

# HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

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## April 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting Notes

- Moved the date of our Annual Meeting to Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of August.
- Approved minutes for June 30, 2016 meeting.
- Noted cancellation of Nov. 17, 2016 commissioner's meeting due to lack of quorum.
- Noted diver's report on checking lake for Eurasian Water Milfoil on Aug. 10, 2016.
- Treasurer's Report - balances as 3/31/2017:  
Checking: \$763.57

Money market:

\$26,895.40

Total Funds: \$27,658.97

Last levy amount due from Oneida Co. in August, \$4,551.42.

- Noted the denial of our lake grant application from the state.
- Noted update from Wisconsin Shoreland Initiative, lobbying to return authority to counties.
- Noted new 2017-'19 weed cutting permit renewed and a contract with Schmidt's Landscaping for cutting has already been signed.
- Anticipating our next commissioner election, the Treasurer position, will need to be filled.
- Noted our refurbished website.

## Invasive Species Update

Working the five EWM location coordinates, methodically, divers spent 14.32 hours in those areas and found ONE Eurasian Water Milfoil plant directly across from our Kildeer landing. - that's all. It was carefully pulled by hand. We will continue to check yearly for this invasive plant.

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## **WE NEED YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS!**

**YOU CAN HELP US  
SAVE MONEY ON  
PAPER, PRINTING,  
POSTAGE, AND TIME  
TO PREPARE  
NEWSLETTERS, ETC.**  
Please give us a hand  
with this. Send address  
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## **Water/Property Rights - Guest Speaker at Annual Meeting**

John Richter,  
president of Plum Lake  
Association, and leader  
of Wisconsin Shoreland  
Initiative, will be with us  
to explain how efforts  
are underway to restore  
local lake property rights  
taken away in the last  
WI budget. Our district  
made a \$1,000 donation  
to help with this lobbying  
effort and John will be  
here to give an update  
and answer questions.

## **Aerator Maintenance**

With two new  
diffusers, our aerator  
operated effectively  
throughout the winter. We  
plan to monitor the  
equipment and replace  
parts as necessary.



## **Weed Cutting**

Maximum acreage  
allowed by our permit is  
60 acres. Schmidt's  
Landscaping will be  
harvesting our weeds  
during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in  
July, provided it's needed  
and if weather allows him  
to stay on his schedule.  
One-hundred hours has  
been budgeted for 2017.

## **Lake Water Testing**

Hallie & Terry Moline will  
be doing our DNR water  
testing this year. Thanks  
for taking responsibility  
for this important task.  
And, thanks to Mike & Kim  
Esler who have done a  
great job with this for so  
many years.

## **Updated Website**

Resident volunteer, Stuart  
Utley, completely revamped our  
website and it's working well.  
Stuart will continue overseeing  
and updating it when necessary.

## **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

We were disappointed when  
our DNR lake study grant  
application was not approved.

It has been ten years since  
we had our last study and we  
were looking forward to  
assessing our lake for various  
invasive species. Without  
knowing if we have any or where

they are, it's tough to irradiate them yearly. Tim Hoyman, our Onterra Lake Management limnologist, is looking into why our application was denied.

This time of the year we all look forward to getting back to the lake and enjoying relaxing time with family and friends including water sports, campfires, and other leisurely activities. Our lake is in good shape and we continue to welcome new folks into our Horsehead community.

I am heartened by the fact we have always been able to express our concerns, put our heads together, and come up with reasonable solutions. My thanks to you all!

## 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 bothersome fireworks, disorderly conduct, or excessive noise, 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) From 1989 to present, the Black Bear population has increased from 6,000 to more than 28,000, mostly in the northern 1/3 of WI.
- 3) WI Elk are growing in number where they once occupied half of our counties. Moose numbers are also increasing.

## Our 2016-'17 Volunteers

Secchi testing/water sampling: Mike & Kim Esler; 2017-'18 Hallie & Terry Moline  
Audit Committee:  
Hans Delius  
(need one more volunteer)  
Clean Boats/Clean Waters:  
Terry & Hallie Moline  
Nominating Committee:  
Linda Delius (need one more volunteer)

## Let's be safe out there.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Batchelet  
Tim Desmond  
Mike Esler  
Matt Michalsen

Mitchell Ives