

# HARRIS LAKE ASSOCIATION

## Meeting Minutes 2021 HLA ANNUAL MEETING

July 3, 2021 Saturday morning 9:00 in the Winchester Town Hall on County W

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Don Schroeder [don.schroeder545@yahoo.com](mailto:don.schroeder545@yahoo.com) Vice president

John Grimmer [jgrimmer@manofarm.com](mailto:jgrimmer@manofarm.com) Secretary/treasurer

- A. Call to Order/Roll Call
- B. Approval of 2020 Annual Minutes
  - motion by Jim Evans, second by Don Schroeder, approved see attached
- C. Financial Report

### HLA Financial Report as of 7-1-2021

Beginning Balance	\$5,567.74	7/1/20
Dues Received (\$950.00 for 2021)	\$1,835.00	
Check to Discovery Center for Curly Leaf Pondweed Survey by Onterra – This represents ½ of a total bill for \$1930.00 the remainder of which was paid for by Winchester Town Lakes Committee	-\$965.00	
Ending Balance	\$6,437.74	7/1/21

- D. Old Business
  - Boat ramp – John Grimmer reported that the Winchester Town Crew had filled in the larger holes at the end of the boat ramp. Tim Evans suggested that the ramp was now too shallow. Another comment was that when the dock was on the north side of the ramp it was easier to see and line up your boat while backing in.

## E. New Business

- Water Quality Report – prepared by Tim Nickels reported by Dan Perkins – see attached and <https://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/CLMN/Station.aspx?id=643512>
- WTLC (Winchester Town Lakes Committee) – John Grimmer reported that the town of Winchester supports the WTLC financially at \$15,000 per year. This in turns funds the North Lakeland Discovery Center who provide administrative and hands on support to the WTLC and to the individual lakes. For instance, the Discovery Center has paid interns who survey Harris Lake and hand harvest Curly Leaf Pondweed. Also, WTLC completed last year a comprehensive study of the 8 major lakes in Winchester in which Harris Lake compares favorability. The complete 500-page report can be found here [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1t6BjaUiZ73UZn\\_bV5nlnRYAagkB7FCT8?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1t6BjaUiZ73UZn_bV5nlnRYAagkB7FCT8?usp=sharing) or a smaller file with just the Harris Lake information <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-Ab1n9CBpAHpXXM7lsNld9xqHmysl8nx>
- Creel Comparison – see table attached and the full report at <https://widnr.widen.net/s/l6fqxt8fz/vilasharris20192020creel> Dan Perkins reported that the fishing pressure is much less than what our lake had been seeing 20 years ago. However total catch has gone down, with the zero-and-ones survey of small walleye indicating very few of this species becoming adult. There was discussion of stocking and a reference to the last stocking events summarized here

Harris Lake WDNR Stocking					
Year	Species	Strain (Stock)	Age Class	# Fish Stocked	Avg Fish Length (in)
1974	Walleye	Unspecified	Fingerling	10,000	3
1978	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fingerling	1,020	10

An updated walleye management plan is due from the DNR this summer. Reduction in other species and possible stocking was also discussed.

- Curly Leaf Pondweed – Don Schroeder reported that the aquatic invasive species (AIS) Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) was discovered in Harris Lake in 2008, and that the Discovery Center working with WTLC has been hand harvesting the plant for many years. This year, HLA together with WTLC hired the consultant group Onterra to do an additional survey of the lake for CLP. The resulting map is attached.

The Discovery Center is always willing to identify any suspected AIS you may find. Bring samples to the Discovery Center or [email](#) a photograph with the location where you found it, along with your contact information.

Aquatic Invasive Species Identification Training 08/07/2021 01:00 PM - 03:00 PM  
CST at Rest Park in MW is available from the Discovery Center.

- Loon Sightings – Loons nested on the island platform. Two chicks were seen for a while. Possible lead poisoning of an adult loon the last week of June.
- Picnic August 7 11:00 – 2:00 Hosted by the HLA board. Hope to see you there.

F. Adjourn

G. Attachments

- Approved minutes from 2020
- Water Quality Report
- Creel Comparison table
- Curly leaf pondweed map
- Harris Lake Contact List