

**Half Moon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Minutes - Annual Meeting - August 31, 2019**

John Weber called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The meeting was held at the pavilion at the public beach on the lake.

Board members present:

Chair	John Weber
Vice Chair	Bud Ericksen
Treasurer	Ellen Butler
Secretary	Bob Cutshall
Fisheries	John Briegal
Milltown Twp. Chair	Mike Dau

- I. **Meeting minutes** - A motion was made by Bud Ericksen to approve the minutes from last year's meeting that was held on July 21, 2018. The motion was seconded by Dan Leh and approved unanimously.
- II. **Board Nominations** - John Weber submitted the names of two individuals who have been nominated to fill the open board seats being vacated by John Weber and John Briegal. The individuals are Jim Benike and Doug Ebling. There were no additional nominations from the meeting attendees. John Briegal made a motion to close the nominations that was seconded by Dan Leh. Ballots were distributed and Jim and Doug were elected to three year terms on the board.
- III. **Audit Report** - Ellen Butler submitted the audit report. It was noted by one resident that the levy amount on the report didn't look correct. Ellen will look into this and make any necessary changes.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** - Ellen also submitted the treasurer's report. Pam Belair made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Pete Ruff and approved unanimously.
- V. **Clean Boats/Clean Waters** - Dan Leh gave an overview of the program and thanked Jack and Garrett for their service to the district in inspecting boats coming into and going out of the lake. Dan stated that, on the average, 40 boats per day go in and out of the lake.
- VI. **Water clarity** - Dave Balestri was not at the meeting but communicated to ?? that the secchi disk readings were 16' (which is good and consistent with past measurements). John Weber stated that we would resume phosphorous measurements in the lake next year.
- VII. **Loon Report** - Doug Ebling gave the loon report.
- VIII. **Fishing Report** - John Briegal gave the fishing report. The DNR will be stocking the lake again this fall with walleye fingerlings at a rate of 10 per acre.
- IX. **County Supervisor** - Chris Nelson was unable to attend the meeting. No report was given.
- X. **Milltown Township Report** - Mike Dau, the township chair, gave the report.
 - A. Much of the township's activities over the past six weeks have been focused on cleaning up the storm debris from the July 19th windstorm. Mike stated that the township has borrowed \$100,000 to use for cleanup with the hopes that they will be reimbursed by FEMA. Mike requests that residents take "before and after" photographs of storm clean up and submit them along with volunteer clean up hours to the township clerk. There is a FEMA form online to do this on the township's website. Mike also indicated that the township cannot remove storm debris from private property, just from the public right of way.
 - B. Mike also mentioned that Polk County is working on an ordinance that would regulate rental property within the county.
 - C. Polk County will also be installing new culverts in the Breezy Bay area next spring.

- D. Mike also noted that there are numerous public access easements around the lake and that the county has surveyed one of them in the southeast corner of the lake.
- E. A request was made for the township to install a tornado warning siren at the public beach. Mike stated that the township would not do this because these systems cost about \$150,000 to install.

XI. Loon Lines - Kim Butler is the editor and gave a report.

- A. Please send storm damage photos to her. She also likes to include human and general interest stories in the newsletter (new home owner profiles, how to deal with invasive plants, etc.).
- B. Kim also mentioned that an Iowa company was seeking a permit to construct a 26,000 animal hog CAFO in the area. Polk County has placed a six month moratorium on these types of facilities so that they can further study the matter.

XII. HML Website - Joe Lonsky gave the report. The district's website is www.halfmoonlake.net.

XIII. 4th of July Celebration - Ellen Butler gave the report on this. We spend approximately \$4,000 per year on fireworks, most of which is paid for by advertising revenue in our newsletter. We need a volunteer to coordinate these activities for next year. Please let Ellen know if you are interested.

XIV. 2020 Budget - The board is requesting a 10% increase in our annual levy (new amount will \$32,803). John Weber stated that the levy has not been increased for over six years. Dan Leh made a motion to increase the levy by 10%. The motion was seconded by ?? The motion was approved unanimously.

XV. Old Business

- A. **Goose problem** - John Weber secured permits this year to deal with the goose problem (fecal matter in the water and along the shoreline). However, there were almost no geese on the lake this year, so nothing was done. John will renew the permit for next year. We will need a volunteer to head up this activity in the future.
- B. **Repairs to the Boat Launch** - The boat launch is in need of replacement. It is owned by Milltown Township. The district will assist the township with permits and securing grants for this but can act only in a support role.
- C. **Barr Engineering Lake Study** - The lake study indicated the presence of yellow flag iris (an invasive plant). The district will begin to deal with this problem in 2020. No action will be taken on the curly leaf pondweed (as advised by the Wisconsin DNR).

XVI. New Business

- A. **Decontamination Station** - John Weber stated that the board will be evaluating the purchase or lease of a decontamination station that would be located at the public landing. The purpose of this equipment is primarily to decontaminate live wells and ballast tanks in boats entering the lake. Steve Minn made a motion that the board be authorized to spend up to \$5,000 for a consultant to help us evaluate this type of equipment and up to \$25,000 to purchase or lease the equipment. The motion was seconded by ?? and passed unanimously.
- B. **2020 Annual Meeting** - Next year's annual meeting will be held at the public beach on Saturday, July 18, 2020

XVII. Adjourn the Meeting - Steve Minn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by ?? and unanimously passed.

Submitted by,

Bob Cutshall

Secretary