

[These minutes are tentative until formally approved at our 2009 annual meeting]

HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION
DISTRICT NO.1

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 2008

The 2008 annual meeting of Horsehead Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District No. 1 was held on Saturday, August 16th, 2008, Raymond F. Sloan Community Center, Lake Tomahawk, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Batchelet at 9 a.m. Dennis welcomed everyone to the 34th annual meeting and thanked all the volunteers who helped in various ways this past year. He also reminded everyone to sign in on the sign up sheet and stated he would be following Roberts Rules of Order, and trying to use our time as best we can, and to respect everyone, and to move the meeting along.

The commissioners introduced themselves, followed by the other twenty lake property owners.

APPROVE AGENDA

The agenda proposed budget and newsletter were mailed to all property owners of the district and Secretary Houghton-Bowen posted the agenda in all the proper places.

Two additions were added to the agenda under VIII. (E) Membership of W ALD and VIII (F) Membership of Oneida County Lakes & Rivers, and also to make one correction: nominating committee was Linda Delius and Dolores Kania, not Christy Nemcek. Motion by Linda Delius, seconded by Christy Nemcek to approve the agenda as corrected and changed, motion carried.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF AUGUST 18TH, 2008

Secretary Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen had copies of the annual meeting of August 18th, 2007. Motion by Beverly Fagan, seconded by Don Niebler to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as written; motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1) AERATION SYSTEM

Batchelet reported the aeration system worked all winter without any problems.

2) LAKE TESTING

Batchelet had a graph showing the secchi, chlorophyll and total phosphorus. The graph showed the changes of the lake from various years, which basically, has stayed the same. Delius also had the results of the secchi from 1988 to 2008, and it showed the last five years are holding around the same; which is not bad. A third sheet showed the phosphorus, which makes the weeds grow. We have had some lake algae, but with the late ice out, warmer summer this can be expected, and no one can forecast what is going to happen with the lake each year.

3) WEBSITE

Batchelet reported to date we have had 2700 hits on our web site, around 1,000 this past year. Members of the district were told to check for updates from time to time.

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual meeting for 2009 will be held on Saturday, August 15th, 2009, at 9 am at the

Sloan community center, Lake Tomahawk WI.

Motion by Hans Delius, seconded by Diann Lane to accept the chairman's report; motion carried.

B) TREASURER'S REPORT

Beverly J. Fagan, treasurer gave the annual financial report, starting with the balance of the annual 2008 meeting, total of \$27,238.88. Expenses for the year included check numbers 1507 - 1556. \$24,452.93. Income for the year was \$12,996.83, ending balance of \$15,782.15. Balances include: Checking account \$10,530.16; Money Market \$2,410.06; CD \$2,841.93. Fagan announced the weed-harvesting bill of \$10,620.00 has not been paid to date. We will also be receiving our final payment from Oneida County in a week.

Motion by Donald Niebler, seconded by David Lane to accept the financial report as presented, motion carried.

C) AUDIT OF FINANCIAL RECORDS

David Lane reported that he and Diann Lane audited the district's books from August 18th, 2007 to August 16th, 2008 and found them to be in good order.

D) CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen slated she received letters from several property owners with a change of address. She also asked if all members of the district are getting a quarterly copy of the Lake Tides. She reported there is a lot of good information in this little paper. Houghton-Bowen also reminded district members to take a copy of the 2007 annual minutes, and she also put together an updated list of property owners of our Lake District.

Motion by Kris Batchelet, seconded by 10ann Erickson to accept the secretary's report, motion carried.

VI. LAKE STUDY HIGHLIGHTS-PRELIMINARY REPORT):

Kris Batchelet reported she sent out 100 surveys and received 55, which was good. Tim Hoyman and Eddie were on the lake several times checking out just what kinds of weeds are on our lake. Tim has met with the planning committee of Kris Batchelet, Jim Waters, Mary Ellen Zickus, Hans Delius, Pat Donnick and Beverly Fagan. The committee has discussed the tasks for the leaders to accomplish, which will include: to tally the survey, coordinate with residents, evaluate final results of the study, and recommendations for lake policies.

Kris stated the fishing is down on our lake this year, compared to previous years. Tim did find some Eurasian Water Milfoil by the boat launch, but pulled it out and he again checked in July and has not come back. He will check this again in the fall.

The committee, along with Tim Hoyman is putting together a management plan. They will continue to monitor the Curly-Leaf Pondweed and the Eurasian Water Milfoil. They hope also to set up an education committee with the help of Tim.

Some of the property owners thought the lake was down from last year, but it was noted it is not.

A question/answer period was held and Kris was thanked for all the time she has spent on the survey, as well as everyone on the committee. To date they have had two meetings with Tim Hoyman, and each meeting was 3 to 4 hours long, and the committee found the meetings very interesting, interesting and rewarding; Hoyman plans to have all the results of the survey put together and have the plan completed in January, then have another meeting in April or May 2009. The results will be posted on the web or in a newsletter.

Motion by Linda Delius, seconded by Don Niebler, to accept the report of Kris

Batchelet, and thanked the committee for all their planning. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

WEED HARVESTING:

Dennis reported Schmidt's Harvesting took out 17 Harvester loads this year at \$155 per hour. He took out 22 tons this year; and we had booked 80 hours but worked 64 hours at the total cost of \$10,620. Schmidt came two weeks later this year, which was the ideal time for this year.

It was reported that he cannot harvest weeds on DNR property or he cannot go near the boat landing, due to too rocks, tree stumps and shallow depth.

