

HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT NO 1



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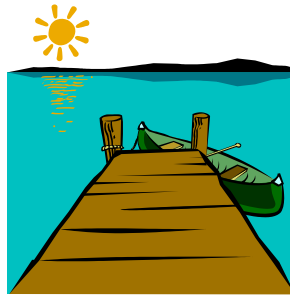
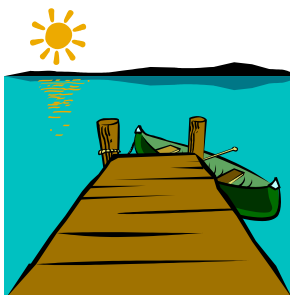
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April 11th Meeting Notes

- Noted Joe Helmuth's resignation as Secretary sometime before annual meeting. [currently, we have no one to send out newsletters]
- Noted Mike & Kim Esler's continued volunteer efforts to test our lake water and send samples to DNR for lab work.
- Noted approval for our application for 2nd lake grant to check for Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly-Leaf

Pondweed, both invasive species, in 2013.

- Discussed setting money aside over two years to cover estimated costs after DNR reimbursement.
- Discussed cost estimate for replacing portions of aerator when it becomes necessary.
- Discussed completed 2013 weed harvesting contract with Schmidt Landscaping.
- Discussed only posting newsletters on our website instead of separate mailings twice a year. [Agreed to bring this up at annual meeting.]

Second Lake Study Grant

In order to find out whether or not we have Eurasian Water Milfoil, beyond the Kildeer dock area, and the current locations of Curly-leaf Pondweed, another invasive plant species present in our lake for some time, we applied and were recently given a second lake study grant. While the District would need to pay money out and wait for reimbursement, state money would come back quarterly before the project is

completed in 2014. The testing would be done in two stages: early spring 2013 for Curly-leaf, and August, 2013 for Eurasian Water Milfoil. Final reimbursement will come in 2014 after the paperwork has been completed and approved.

We have already received an advance payment from the state for \$870.

Total cost of the lake study will be \$3,487. The state will cover 75% so our cost will be \$1,162.

We are eager to find out whether our lake has EWM dispersed throughout. The information we learn will determine our future course of action. If we find EWM dispersed throughout the lake, we will need to deal with it as soon as we can to prevent it from compromising our entire lake environment. We plan to set money aside over two years to cover the cost.

Lake Water Testing

Mike and Kim Esler have volunteered to continue our lake testing

for official DNR reporting in 2013. They attended a DNR seminar to stay up-to-date on new procedures and replenish supplies.

Aerator Maintenance

So far, our aerator has been operating effectively, with proper yearly maintenance, but obsolete parts are becoming difficult to find. Since the piping is still in good shape, we would need approximately \$5,500 to replace the mechanical parts with new, more modern equipment. We plan to set money aside in our next three budgets. We investigated getting a loan from the Public Lands Commission in Lake Tomahawk but were told our project is much too small for them to deal with.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters

Our new Clean Boats/Clean Waters volunteers for 2013 are Terry & Hallie Moline, Pat Donnick & Joanne Erickson deserve our thanks for initiating this valuable preventive invasive weed

program. They concluded their final meeting report with, "the job is a lot of fun".



Weed Cutting

Maximum acreage allowed by our permit is 60 acres. We have one more year on our permit before re-applying in 2014. Schmidt's Landscaping will be harvesting our weeds during the third week in July this year. One-hundred hours has been budgeted for 2013.

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. Leaving it out of the water for a full week will substitute for washing with soap.



From the Chair

By Dennis Batchelet

Despite my initial skepticism, I'm now a believer in what I was told as a youngster. Serving in a leadership role can give a person fits at the start, but it is a tremendous opportunity to get to know many people you might not otherwise have known or appreciated. While there are lots of different situations to deal with, most people really do care about our lake and are willing help out when needed. Serving in a leadership role allows you to get an inside view of how things really work and how your organization relates to other people, organizations, businesses, and the government. It's very rewarding. It's easy to criticize and some people make a virtual career of it. But knowing the inside story, helps a person

appreciate all sides of issues.

I'll admit, when I took on this job, it was a leap of faith, but I have found that it isn't that bad. I think that holds true for being Secretary and Treasurer as well. There are always people there to consult with and help you out, no matter what the situation is. While you won't make much money (\$75 per meeting for Pres./chair, and \$50 for Sec. and Treasurer), the intrinsic rewards are many. So, when given the chance, I urge you to jump in and take on a leadership role. Stepping forward will give you a chance to shape the future of our lake and make sure we continue to improve. Our Nominating Committee works very hard to find people willing to put their name on our ballots. We need more people to be willing to take on the challenge. Be that person.

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.

Did you know?

- 1) Wisconsin now has a wolf-hunting season and the latest hunt did not significantly reduce their numbers.
- 2) Horsehead Lake will be getting another 9,000 Large Mouth bass planted in our lake this year for a grand total of 27,000.
- 3) Wisconsin law requires every boat to carry a life-preserver cushion kept in a ready-to-throw location in case of emergency.
- 4) If you drop your cell phone in the lake, you can dry it out by placing it in a plastic bag of rice for at least 24 hrs. It worked for us 😊

Our 2012-'13 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:
Mike & Kim Esler

Audit Committee:
Hans Delius (Need one more volunteer)

Clean Boats/Clean

Waters:

Terry & Hallie Moline

Nominating Committee:

Linda Delius

Dolores Kania

Let's be safe out there.

Sincerely,

Dennis Batchelet

Tim Desmond

George DeMet - Lake

Tomahawk Rep.

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Tom Rudolph - Oneida Co.

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