



HAGERMAN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Spring 2020 Newsletter

"The purpose of the association is to preserve and protect Hagerman Lake and its surroundings, and to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of the lake as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations."

HLPOA Bylaws

Dear Property Owner,

This yearly Newsletter is being sent to you and other property owners (members and non-members) to update you on the association's work on your behalf, and to encourage you to renew your membership or join HLPOA. Enclosed is your dues invoice and return envelope.

FOREST SERVICE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Hagerman Lake is just one of the many lakes within the boundary of the Ottawa National Forest. While most of the land surrounding Hagerman Lake is privately owned, Ottawa National Forest system lands extend along the northern and southern shoreline. The public boat landing and day-use area on the southern shore of Hagerman Lake is Ottawa National Forest system land and provides recreation opportunities and lake access for all to enjoy. The Ottawa National Forest operates and maintains a boat washing station, vault toilet, boat landing, picnic area, and swimming beach open to all, free of charge. The almost one million acres of the Ottawa National Forest in the western Upper Peninsula extends from the south shore of Lake Superior to the Wisconsin border. The area is rich in wildlife viewing opportunities; breathtaking views of rolling hills dotted with lakes, rivers and waterfalls; and spectacular fall colors. For questions about recreational opportunities on the Ottawa National Forest, please contact our Visitor Center located in Watersmeet, MI at 906-358-4724.

Ottawa National Forest, Watersmeet/Iron River Ranger District

Caring for the land and serving people

In recent years HLPOA volunteers have assisted in maintaining the park grounds, however, this past year that effort has concluded. Donated equipment and supplies have been dispersed, and we no longer have any responsibility or expectation to participate in park maintenance in the future. Thank you to those members who assisted with that work in the past! The Board maintains good working relationships with Forest Service contacts for both Park and boat wash concerns.

BOAT WASH INFORMATION

After 7 years of operation, the fall of 2018 and summer of 2019 saw some breakdown in the boat wash operation. The Forest Service spent more than \$2000 replacing the main pumps controller and replacing copper pipe with stainless steel, which handles high pressure more appropriately. The boat wash operation depends on the collection tank being less than full, as there is an automatic shutoff when that occurs. When the tank is full, the boat wash will not operate and an alarm sounds. There are directions on the side of the shed for calling a Forest Service phone number for pumping out the collection tank water. The assistance of our membership is needed in monitoring that, as it takes several days to accomplish a pump out. The boat wash is the primary mechanism in protecting Hagerman Lake from invasive species and plants. Thank you for your help!

PROTECT OUR LAKE

"Hagerman Lake is a healthy and diverse ecosystem which deserves careful ongoing lake stewardship, minimizing the possibility of future threats" -Management Report

1. Avoid the use of commercial lawn fertilizers on lakefront property. Runoff from such chemicals degrades water quality and encourages unwanted plant life and algae bloom.
2. Retain / or plant native plant life along the shoreline in order to prevent erosion and catch runoff.
3. Encourage use of the boat wash for all boats visiting our lake, as an effective way of stopping the spread of aquatic invasive species.
4. Be aware of local ordinance requirements on property development and septic systems (see HLPOA website for listing of local requirements).
5. Be on the lookout for changes in native species diversity and any appearances of invasives--report to HLPOA with concerns.

BOAT PARADE

There was a wonderful response for the 2019 Boat Parade, with approximately 25 boats participating. Congratulations to the Busakowski family on West Hagerman who were the winners. They will serve as judges for the next parade, which will be held on Saturday, July 4th at 3 p.m. The parade starts at the beach area and moves counterclockwise around the lake.

HAGERMAN LAKE WEBSITE UPDATE

The Association wishes to formally thank East Hagerman's Pete Frisk for creating and maintaining the Hagerman Lake website for these past many years. It is a benefit to the membership, with much valuable information, so thank you Pete! The torch is now passed to the newly appointed webmaster, Chad Johnson of East Hagerman, who communicates this: Hopefully by the time you read this, the new Hagerman Lake Property Owners Association website will be live. The updated site will continue to be located at the same address; <http://hagermanlake.org>. No changes need to be made by you. New features include an updated look and feel, an events calendar and a newsfeed on the home page. Future plans include tables and graphs of lake monitoring results, lake ice trends and local weather reports. Please contact chad.johnson.w@gmail.com with any questions or comments. Additionally, we are continuing plans to provide communication to members via email. So, those members who opted to receive email communication, look forward to something sometime this spring/early summer.

ROAD RESURFACING

The Board wrote a letter last fall to the Iron County Road Commission formally requesting



that West Hagerman Lake Road be placed on the Task Force 13B list for future resurfacing. To date the meeting of that Task Force has not been set, however, Doug Tomasoski, Supervisor, has had much communication

from our membership, and the Board has had several ongoing communications with him. We will be alerted to the next scheduled meeting to make that request in person. This will be a several-year process, but it is important we be placed on that Task Force list to even be considered for the work.



MEETING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

At last year's Annual Meeting, the membership voted to allow the Board to select the date for the meeting, rather than being committed to the second Saturday in August. That later date seems to perhaps be too late for many reasons, and may negatively impact the membership's ability to participate. Thus, for 2020 the Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 1st, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Covenant Point Bible Camp, in the TABERNACLE across from the Dining Hall. The ICE CREAM SOCIAL will be held, also in the Tabernacle and the grounds directly outside at APPROXIMATELY 11 a.m. following the Annual Meeting also on August 1st. This is an attempt to increase attendance at the Annual Meeting and to also provide a social time to connect with enjoy a FREE ICE CREAM CONE! The Board would greatly appreciate membership input about what might be best for the dates and times for these annual events, as the goal is maximum participation and representation.

SIGNS ON THE POST

If you are interested in having a sign made for the post at the East-West Hagerman Lake Road split, contact Mike Rummelhoff. The cost is \$45 and Mike's phone is listed in the lake directory.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

HLPOA has adopted a two mile stretch of M-73, beginning at the Wisconsin border at Brule River bridge and extending toward Iron River. If you can assist with the pick up effort, contact Marla Busakowski, our Board Treasurer. She is listed in the lake directory.

There are 111 paid HLPOA memberships out of approximately 175 properties in 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 30	Association dues deadline
July 2	Boat parade, 3 p.m. at beach area
Aug. 1	Annual Meeting at 10 a.m. at CPBC
	Ice Cream Social 11 a.m. at CPBC



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FREE!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

ALL

WELCOME!

Come one, come all!
Enjoy ice cream &
conversation with
fellow Hagerman Lake
property owners (&
guests!). Please bring
lawn chairs and/or
blankets for seating.

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