Next year there will be an increase to \$165 per hour, a \$700 set up charge and \$5 per load to haul the weeds away. He will be sending a contract to be signed for next year, and the question remains for how many hours.

HORSEHEAD DAM REPAIR UPDATE:

Batchelet reported he talked with Lake Tomahawk Town Chairman, Ed Coffen and was told the Project would be worked on after the town had completed another project; hopefully in a week or two.

NEW BUSINESS:

AUTHORIZATION FOR AERATOR MAINTENANCE:

Motion by Jim Waters, seconded by Hans Delius to have the pods blown out this fall; Motion carried.

Motion by Hans Delius, seconded by Don Niebler to have the complete system inspected while he was blowing out the pods; motion carried.

BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 2008-2009

Copies of the 2008~2009 proposed budget were passed out, and at the last commissioners meeting they went over each item and set the proposed budget for \$26,050.00.

Kris Batchelet stated the weed harvesting, along with the permit for next year is going up in cost. Motion by Kris Batchelet, seconded by Joann Erickson to increase the weed harvesting from \$11,000 to \$14,000. During discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Motion by Linda Delius, seconded by Kris Batchelet to increase the weed harvesting to 90 hours for 2009; motion carried. This would change the weed harvesting to \$15,650.00 and would increase the total budget to \$30,700.00 for 2008-2009. Motion by Kris Batchelet; seconded by Linda Delius to set our 2008-2009 budget at \$30,700.00; motion carried.

CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATERS PROGRAM

Joann Erickson reported there was not much action at the boat landing this year. Members of the committee did check the landing on holidays but found that most boaters do clean out their boat before going into the lake, as well as when they come out. She and her committee were thanked for their devotion to this program.

ELECTION OF ONE COMMISSIONER FOR A 3 YEAR TERM

Linda Delius and Dolores Kania announced that we have three people running for the 3 year term of commissioner: Christy Nemcek, Pat Donnack, and Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen. Ballots were passed out and members voted. It was announced that our new commissioner will be Christy Nemcek.

Chairman Batchelet thanked Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen for all her hard work; during nine terms and twenty-seven years. Houghton-Bowen thanked members of the district for their support during the time she served as a commissioner on the lake. She stated she enjoyed working with the many property owners, as well as the commissioners in making our lake a better place to live. She encouraged other members of the district to run for the

commission as this is the way you learn more about the lake and meet many of the new and long-time residents.

MEMBER UPDATE LIST

Secretary Houghton-Bowen stated she updated the property owner list as of August 1st, 2008 and made copies for residents.

MEMBERSHIP IN WALD

Motion by Don Niebler, seconded by Carol Niebler, to again be a member of WALD; motion carried.

ONEIDA COUNTY LAKES & RIVERS MEMBERSHIP

Motion by Hans Delius, seconded by Mary Ellen Zickus to be a member of the Oneida County Lakes & Rivers; motion carried.

Commissioner Tom Rudolph stated that Bob Williams of Lake Tomahawk chairs this committee. We now have a new county coordinator, and the Land and Water Conservation Committee works with the county on this committee.

2009 ANNUAL MEETING DATE

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COMMENTS - COUNTY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Tom Rudolph thanked all the district members for attending the meeting, and the planning committee working with Tim Hoyman to make the lake a better place to live. He stated the county is adopting an ordinance that people can no longer transport plants along county roads. There will be a fine of \$200 to \$500 for a citation. He encouraged everyone to get involved with their lake.

COMMENTS - TOWN REPRESENTATIVE

Rick Mazurczak stated, "If it weren't for the lakes, we would not be here". People everywhere are concerned about the lakes, requiring raising of budgets each year to care for the lakes. He stated all lakes, whether associations or districts, have the same kind of problems. However, when you are a member of WALD and/or Oneida County Lakes & Rivers, you can brainstorm together, and they have people who can help you with your problems. Those organization also help residents to educate by attending their meetings. When you attend these meetings, you can sometimes learn from others mistakes. Rick stated that Horsehead Lake District is way ahead of other lakes, as we have a Lake District, while others have just an association.

OTHER BUSINESS:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- 1) CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BOATS COMMITTEE FOR 2009:
JOANN ERICKSON, PAT DONNICK, MARY ELLEN ZICKUS, KRIS BATCHELET, DENNIS BATCHELET
- 2) AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR 2009:
CHRISTY NEMCEK AND LINDA KAY HOUGHTON-BOWEN
- 3) PICNIC COMMITTEE FOR 2009:
CHRISTY NEMCEK, LINDA KAY HOUGHTON-BOWEN, DOLORES KANIA.

- 5) NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2009:
LINDA DELIUS AND DOLORES KANIA

- 5) SECCHI MONITORING FOR 2009: STUART
UTLEY

- 6) OXYGEN/CHEMICAL TESTING FOR 2009:

STUART UTLEY

- 7) WISCONSIN' ASSOCIATION OF LAKES CONVENTION DELEGATES FOR
APRIL 2009: (to be determined)

Everyone was thanked for attending the annual meeting, and encouraged to get involved with the various lake projects; this is how we all learn more about our lake.

Motion at 11:35 am by Hans Delius, seconded by Joann Erickson to adjourn; motion carried.

No picnic was held this year, as it seemed Lake District members did not show much interest, however, next year we have a committee of Christy Nemcek, Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen and Dolores Kania who will be planning a picnic.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen ,
Secretary
Horsehead Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District No. 1

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