - i. Don't use fertilizer. If you do use fertilizer, make sure the middle number on the bag is "0"
  - ii. Resist the temptation to use insecticide and pesticide on your lawn – they get washed into the lake when it rains. They are also harmful to bees, frogs, and other good denizens of your yard.

21. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 noon. Seconded and carried.

**Half Moon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District  
Treasurer's Report  
7/10/2017**

Checking RCU bank account	\$23,574.89*
1 year CD (renews 3-25-18) (1.15%)	\$86,040.09**
Savings account	\$5.14

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$118,580.50</b>
Fireworks account	\$877.28

\* \$10,000 of checking acct will be deducted and moved into capital fund- CD next March 2018.

\*\* \$10,000 to be deposited into CD from checking acct. in March 2018 when it renews.

Fireworks fund owes HML District \$3,000.00 from a loan in July 2016.

Tax Revenue collected 2016: \$29,225.39

Polk Cty lottery credit: \$556.28

Interest income: \$46.27

**Total Income: \$29,827.94**

**Main Expenses:**

CBCW (Clean Boats, Clean Waters) program to monitor beach for weeds on boats and trailers, ILIDS camera, internet- \$11,534.74

Newsletter, postcards, postage 2x/yr. – each newsletter is \$10.50 per issue/ cabin and raises the money from ads to pay for the fireworks  
\$6,020.06

Annual meeting lunch- \$2,566.91

Yearly capital fund- saved for possible future treatment of invasive plants in lake, \$10,000

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Butler, Treasurer

Checkbook detail available upon request

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**Half Moon Lake Prot Rehab District  
HMLPRD 2018 Annual Budget:  
Jan 1, 2018-December 31, 2018**

2017 Revenues:

Tax Levy	29,225
Lottery Credit	556
Interest	37
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>29,818</b>

Cost of Operations:

Administration	600
Info and Education- newsletter, annual meeting, and lunch	6,418
Lake Management- CBCW beach monitoring	12,800
Capital Funds- non-lapsable	10,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>29,818</b>

**2018 Operating Budget Tax Levy - 29,818**

**Voted and approved on July 15, 2017 at the annual meeting.**

**I will contact the Milltown Town Clerk to advise of 2018 budget.**