

HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT #1

ANNUAL MEETING

August 18, 2018

- The meeting was called to order by Dennis Batchelet at 9:03 AM at the Sloan Center, Lake Tomahawk, WI.
- Commissioners Present: Dennis Batchelet, Dave and Kathy Averbeck, Debra Bursik, Larry Hoffman and attached annual meeting attendance list. Mitchell Ives was excused.
- Introduction of commission members and Property owners – total meeting attendance: 29
- Motion to accept the agenda with A1 under New business being removed on mileage reimbursement. Linda Delius moved, Hans Delius seconded. Motion carried.
- John Richter from Wisconsin Shoreland Initiative gave a presentation on how the changes in shoreline zoning to 100 feet / lot has negatively affected the water quality of our lakes. He also discussed how woody debris is the most important habitat to the lakes. Normal is a tree for every 15' of shoreline.
- Motion to accept the minutes of Annual Meeting, August 12, 2017. Bryon Spencer moved, Joe Helmuth seconded. Motion carried.
- Announcements: Dennis passed around the volunteer list. Dennis reminded people about a motion to close debate found in Robert's Rules of Order. Motions can be made only by eligible voters.

- **Reports**

President: Dennis Batchelet

- A. Website is being used more. We need emails from individuals to get updates.
- B. Member list update is available if needed
- C. Weed harvesting was not done in 2018 – Dennis consulted Cliff the weed cutter on whether we need the weeds cut and it was determined we did not. Algae is currently floating around and weed cutting doesn't help that.
- D. Aeration System – Dave Averbeck and Hans Delius inspected the aeration system and it was working fine. The aerator is run depending upon the ice.
- E. Lake Survey – Dennis thanked those helping with the survey. It will be put on the website. The lake study paper has to be approved by the DNR and the commissioners.

Secretary: Debra Bursik – no report

Audit: Hans Delius and Bev Fagan were auditors and everything was in order.

Treasurer: Dave and Kathy Averbeck provided the current budget report. Waiting for final tax levy payment. Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Hallie Moline moved, Terry Moline seconded. Motion carried.

Clean Boats / Clean Waters Program: Hallie Moline said traffic has been quiet on the lake. The DNR data indicated the water is in good condition.

- **New Business**

A. Motion to pay a substitute secretary \$50. Mary Ellen Zickus moved, Kevin Collins seconded. Motion carried.

B. Motion to confirm Commissioner's decision to replace Horsehead Lake Bylaws with adoption of perpetually updated state law online entitled "People of the Lakes: A Guide to Wisconsin's Lake Management Law". Joe Helmuth and Ray Evert moved, Bev Fagan seconded. Discussion ensued on voting procedure and why to adopt this guideline. Motion carried.

C. Presentation of the 2018 - 19 budget. We are underspending in 2017 – 2018 so we have a carryover. Column C of the proposed budget was reviewed on changes between the proposed budget and the 2017-2018 year. WPS is what we pay to run the aerator so that was increased due to increased charges. Discussion ensued over the aeration. On the north end and west side there were thousands of dead fish in May. DNR gave tentative agreement for shocking/fish counting in early September. Lots of yellow perch and northern are seen. DNR hatchery has provided 27,000 largemouth bass that were put into the lake over the past four years. Concern was raised over bass eating small fish. The DNR can raise fish for us free and the DNR recommends 10 – 15 fish / acre to make a difference. In 2017-'18, Oxygen levels were almost at 0 – extremely low for winter. Discussion ensued on aeration and the desire for more fish in the lake. Motion to keep the tax levy and increase the aeration line item by \$18,000 and to form a committee to research costs of an additional aerator and look for the ideal location for installation. James Watters Jr. moved, seconded by Jason Balge. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to approve the 2018-2019 budget with the increased aeration line item of \$18,000. Linda Delius moved, Hallie Moline seconded. Motion carried.

D. Election of Co-treasurers for a 3 year term. Linda Delius nominated David and Kathy Averbeck. No other candidates. Motion to dispense with the ballots for election of David and Kathy Averbeck as Treasurers. Bev Fagan moved, James Watters Jr. seconded. Motion carried.

- Larry Hoffman, Lake Tomahawk representative, stated broadband is coming this summer.
- Other businesses: Next annual meeting is August 17, 2019.

- Motion to adjourn meeting. Linda Delius moved, Joe Helmuth seconded. Motion carried at 10:54 AM.