

**Half Moon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Spring Board Meeting
June 1, 2019**

John Weber called the meeting to order a 9:05 a.m. The meeting was held at John Briegal's house.

Present:

Chair	John Weber
Vice Chair	Bud Ericksen
Treasurer	Ellen Butler
Secretary	Bob Cutshall
Fisheries	John Briegal

Absent:

Milltown Twp. Chair	Mike Dau
Loon Lines Editor	Kim Butler

Minutes:

The minutes of the September 3, 2018 board meeting were approved by the board unanimously as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Ellen Butler gave the treasurer's report dated 5-29-2019 (attached) which was unanimously approved by the board. An item of note was that we have most of our reserves in an 18 month CD and about \$10,000 in a money market account that is accessible at any time.

Invasive Plants:

We currently have three invasive plants in the lake; reed canary grass, curly leaf pondweed and yellow iris. It is not practical to do anything about the reed canary grass as the Wisconsin Dep't. of Transportation uses this plant for bank stabilization. John Weber has discussed the other two invasives with the Wisconsin DNR. The DNR's recommendation for the curly leaf pondweed is to leave it alone as long as it isn't spreading as pulling it out will cause it to spread more (per the latest report from Barr Engineering, it is not spreading). The DNR has recommended that we remove the yellow iris. John Weber and Bud Ericksen will follow through on the procedure required to remove this invasive from the lake. The anticipated cost for this is in the range of \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Boat Landing:

The boat landing needs to be either repaired or replaced. John Weber will take the lead on dealing with this issue with the county, township and Wisconsin DNR. Grant money from the state and contributions from the township and county may be available to help pay for the cost of this work. John will report back at the next board meeting.

Proposed Budget:

The proposed budget for 2019 is the same as it was for 2018. The board unanimously approved this budget. We will publish the budget and submit it for approval at the annual meeting in July.

Newsletter:

We will continue to send out the newsletter twice a year. Contact Kim Butler regarding any questions about the newsletter or any information to be submitted for publication.

July 4th Postcard:

Ellen will mail out a postcard to all of the homeowners on the lake that will include a schedule of this year's 4th of July activities.

Township Report:

Mike Dau will be at our next board meeting. One of the issues that the township and county are dealing with is the use of lake property for short term rentals (VRBO, Air BNB, etc.)

Clean Boats Clean Waters:

Our current program is ongoing. We will be providing training for all new and current inspectors.

Fishing:

John Briegal gave the fishing report and it hasn't been very good fishing so far this year. The DNR will again stock the lake with walleyes in the fall.

Conservancy:

No discussion or action.

Lake Maps:

John Weber has been keeping the lake maps (showing who owns what property) updated.

Water Quality Monitoring:

We are awaiting the arrival of a phosphorous testing kit from the DNR. Once we have one, we will restart our testing program. John Briegal and Bud Ericksen will coordinate this. Dave Balestri currently does the water temperature and clarity monitoring.

Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20th. John Weber will contact Mike Dau and ask him to be the speaker at this event. John will also contact Polk County as to whether or not their shoreline restoration program is still in place. (Previously, the County would pay 70% of the cost to plant native plants along the lakeshore.) We will have two board positions open (John Weber and John Briegal will be leaving the board) that will need to be filled. The board discussed individuals who might possibly be interested in serving on the board.

Goose Roundup:

In 2018, we secured a permit to manage the geese, but no geese showed up. This year we have geese, but their nests are not on the lake. We have renewed the permit and will continue to monitor the situation.

Lakes Conference:

No action.

Water Balloon Issue:

Last year the DNR sent the District a letter about the boat parade and water balloon "fights." The DNR considers this littering and will fine anyone who does this in the future. Jim Smith is discussing this issue with the DNR and will attempt to get a permit to use biodegradable balloons this year.

Board Responsibilities:

We discussed and agreed that the board chair shouldn't have to shoulder so much of the "day to day" burden of running the district. Once we get a new board in place (after the annual meeting) we will more broadly assign responsibilities to the board members. The board would like a separate committee to coordinate the 4th of July celebration. In the absence of such a committee, Ellen Butler will do it this year.

Next Board Meeting:

Our next board meeting will be held at Bud Ericksen's cabin at 9:00 on Saturday, June 29th.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Submitted by,

Bob Cutshall, Secretary

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Finance Report

As of 5-29-19

RCU Bank checking account	\$ 27,886.26
RCU 18 month CD (9-30-20)(3.10%)	\$ 98,543.40
Business Money Market	\$10,007.55
Savings account	\$ 5.14
TOTAL	\$ 136,442.35
RCU Fireworks account	\$ 5,944.86

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Butler, Treasurer