

# HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION

## DISTRICT NO.1

### MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup> • 2007

The 2007 annual meeting of Horsehead Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District No. 1 was held on Saturday, August 18th, 2007 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 33rd 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 also of the picnic that will take place following the meeting. He 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, which was posted in all the proper places in Lake Tomahawk and that was sent to all Horsehead Lake property owners. Chairman Batchelet asked to have our speaker, Radley Watkins, Oneida County Invasive Species Coordinator first, followed by the treasurer's report and the presentation of the proposed 2008 budget, as the treasurer has a funeral to attend. Motion by Donald Niebler, seconded by Hans Delius to approve the agenda as written, plus the three changes, motion carried.

### INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Dennis Batchelet introduced our speaker, Radley Watkins, the Oneida County Invasive Species Coordinator. Radley talked about the various weeds in our lake, as well as neighboring lakes in our north woods. He stated the ones we need to watch for on our lake include: Eurasian Water Milfoil, Curly Leaf Pondweed, Purple Loosestrife and Rusty Crayfish. The ones that are a threat to enter into Oneida County are Zebra Muscles, Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS), Spiny Water Flea and Rainbow Smelt.

Watkins stated it is very important our lake district get involved with citizen lake monitoring, and develop a lake sentinel initiative to identify new AIS establishments. We also need to promote native species through protection, plantings and by conserving habitat. We also need to support the local, regional and statewide lake associations. He thanked those Lake District members who are a part of the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program.

Watkins went on to tell some of the goals of the Oneida County Aquatic Invasive Species. He also stated there are grants, which will help with some of projects of this program.

A question/answer followed his talk. He was thanked by all for attending our meeting today, and answering questions from Lake District members. If you need to reach Mr. Watkins, he can be reached at (715) 369-7836 or email: [rwatkins@co.oneida.wi.us](mailto:rwatkins@co.oneida.wi.us).

### REPORTS:

#### A. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beverly J. Fagan, treasurer gave the annual financial report, starting with the balances from last August 5, 2006, which was \$9,762.00. Checks written for the year amounted to \$12,339.89.

Balances at the August 18, 2007 annual meeting were as follows:

Checking account \$186.92

Money Market account \$24,340.70

CD account \$2,711.26 for a total of \$27,238.88.

Motion by Ray Evert, seconded by Joanne Erickson to accept the financial report, motion carried.

### **2008 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Fagan reported we received our DNR grant money, \$6,588.56 and \$5,302.83, for a total of \$11,891.39, and with the \$6,000 we had in our 2007 budget for the lake planning grant, totals to \$17,891.39. The commissioners had a meeting and discussed the amount of money they projected we would need for the 2008 year, and came up with the figure of \$41,857. The 2008 levy would total to \$11,200; a 17.3% cut from last year. A motion was made by Joanne Erickson, seconded by Donald Niebler, we accept the proposed tax levy of \$11,200 for 2008 year, motion carried.

### **C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Dennis Batchelet reported the system worked well during our 2007 season, and the water level was a good level. He reported that Steve Peterson from the DNR came to a commissioners meeting and had some new requirements we need to address: light on aeration system, pile of buoys, and donation box at the landing. Batchelet stated they are trying to design a new light for the system for this year; the "junk pile" of buoys, ropes, orange snow fencing, etc. will be stored in his garage. We will discontinue the donation box at the landing, as it has been broken into several times. Anyone wanting to make a donation to our Lake District can do so by sending it to the treasurer.

### **D. LAKE TESTING/DNR LAKE REPORT**

Dennis had a written lake water quality report for June, July and August and had a diagram of the studies from 1997 to 2007, which showed slightly better. He stated we have some weeds this year, but not as many as usual, and some weeds are good for the fishing. Batchelet reported the numbers are slightly better this year.

We have left the lake level the last two years the same, have not lowered it. Don Niebler reported that there is some leakage of the boards at this time. The Lake Tomahawk town crew will be notified of this problem on Monday.

### **E. WEBSITE**

It was reported the Horsehead Lake web site has all of our updated information as it happens. We have had a total of 1422 hits since it was installed.

### **F. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1) He told of the annual picnic following the meeting at the American Legion pavilion on the corner of County highway "D" and "E". Each family is to bring a dish to pass.
- 2) Clip board - Was passed around for everyone to sign in.
- 3) Volunteers Needed - Clip board for district members to sign up for various jobs.

### **F. AUDIT OF FINANCIAL RECORDS:**

Dave and Diann Lane reported they audited the books from the past year, and found everything in order.

### **G. MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> • 2006**

Secretary Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen stated she had copies of the annual meeting of August 16th, 2006 if anyone would like to read them.

Motion by Ray Evert, seconded by Mary Ellen Zickus we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as written, motion carried.

Motion by Mary Ellen Zickus, seconded by Kris Batchelet to approve the reports of the chairman and secretary, motion carried.

