

HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT NO 1



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Lake Study Meeting

On Saturday, October 24th, 2009 at 9:00 am there will be a meeting at the Sloan Community Building to discuss the results of the lake study. Tim Hoyman will present the lake study results and answer questions regarding Horsehead Lake. Prior to this meeting, at 8:45 am, the commissioners will hold elections. Also, at this time, residents will be queried regarding their opinions on an annual picnic next summer. ***Please try to attend this important meeting!***

State of the Lake

At the annual meeting, Dennis Batchelet distributed 2009 lake secchi and trophic state graphs. The graphs showed the lake is stable and in a slightly eutrophic state. It is the impression that the lake is benefiting from the lake districts' weed harvesting efforts and current low phosphorus loading. The lakes' trophic state should continue to benefit from property owners avoiding the use of fertilizers containing phosphorus, monitoring of septic systems, and continued weed harvesting

Aeration System

The aeration system had no problems the past year and is operating well. Jim Goheen, of Aquatic Specialists, has been hired to blow out the lake aerator pods and service the pumps again this year.



Weed Cutting Results

The weed harvester follows a grid map created in the lake study. This year Cliff Schmidt worked 66 hours and took out 23 loads of weeds. In 2008 there were 64 hours of operation and 17 loads. In 2006 there were 56 hours of operation and 81 loads. The weed population seems to vary from year to year. This year there was 5% elodea, 5% fern pondweed, 5% Coontail and 85% Flatstem Pondweed. The Lake District is fortunate to have Cliff be our harvester since he will not keep working just to burn up hours. He will only work if there are weeds to be cut on our grid. He will quit early at no charge, which allows us so to save money and apply funds towards next years' cutting.

\$\$\$ Budget \$\$\$

Total property value in Lake Tomahawk is \$19,493,800. The 2010 budget tax levy was voted at \$16,650.15 which breaks down to a tax levy of .8541. For 2010, a property owner will pay, in taxes, \$85.41 per \$100,000 value of their property. Historical numbers for comparison:

Yr	Property value	Levy	Mil Rate
09	19,278,400	\$18,449.24	.9570
08	18,872,900	11,154.00	.5910
07	18,309,103	13,500.00	.7373

2009-'10 Volunteers

Secchi testing/water sampling:

TBD

Audit Committee:

Christy Nemcek

Linda Houghton-Bowen

Clean Boats/Clean

Waters:

Pat Donnick

Joanne Erickson

Picnic Committee:

Christy Nemcek

Representative to

Wisconsin Association of Lakes convention in Green

Bay:

Timothy & Nancy Desmond

Lake Study Planning

Committee:

Kris Batchelet

Hans Delius

Beverly Fagan

Mary Ellen Zickus

Jim Watters

Pat Donnick

*Thank you to all of last
year's volunteers!*

Clean Boats, Clean Waters

Joanne Erickson reported that opening weekend of fishing there were fewer boats than previous years. Volunteers have been at the boat landing almost every weekend and numbers have been down from previous years. Volunteers continue to hand out literature and check boat trailers for invasive species.



Eurasian Water Milfoil typically has 12 to 21 pairs of leaflets. The native northern water milfoil, with which it is often confused, usually has 5 to 9 pairs. Drawing courtesy Bell Museum of Natural History.



Did You Know? Wisconsin Fireworks Law

Fireworks were heard around the lake nearly every evening all summer long. In Wisconsin, a permit is required for fireworks that explode or leave the ground including firecrackers, roman candles, bottle rockets and mortars. A person who possesses fireworks without a valid permit is subject to forfeiture up to \$1000 for each illegal firework. When using fireworks, please be

considerate of others and remember sound travels easily across the road as well as across the water. Many neighbors come to the northwoods for quiet and peaceful surroundings. Most noise disturbances can be resolved with a friendly visit or phone call. To report violations in our area contact the Oneida County Sheriffs office.



Congratulations!

Beverly Fagan was unanimously elected to another three-year term as a commissioner. Congratulations and thank you for your hard work, Bev.

Tom Rudolph has been invited to speak at the Wisconsin County Association's annual conference in Lacrosse this fall. Tom noted this is an honor for him and he plans on stressing the need of a statewide AIS coordinator. Tom, Thank you for your tireless commitment!

Take time to enjoy the mild autumn temperatures,

Sincerely,

Dennis Batchelet

Beverly Fagan

Christy Nemcek

Shawn Tingley

Tom Rudolph