

HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION
DISTRICT NO. 1

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2005

The 2005 annual meeting of Horsehead Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District No. 1 was held on Saturday, August 20TH, 2005 at the Raymond F. Sloan Community Center, Lake Tomahawk, WI

The meeting was called to order by chairperson Dennis Batchelet at 9 a.m. introducing himself, welcoming everyone to the 31st annual meeting and thanking all the volunteer's who helped in any way this past year. He also reminded everyone to sign in on the sign up sheet and the picnic, which will take place following the meeting.

Dennis sent around a clipboard for volunteers to sign up for various jobs for the coming year. He also stated we would follow Roberts Rules of order, use our time as best we can, respect everyone and to move the meeting along.

The commissioners introduced themselves, followed by all Lake District members.

AGENDA

The Chairman read the agenda that was sent to all Horsehead Lake property owners. Motion by Linda Delius, seconded by Kris Batchelet to approve as written, motion carried.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2004

Motion by Dolores Kania, seconded by Linda Delius to dispense with the reading of the 2004 annual meeting minutes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS:

A. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beverly J. Fagan, treasurer gave the annual financial report, starting with the balances from last years meeting, \$12,533.88.

Balances at the annual meeting were as follows:

Checking account \$108.45

Savings #1 \$2,929.58

Savings #2 \$5,268.33

CD account \$1,553.74 for a total of \$10,860.10.

Motion by Mary Ellen Zickus, seconded by Donald Niebler to accept the financial report, motion carried.

B. AUDIT OF FINANCIAL RECORDS:

Hans Delius reported he and Marie Puhl audited the books from the past year, and found everything in order.

C. AERATION SYSTEM:

Dennis Batchelet told about the animals getting at the underground wiring, and Hans Delius had to re-wire the system, but left it above ground. He also installed a light system, (red and green), so people on the lake could see if it was working without actually going to the site. Dennis stated the volunteer list has spaces for volunteers to sign up to help bury the cable this fall.

Dennis reported the performance of the system was good this winter. The lake was lower 9 inches this year, instead of 15 inches as voted on at the 2004 annual meeting. When the boards were all removed, we had a heavy rainstorm, and a lot of water went over the dam and did damage to a resident. The commissioners talked and discussed this problem, and decided to put one 6 inch board back in.

Dennis also reported in February the DNR person came out and looked at the lake and the oxygen level was great. Dennis reported the system needs an annual maintenance cleaning.

D. SECCHI MONITORING:

Dennis talked about the chemical and oxygen tests and had graphs, which showed we have less chlorophyll in our lake. The readings are better, and it is almost impossible to do a phosphorus test, only in fall when lake turns over.

Dennis told about the causes of lake fertility. Weed sediment buildup in bottom of lake is approximately 18 feet of sediment, leaving water depth of about 9 feet. Agitation of sediment, especially in shallow lakes; schools of fish stir nutrients; more speedboats, bigger motors; wind/storms, wave action; and rain pouring nutrients into lake. Lowering water level increases sediment suspended in water, which causes weeds and algae to grow faster. Also septic systems may leach into the lake, and lawn fertilizer runs into the lake.

Dennis stated things we can do are to Pull weeds by roots up to 20 feet from shore and dispose of away from the lake; Refrain from using fertilizer; drive boats slower in shallow waters, restrict water skiing, refrain from building fires on the lake in the winter and begin a program to cut native weeds over several years to reduce growing mass.

E. ACTIVITY AT BOAT LANDING:

Pat Donnack and Joanne Erickson reported there has been very little activity at the landing. and with little activity there has been little trash at the landing. Last year they took in some \$96 and this year from July 10 to August 19 only \$19.85.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. WEED HARVESTING:

On July 4th we had big time weeds and the commissioners decided we had to do weed harvesting. Went to the DNR, takes 10 days to receive one. Had a harvester lined up, but had to wait to get the permit, so lost this person.

On August 16 and 17th, another weed harvesting company came to harvest weeds and worked from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and did not put a dent in them. On Thursday, he worked on the south end of the lake from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., and had to quite as the weather turned bad. He hauled some 118 tons of weeds and 3 loads to John Nemcek's home. We ran out of money for this year and he ran out of time. It costs \$140 per hour, which is about \$2,000 a day, and he worked some 30 hours.

Dennis reported we are on the list for the third week of July, if only to pick up the floating weeks.

B. WISCONSIN LAKES CONVENTION:

Dennis reported he and his wife Kris, Beverly Fagan, and Tom Rudolph attended the Wisconsin Lakes Convention. They all attended different sessions, so they could learn about different things pertaining to lakes. Kris attended a Clean Boats/Clean Water and stewardship session of your lake. On Friday they attended group sessions and Kris went to Invasive Species. Kris reported Governor Doyle spoke to the group also. They also spent a lot of time in the exhibit area and talked with Jim Goheen of Aquatic Biologists.

