

HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT NO 1



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April 12th Annual Meeting Notes

- Discussed and tabled proposal to donate 6 acres of wetland (NE section) as a nature preserve to district. More research is needed.
 - If no resident volunteers to do water testing, voted to pay max. of \$200 for services of outside contractor.
 - Received Treasurer's report. Fagan reported we now have \$15,160.73 in available funds and state's final portion of grant money has been received.
- ### Two Newsletters
- With a constant interest in reducing expenses, at the November Meeting, commissioners decided to limit the newsletters to one in April and one in September/October. The first would follow the spring meeting and last would follow the annual meeting.
- Since our website was launched in 2006, we have had over 8,500 inquiries or "hits" which indicates our residents are getting most of their information from that timely source. Additionally, if you would like your newsletter to arrive sooner, notify Joe Helmuth, our secretary, so he will email yours.
- Recognized Jim Marquardt for sending out a prompt alert that our aerator wasn't working properly in December.
 - Recognized Hans Delius for helping to figure out and solve the aerator problem.
 - Batchelet reported that Onterra Biological Services will be checking the dock area on Kildeer Rd. for Eurasian Water Milfoil as soon as conditions are right. (watch website for results)
 - Voted to end budgeting for Workmen's Compensation Insurance. (no longer needed)

Lake Water Testing

Dick and Marilyn Wuestenhagen have resigned from their volunteer water testing. We thank them for their initiative and civic spirit while we search for a person (or couple) to assume the important task. Sandra Wickman, DNR employee, will work with our new volunteer/s, on our lake, to learn how this is done. The on-site hands-on tutorial takes about 1-2 hours time.

Our Board of Commissioners has approved the hiring of an off-lake subcontractor if nobody steps forward soon. If you are interested, please contact Dennis Batchelet via telephone or email - which can be found on page one.

Workmen's Comp No Longer in Budget

Treasurer, Beverly Fagan, learned recently that since we have no employees, we do not need to pay for this insurance.

While the District will still need insurance, this removed item will undoubtedly reduce our budget.

Law Enforcement on the Lake

If you see or suspect abuse of fishing limits, contact Warden Tim Ebert or report to 1-800-TIP-WDNR.

If there is an issue about disorderly conduct, excessive noise, etc., please contact the Oneida Co. Sheriffs Dept. for assistance.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters

Our Clean Boats/Clean Waters volunteers, Pat Donnick & Joanne Erickson deserve our thanks. When you see them, pat them on the back for their dedicated and diligent work to protect our lake. They are our first line of defense.



Weed Cutting

Cliff Schmidt of Schmidt's Landscaping,

Iola, WI, has been contracted for the third week in July next year.

Check Your Boats and Trailers

Be sure your boat has NO plant material when you launch your boat in Horsehead Lake or take it out. Your boat and trailer should be washed thoroughly with soap and water before re-launching in our lake if it has been in another body of water. Police may give a \$500 citation to those who have weeds on their boat or trailer anywhere in Oneida Co.



From the Chair

By Dennis Batchelet

Many on our lake want to find out whether or not we have Eurasian Water Milfoil (away from dock area) while we identify locations of Curly-leaf Pondweed, another invasive plant species we know is present in various places.

In order to do that, we would need to look into another lake grant from the state. While the District would need to pay money out and wait for

reimbursement, state money would come back quarterly before the project was completed.

A proposal has been made by a resident to donate approximately four acres of wetland to our district. It has been discussed and tabled until it can be introduced at our annual meeting and voted on. It is unlikely that the commissioners will make a recommendation when it is introduced at the annual meeting.

Did you know?

- 1) A good place to see a change in lake level is on the rock - just off Nemcek's point.
- 2) The current Black Bear population of WI is about 26,000, double the number previously assumed. (Univ. of WI study)
- 3) A total of 1 bass was netted in our most-recent lake study.
- 4) Eagles are five-years old before they attain their characteristic black and white feathers.

Our 2011-'12

Volunteers

We had tremendous success in getting volunteers at this year's annual meeting. Thanks to everyone who stepped up to help out.

Secchi testing/water sampling:

Audit Committee:

Hans Delius & ? (Need one more volunteer)

Clean Boats/Clean Waters:

Pat Donnicks
Joanne Erickson

Nominating Committee:

Linda Delius
Dolores Kania

Wisc. Assoc. of Lakes

Convention:

Let's be safe out there.

Sincerely,
Dennis Batchelet,
Beverly Fagan,
George DeMet - Lake
Tomahawk Rep.
Joe Helmuth,
Tom Rudolph - Oneida Co.
Rep.