

HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT



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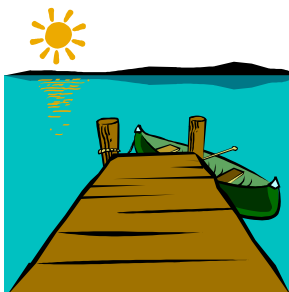
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April 7th Meeting Notes

- Treasurer's Report - balances as 4/7/2016:
Checking: \$611.62
Money market: \$21,769.89
Total Funds: \$22,381.51
Last levy amount due from Oneida Co. in August, \$957.77.
 - Tim Hoyman, limnologist with Onterra Lake Management presented an overview of what our lake study in 2017, along with costs, would look like.
- Noted WI legislative changes to shoreland law moves authority from counties, in many instances, to state. However, counties are banding together to restore authority in next legislative session.
 - Noted 2016 weed cutting permit is still current and a contract with Schmidt's Landscaping for cutting has already been signed.
 - Anticipating our next commissioner election, Dennis Batchelet, stated he is willing to stand for re-election along with any others who may be nominated.
 - Noted a tree on far north end is nearly completely submerged and should be marked with a buoy.
 - Discussed how to remedy loss of ability to update website; software no longer supported either by Microsoft or web host.

Invasive Species Update

No new information.

Aerator Maintenance

With two new diffusers, our aerator operated effectively throughout the winter. We plan to replace the remaining six over time, perhaps this year.



Weed Cutting

Maximum acreage allowed by our permit is 60 acres. Schmidt's Landscaping will be harvesting our weeds during the 3rd week in July, if we have enough to do, and if weather allows him to stay on his schedule. One-hundred hours has been budgeted for 2016.

Website Maintenance

Our website company, Bluehost, no longer supports our Microsoft program. In order to update our site, we need to change over to a new platform.

The company will do the programming for

around \$800, but we are looking into other options.

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.

Thank you, Tom

For fourteen years, County Representative, Tom Rudolph has been an integral part of our district board. He has provided sage advice and thoughtful solutions in our decision-making. We have a very effective lake district, thanks in part to him. We wish Tom a rewarding retirement from the Oneida County Board of Supervisors and from our own district.



From the Chair

By Dennis Batchelet

It has been almost ten years since we had our first lake study; it's time for another one. We need to know the location of our invasive weeds and other features our lake so we can manage it properly.

Fortunately, we have an excellent working relationship with Tim Hoyman and Onterra Lake Management. That company has interfaced with DNR and completed all their work in a highly professional and competent way all the times we have worked with them. In view of the fact they have all our past information, the commissioners have decided to go with them again. Getting a new company would undoubtedly bring extra costs. Onterra already has our past history and lake study records.

Therefore, we will be budgeting in August for expenses that would take place in 2017-2018, when the work would be done. Please understand that 67% of the entire cost would eventually be paid for by the state and we

would also receive 75% of the cost up front. Our total cost would be \$7,903, if we could provide \$3,428 "in kind" volunteer (work) contributions. "In Kind" means helping with stakeholder survey/mailings, plan development, kickoff & wrap-up meetings.

So, what will we gain from this information:

1. A current, scientific map of aquatic plants (native & exotic)
2. Analysis of water quality,
3. Watershed assessment of phosphorous-loading sources,
4. Shoreline assessment/favorable fish habitat,
5. Fisheries data integration,
6. (new) Paleoecology (sediment core) Analysis to see what the history of our watershed looks like back to European settlement. Will help to see what is possible to attain from management.
7. Stakeholder survey to

determine what our residents seek in lake management.

We have an excellent team and much has been accomplished in the last twelve years of my time on the board. I enjoy making a contribution to our lake's improvement, so I've decided to stand for re-election in August to continue the work we have done together - with the generous support of our residents. Though all my goals have been reached, new challenges will present themselves.

Since I have been president/chair, we have always been able to express our concerns, put our heads together, and come up with reasonable solutions. I'm confident that will continue.

Law 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 law requires every boat to carry a life-preserver cushion kept in a ready-to-throw location in case of emergency.
- 2) 13 bike trails in Oneida Co. and 22 in Vilas Co.
- 3) DNR recently listed 33 properties for sale from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, totaling 2,552 acres across WI.

Our 2015-'16 Volunteers

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

Let's be safe out there.

Sincerely,

Dennis Batchelet

Tim Desmond

Matt Michalsen - Lake

Tomahawk Rep.

Mike Esler

- Oneida Co. Rep. -

undetermined at this time.