#### **H. CORRESPONDENCE**

Houghton-Bowen asked if everyone was receiving the Lake Tides, which is mailed out quarterly by the WALD.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **A. WEED HARVESTING 2007**

Chairman Batchelet reported Cliff Schmidt of Schmidt's Landscaping, lola, WI did weed cutting this year beginning on July 14<sup>th</sup>. He had been contracted again for 80 hours, but found we had fewer weeds this year, and only used 40 hours and collected some 11 harvester loads. This year the weeds collected were mostly Narrow Leaf Pondweed. It was noted that the DNR will not allow weeds to be cut on the north end of the lake. There was discussion on why some sections of the lake are never harvested, etc.

A motion was made by Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen we lock in the price of weed harvesting for the 2007-2008 year, and to contract for 80 hours if needed, seconded by Don Niebler, motion carried.

##### **B. LAKE GRANT STUDY**

Kris Batchelet reported there are two phases for our DNR lake grant. Phase 1, total cost \$10,436.96, state share \$7,827.72, our share \$2,609.24. Phase 2, total cost \$11,713.00, state share \$8,784.75. Our share \$2,928.25.

Kris reported she has enjoyed working with the people on the grant, they have been easy to work with. Phase 1 a meeting was held on June 2nd with people from our Lake District attending and Tim Hoyman was there and showed slides and talked with those in attendance. It also includes the water monitoring, and newspaper releases. Phase 2 includes the plant study, map plants, etc.

We have a planning committee of Jim Waters, Mary Ellen Zickus, Hans Delius, Pat Donnack, Beverly Fagan and Kris Batchelet who will be meeting this fall and discussing the tasks for the leaders to accomplish, which will include: develop and tally a survey, coordinate with residents, evaluate final results of the study, and discuss possible recommendations for lake policies.

##### **C. NEW 15 YEAR DNR LEASE**

Batchelet reported the commissioners met with Steve Peterson of the DNR and will sign a new 15-year lease, as we now have our differences worked out; cost being \$1.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. WALD 2007-2008 DUES**

Motion by Don Niebler, seconded by Mary Ellen Zickus to again be a member of the Wisconsin Associations of Lakes, motion carried.

Motion by Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen, seconded by Linda Delius to join the Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association, not to exceed \$100 if they have dues this year, motion carried.

##### **B. AUTHORIZATION FOR AERATION MAINTENANCE**

There was discussion about having our aeration system inspected and maintenance be done in the fall. The cost of this is already included in the budget.

##### **C. REVISED DISTRICT BYLAWS**

Secretary Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen retyped the district bylaws and added new

headings to make it easier to locate items in the bylaws, and with gender-neutral language. Houghton-Bowen had copies for all in attendance.

#### **D. CLEAN BOATS - CLEANWATERS PROGRAM**

Joanne Erickson asked members of the district to keep an eye at the boat landing with boats coming in and out to be sure they clean them off. She and Pat Donnicks are still going down to the landing and checking on boats with their blue shirts and clipboards in hand.

It was suggested next year at the annual Lake Tomahawk 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade to decorate a pontoon boat and have riders wear their Clean boats-Clean Waters shirts.

#### **E. ELECTION OF ONE**

##### **COMMISSIONER - Outgoing**

Commissioner is Dennis Batchelet.

The nominating committee of Linda Delius and Christy Nemcek nominated Dennis Batchelet for another three-year term as commissioner. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion by Don Niebler, seconded by Ray Evert that nominations be closed and vote on Dennis as a commissioner for three years; motion carried.

#### **F. LAKE DISTRICT MEMBER UPDATED LIST**

Secretary Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen had an updated list of all property owners on Horsehead Lake as of July 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have any changes, please contact Houghton-Bowen.

#### **G. ANNUAL MEETING FOR 2008**

The annual meeting date for 2008 is Saturday, August 16th, 2008 at the Sloan Center in Lake Tomahawk at 9 a.m.

#### **H. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Tom Rudolph thanked members of the Horsehead Lake District for working together to make their lake a better place to live. He stated it is very important to work on the Clean Boats-Clean Waters program, and to have people checking the boat landing from time to time. He also encouraged members of the district to take the time to look at the various types of weeds in the lake, and if you see unusual weeds in the lake, take to the DNR.

#### **I. TOWN BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Rick Mazurczak reminded Lake Tomahawk residents of the free stickers they can pick up at the bait shops in Lake Tomahawk to go on Tomahawk Lake. He stated we should all work together as a team in our district, with the town of Lake Tomahawk, County, State and DNR. He will also check into the dam that is leaking.

#### **J. OTHER BUSINESS**

- (a) Winter roping and staking of Aeration System 2007-8 (b) Audit Committee for 2007-8s
- (c) Picnic Committee for 2007-8
- (d) Secchi Monitoring for 2007-8
- (e) Oxygen Tests for 2007-8
- (f) Spring clean up of ropes and stakes 2008

Everyone was reminded of the lake picnic to be held at the American Legion pavilion, corner of "D" and "E" to begin around 12:30. Bring your own table service, beverage and a dish to pass. The committee has the brats, hotdogs, buns, and some games for all of us to enjoy.

Motion at 11 :05 by Hans Delius, seconded by Mary Ellen Zickus to adjourn, motion carried.  
Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen, Secretary