INTRODUCTION OF SANDRA WICKMAN, DNR INVASIVE SPECIES SPECIALIST:

Sandra brought weeds from various lakes in the Rhinelander area and showed and explained them to the Lake District members. She also had a sample of the Eurasian Water-Milfoil. This weed grows very quickly, can grow several inches a day. If anyone sees it in our lake, it should be pulled out immediately. She stated we do have Curlyleaf Pondweed in our lake. She talked about the various weeds, the weed problem in area lakes. A question/answer period followed.

INDRODUCTION OF JIM GOHEEN, AQUATIC BIOLOGISTS:

Jim Goheen was introduced of Aquatic Biologists. Jim is the person who installed our aeration system, and maintains and cleans it each year. Our system was installed in the year of 2000 and was installed to prevent winter fish kill. He stated it was installed on state land, so would not have to be moved again. He went on to tell us the boards control our lake level, and the system was installed on the South end of the lake on state land where the electrical was there from an old house. Jim reported it should have been installed on the North end of the lake where it is much deeper water, so it is less effective where it is installed. He also stated our lake should not be dropped 15 inches. He suggested the system be cleaned and maintained in fall, and the system be turned on in October to get rid of the oxygen before frost, and turned off in the spring when all the ice goes out of the lake. He also talked about the invasive species and the different weeds we have in our lake. A question/answer period followed his presentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. WISCONSIN ASSOC. OF LAKES 2005/2006 DUES

A motion was made by Don Niebler to again be a member of the Wisconsin Associates of Lakes, seconded by John Nemcek, motion carried.

Beverly Fagan stated we could add a donation for their legal fund of \$50 or more. Motion was made by Beverly Fagan to give a donation of \$50 to their legal fund, however, died from lack of a second.

B. REQUEST FOR CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP IN ONEIDA COUNTY LAKES & RIVERS ASSOCIATION:

It was noted we are a member of the Oneida County Lakes & Rivers Association, and this year there are no membership dues.

C. COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSION

1. LAKE LEVEL IN FUTURE:

Dennis reported in the year of 2003 the lake was lower 12 inches and brought up 9" In 2004 the lake was lower 15", but a 6" board was installed, so was lower 9" and was left that way all year.

Dennis stated the "full" level is 3 inches below the summer of 2003, and seems we have hit a "happy medium" in shore risk. The aerator will be more elective with 9 inches more depth, and higher "winter" water will also help native shoreline plants which helps to prevent encroaching invasives. Keeping the lake full allows more oxygen to stay in the lake, and a "full" lake in spring keeps sunlight from depths, and cooler temperatures longer. Draw down exposes lake to greater wave action, causing nutrients to be suspended into lake water, causing more plant and algae growth. It also causes no more flooding neighbors downstream from the dam, and our critters will always be safe in hibernating. It also ends the confusion about the boards at the dam, and residents will be able to use the lake longer in the fall.

Motion by Christy Nemcek, seconded by Bernard Farbiak to keep the lake at the present level for the future, motion carried.

2. WEED HARVESTING, 2006:

We discussed having the weed harvesting done again in the summer of 2006. Dennis Batchelet signed a contract with the weed harvesting company to do the weeds the third week of July. If there are no weeds we will cancel the contract. The permit cost each year is \$300. Motion by Linda Delius, seconded by David Lane the commissioners shall decide if we need to do harvesting in the summer of 2006, and after discussion, motion was passed.

3. INVASIVE WEED ERADICATION:

We discussed the invasive weed problem, and Christy Nemcek will work on applying for a matching grant, in which we can use volunteer's time for our half.

A motion was made by Christy Nemcek, seconded by Dolores Kania to set up a committee to study the invasion weed eradication and report back to the commissioners, motion carried.

4. SHORE EROSION AND GRANTS:

District owners should contact commissioners for assessment of individual problem areas, and the commissioners will work with district members to fortify shoreline

with logs and get help with plantings. Commissioners will also work with district members and DNR to find solutions, including finding grant money for rehabilitation of members' shoreline.

Motion by Bernard Farbiak, seconded by Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen to look into grants for shore erosion, motion carried.

5. AUTHORIZATION FOR AERATOR MAINTENANCE:

Motion was made by Joanne Erickson, seconded by Kris Batchelet to authorize Jim Goheen of Aquatic Biologists to blow out the pods and inspect the aeration system this fall, motion carried.

D. CLEAN BOATS-CLEAN WATER PROGRAM:

Joanne Erickson reported there has not been many boaters on Horsehead Lake this summer because of the thick weeds we have this year.

