

HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT NO 1



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April 6th Meeting Notes

- Noted our next Commissioner's meeting - July 6, 2019.
- Noted our Annual Meeting will be Saturday, August 17th.
- Approved minutes for Nov. 17, 2018 meeting.
- Treasurer's Report - balances as of 4/15/2019:
Checking: \$16,889.06
Money market: \$30,468.50
Total Funds: \$47,357.56.

Two levy amounts received from Oneida Co.; one more to come.

- Noted new 2019 weed contract with TSB Lakefront and Diving for cutting - signed for Week 2-3 in July, 2019.
- Anticipating our next commissioner election, the President position, will need to be filled.
- Approved final Lake Study draft to creating a management plan, integrating survey results.
- Noted that our district will be receiving about \$5,400 back from the state when our lake study has been finally approved by DNR. This could take up to a year.
- Second aerator feasibility research shared.

Invasive Species Update

A contract has been signed with Aquatic Plant Management, LLC, Minocqua, to eradicate Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in exact coordinates where it has been found in the past. Since none was found in the Lake Study, and on the advice of Onterra Lake Management, we use divers every other year, continuing in 2019.

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. We now have
40. Stay informed of
important developments
by sending your email
address to:
dbatchelet@charter.net

Aerator Maintenance

Our aerator operated
effectively throughout
the winter. We plan to
monitor the equipment and
replace parts as needed.
We also plan to turn it on
November 1st whether or
not ice has formed.



Weed Cutting

Maximum acreage
allowed by our permit is
75 of our 367 acres. TSB
Lakefront Restoration will
harvesting our weeds
during the 2nd-3rd week in
July, provided it's needed,

and if weather allows the
contractor to stay on
schedule. One-hundred
hours, as usual, has been
budgeted for 2019.

Lake Water Testing

Kevin Collins and Joe
Helmuth will be doing our
DNR water testing this
year. Thanks to them for
taking responsibility for
this important task.

Updated Website

Resident volunteer,
Stuart Utley, completely
revamped our website
(WordPress) in 2017 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

In 2005, when I was first
elected, I made a list of
district improvement goals I
thought we should work on;
many more have been achieved.
In that time we have set up an
informative website, had at
least two lake studies, updated
our bylaws to conform to state
law changes, tightened our
voting procedures, written a
lake management program,
worked cooperatively with the
DNR, including bass and bluegill
stocking, improved the
newsletters, computerized our
budgeting and banking, brought
in many new volunteers, and
encouraged a more friendly,
collegial atmosphere. Many
members have stepped up to
help with this work and I am
very pleased.

Our by-laws will be regularly-
updated, online, "People of the
Lakes: A Guide to Wisconsin's
Lake Management Law",
[https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-
ap/UWEXLakes/Documents/org
anizations/Lake%20Districts/L
ake_Organization_guide.pdf](https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Documents/organizations/Lake%20Districts/Lake_Organization_guide.pdf)

These improvements have
been milestone events for our

district and have improved our ecology and our recreational experiences,

As I said, I am pleased with the work we have done together. This completes my fifth three-year term as president and my wife and I want to spend more time traveling and taking on new challenges.

It has been a privilege to have your trust and to work with so many outstanding civic-minded people, but I have decided it is time to pass the baton to someone else. The annual meeting this year will conclude my last term.

I will work with the new president, helping with questions as they come up. A snapshot of the duties, with helpful hints, is available.

In a final note, I urge you to stay informed about the protection of our Wisconsin environment, which has been compromised over the past several years. Voting for candidates that will continue our great WI conservation values is essential for our children and grandchildren.

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.

As a reminder, a yearly burn permit is required and a permit to launch on Lake Tomahawk, free, is available at the bait shop in town - no cost.

Ecology Notebook

Try to burn only clean wood and paper.

Lakes are protected by maintaining natural shores:

- 1) Seepage from lawn fertilizer makes lake weeds grow - try to find sensible alternatives.
- 2) Keep rocks, brush, and trees to filter water headed to the lake.
- 3) For other ideas, check out: <https://healthylakeswi.com>
- 4) Grants are available.

Did you know?

- 1) Baltimore Orioles, while migrating, can be attracted by pieces of orange nailed to a post or feeder.
- 2) Smokey Bear (not Smokey the Bear) is 75 years old.
- 3) In the last two decades, Monarch butterfly numbers are down 80% east of the Mississippi River. You can plant milkweed and help foster a revival as a couple in Boulder Junction did. (Wisconsin Natural Resources Mag., wnrmag.com, Spring 2019)

Our 2018-'19 Volunteers

Secchi testing/water sampling:

Kevin Collins & Joe Helmuth

Audit Committee:

Hans Delius & Bev Fagan

Clean Boats/Clean Waters:

Tom Niebler

Nominating Committee:

James Watters

Wisconsin Assoc. of Lakes

Convention:

James Watters

Aeration System Research:

James Watters, Paul Evert, & Dave Averbeck

Let's be safe out there.

Sincerely,

Your Commissioners,

Dennis Batchelet

David & Kathy Averbeck

Debra Bursik

Larry Hoffman

Mitchell Ives