

HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT NO 1



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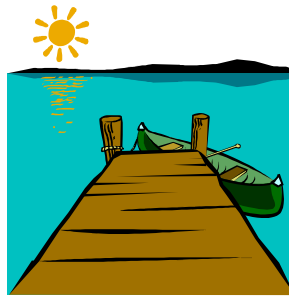
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District Members

Lake watchers this spring seem to agree Mother Nature can't seem to make up her mind as the ice has gone and come back several times. Such is weather in Wisconsin! Everyone knows summer WILL come, but in its' own time.

Because we now have the Horsehead Lake Web site, our board of commissioners previously decided to reduce the number of newsletters each year to June and September, but this year is different.

Tim Hoyman, our Aquatic Ecologist with Onterra Lake Management, has recently begun our lake study. We are using most of this

newsletter to showcase the study because we want to begin explaining what's going on and engage everyone's help and support.

April 2nd Meeting Notes

- Met with Steven Petersen, DNR, to work out details of our new lease on State land for aerator.
- Upgrade aerator lights.
- Replace donation box at boat landing with sign showing how to donate by mail.
- Discussed formation of Lake Study Planning Committee.
- Set June 2, 2007 as Lake Study kickoff meeting for residents.
- Set July 11, 2007 for Budget drafting commissioner's meeting.

Horsehead Lake web site

www.horseheadlake-wi.org

There have been 1140 "hits" on our web site since it debuted in January 2006. Stay connected to what's

going on. The site is updated regularly.

Special Membership Meeting

Go directly to your calendar and mark down June 2nd to attend the Lake District's special general membership meeting (9AM at Sloan Comm. Center).

Tim Hoyman, Aquatic Ecologist with Onterra Lake Management, will make a complete presentation of what our lake study is all about. He will have slides, graphs, and all kinds of information to help everyone understand what we're aiming to accomplish. He will present a timeline from beginning to end, mapping out the entire process of studying the lake. Success of the study relies on cooperation and participation of district residents. Tim will offer ways in which individuals may help.

Planning is underway to form a committee made up of residents

who will become leaders as we breathe life into our study. There will be approximately four meetings with several important tasks for the leaders to accomplish together:

- ♦ develop and tally a survey
- ♦ coordinate with residents
- ♦ evaluate final results of the study
- ♦ discuss possible recommendations for lake policies

Volunteers Needed

The Lake Study Planning Committee is looking for several district residents, both on-lake and off-lake, to round out an eight-person committee. The committee will support and coordinate our lake study with Tim Hoyman. We encourage those interested to contact Kris Batchelet by May 15th at kbatchelet@charter.net or (262) 670-5067.



From the Chair

By Dennis Batchelet

We have before us an incredible opportunity to improve our lake; as much improvement as when the dam was first built.

The common thread we all have is the well being of the lake and how to improve it. Over and over we have demonstrated our willingness to do just that. Now, with the lake study, we can find out the biological "pulse" of the lake and put together policies that will make our lake one of the best in our area. We have so much to gain. Tim Hoyman is an experienced lake researcher. We all need to be informed about how this study will be done and be aware of ways to help.

I look forward to the kinds of open discussions we can have at annual meetings based on up-to-date lake information and the progress we can make together.

Come to the special membership meeting on June 2nd and pitch in to help with the important work before us.

Thanks to Gary Sowatzka

For several years, Gary has been our representative commissioner from the Lake Tomahawk Town Board. Recently, in a spirited election, he was not returned to his post. We thank Gary for his leadership, goodwill, and insights which have helped resolve many issues over the years.

Town Chairperson, Ed Coffen, will appoint our next rep. We are eager to establish the same close working relationship we have enjoyed with Gary.

Did you know?

Loons are among the most primitive of birds, changing very little in 1 million years. An adult weighs an average of 10 lbs. and can fly 70 MPH. Nesting begins in mid-April with (usually) two

eggs that hatch in one month.

The "Yodel" is a territorial warning given by the male Loon on a lake.

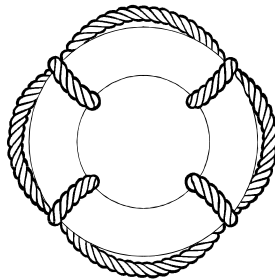
Lake Tomahawk's web site

If you want to see more about the Lake Tomahawk area, go to the following official web site of the town:

www.laketomahawkwi.org

Meeting Minutes

Minutes are available by request to Linda Houghton-Bowen, our secretary, or on our web site.



Life Preservers

When getting your boat ready for summer, be sure you provide enough for everyone onboard, including the correct sizes for children.

Let's be safe out there.

Weed Cutting

Weed cutting will be done during the third week in July, as in 2006. Experience has shown that to be the optimum time to cut weeds on our lake.

We have contracted with the same high-quality company, Schmidt's Landscaping, to complete the work.

In time, following policies indicated in our Lake Study, possibly our weeds will be under control naturally.

Sincerely,
Dennis Batchelet,
Beverly Fagan,
Linda Houghton-Bowen
Tom Rudolph

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