We are starting the Clean Boats-Clean Water program on Horsehead Lake and volunteers are needed to help with this on Labor Day weekend. So far we have Joanne Erickson, Patricia Donnich and Kris Batchelet. and the girls were wearing their dark blue shirts with the logo and writing on, so that boaters know they are legal.

E. ELECTION OF (1) COMMISSIONER FOR A 3 YEAR TERM.

Dennis Batchelet reported that Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen is finishing her term as a commissioner and secretary. The nomination committee of Mary Ellen Zickus and Carol Niebler are again nominating Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen to fill the three-year term as a commissioner. Nominations were asked for from the floor. Linda stated she has been a commissioner for the district for the past 24 years, and it's time for someone else to take over. Motion by Mary Ellen Zickus to close nominations and vote on Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen serving another three years, seconded by Donald Niebler, all yes vote but one, Andrew J. Bowen.

F. NEW MEMBER UPDATED MEMBER LIST:

Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen stated she made up a new Horsehead Lake member list from the tax roll from Oneida County. If there are changes, please let Linda know so they can be corrected.

XI. BUDGET FOR 2005-2006:

A. Presentation of proposed Budget:

Beverly Fagan presented the budget for the 2005-2006 year, in which the commissioners increased the budget from \$2500 to \$5000. She stated it takes some \$5,500 to pay our annual expenses, and this year we had to take some money from savings to pay our annual expenses.

B. Budget for 2005-2006 Motion by Donald Niebler, seconded by Carol Niebler to raise the budget from \$2500 to \$5000 for the 2005-2006 year. Motion rejected. Motion by Don Niebler, seconded by Hans Delius to increase the budget by amount to be determined later in meeting, all yes votes but 2, motion carried.

- B. Tax Levy for 2005-2006: A motion was made Christy Nemcek we raise the 2005-2006 budget from \$2500.00 to \$22,500.00 so we have money for grant for invasive weed eradication and shore erosion, and also for weed harvesting, seconded by Linda Delius. There was a lot of discussion and after 15 minutes Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen moved to close debate and called for the question, seconded by Kris Batchelet, motion carried. The motion to increase the 2005-2006 budget to \$22,500 was passed 25 yes, 7 no, motion carried. Beverly Fagan will check with the Oneida County Treasurer to be sure we can do this.

XII. 2006 ANNUAL MEETING DATE:

The 2006 annual meeting date will be Saturday, August 19th, 2006.

XIII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2006:

The nominating committee for 2006 will be Carol Niebler and Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen.

**XIV: OTHER BUSINESS: VOLUNTEERS FOR VARIOUS DUTIES
FOR 2005-2006 YEAR:**

- A. Clean Water, Clean Boats Program -
Kris Batchelet, Joanne Erickson & Pat Donnack
- B. Grant Proposal Investigator:
Kris Batchelet and Dianne Lane
- C. Aerator Conduit Burying Detail:
Don Niebler, Hans Delius and Dave Lane
- D. Winter Roping and Staking of Aeration System:
Bernie Farbiak, Hans Delius and John Nemcek
- E. Audit Committee (2006):
Christy Nemcek and Hans and Linda Delius
- F. Picnic Committee (2006)
Dolores Kania, Linda Delius and Christy Nemcek
- G. Secchi Monitoring (2006)
Dennis and Kris Batchelet
- H. Oxygen Testing 2006:
Dennis and Kris Batchelet
- I. Lock Box at Landing:
Joanne Erickson and Pat Donnack
- J. Wisconsin Assoc. of Lakes Convention Delegates:
Dennis and Kris Batchelet and Linda and Andy Bowen
- K. Spring Clean up of Ropes & Stakes:
Bernie Farbiak, Hans Delius and John Nemcek

OTHER:

Tom Rudolph, our Oneida County Representative spoke briefly on grants for lakes and stated he would be happy to help this committee. He also reported he had piles and piles

of literature and did not want to take it back with him. Everyone thanked Tom for bringing all the information.

Motion at 11:59 a.m. to adjourn. Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen, Donald Niebler, motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS:

The Horsehead Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District No. 1 held a meeting following the annual meeting on Saturday, August 20th, 2005 at 12:10 at the Sloan Community Center, Lake Tomahawk, WI.

Motion by Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen to nominate Dennis Batchelet for chairman for 2005-2006 year, seconded by Beverly Fagan, motion carried.

Motion by Dennis Batchelet, seconded by Beverly Fagan to nominate Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen as secretary for the 2005-2006 year, motion carried.

Motion by Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen, seconded by Dennis Batchelet to nominate Beverly J. Fagan as treasurer for the 2005-2006 year, motion carried.

Motion at 12:15 p.m. by Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen to adjourn, seconded by Beverly J. Fagan, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen
Horsehead Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District No. 1
Secretary
August 20th, 2005