

HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT NO 1



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August Annual Meeting Notes (44th)

- Debra Bursik chosen to be President, (finishing last year of her 3-year existing term).
- Dennis Batchelet's 3-year term expired. Elected Commissioner (1-year term). Chosen to be Co-President.
- Kevin & Nancy Collins elected Co-Commissioners (3-year term). Chosen to be Co-Secretaries.
- Voted 2019-'20 total budget \$49,652.38 7,494.40 with a tax levy of \$7,494.40.
- Mill rate for 2019-'20 set at \$0.336 or \$33.36/\$100,000 property value.
- Noted 2018 total property value of \$22,467,009, the last available figure.

- Voted to renew memberships in Wisc. Association of Lakes, and Oneida Co. Lakes & Rivers Association.
- Voted same stipend pay for all Commissioners.
- Noted Sept. 30th opening new cell tower in Lake Tomahawk
- Noted new ATV/UTV trail won't be open this year.
- Full Treasurer's Report & 2019-'20 Budget posted on website.
- Announced 2020 Annual Meeting date - Aug. 15th, 2020.

Excellent Annual Meeting

A friendly group of Twenty owners gathered at the Sloan Center to share concerns and solve problems.

Guest Speaker

Cheryl Clemens gave an energetic and well-informed survey of ideas for "Waterfront Planning and Use of Native Plants for Healthy Lakes". We

were also informed that residents are offered waterfront planning grants through Oneida County to make their shoreline more lake-friendly. Cheryl provided information on the importance of establishing native plants around the shoreline to control runoff.

Lake Study Results

It is estimated, 5,700 Northern pike are in our lake (very high amount), with Yellow perch being most common.

"Over the past 150 years the lake's biotic integrity has been downgraded". Compared to other upper-Midwest lakes, ours is in the "good" category (LDCI Index).

Results of stakeholder survey & comments are on website.

You can see Kris Balge's Overview and Dennis Batchelet's Highlights - on our website. We encourage these readings so you know our lake.

Managing Eurasian Water Milfoil

Divers in August spent five hours searching our shoreline and found NO EWM.

However, many area lakes in our area do have EWM including Lake Tomahawk, Little Lake Tomahawk and the Rainbow Flowage. We encourage everyone on the lake to keep an eye out for anything looking to be EWM near your shoreline and contact any of your commissioners if you see anything suspicious. EWM stems are reddish brown to whiteish pink with feathery leaves. The Wisconsin DNR website provides information on identification.

Lake Water Testing

Kevin Collins and Joe Helmuth have been doing our lake testing. Water clarity was excellent in early spring.

Aerator Maintenance

Money has been set aside to replace parts as needed. Money has also been allocated and an Aerator Committee continues to research adding another aerator to help sustain our struggling fish population. During the past winter, dissolved oxygen levels were measured with a new high-tech meter. Levels of

less than 1 ppm were measured - at least 2 ppm are needed to sustain fish if there's heavy snow which prevents plants from furnishing oxygen.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters

Tom Niebler reported we've experienced very small numbers of fishermen over the past year. Risk to the lake from boats introducing Eurasian Water Milfoil is way down.

Check Your Boats and Trailers

Be sure your boat & trailer have NO plant material attached when you launch your boat. Leave it out for a week or wash with soap and water before re-launching.



Weed Cutting

Cutting of native aquatic plants was cancelled this year due to insufficient amounts to warrant the expense.

The lake will be monitored in 2020 to determine whether weed cutting will be necessary with our vendor ready if needed.

Notice of Winter Open Water

Notice is hereby given that no stakes or rope will mark open water during the winter season. Lake owners are obligated to make their guests aware of this to release them from liability. Large-print signs at the Kildeer landing warn of open water danger. Discussions are underway with DNR regarding resuming the staking of open water.

If we have your Email Address, we can send you bulletins



From the Chair

By Deb Bursik

I was elected as a commissioner 2 years ago and will serve as President, along with Dennis Batchelet, for this coming year. My husband, Paul, and I have been property

owners since 2001 and enjoy being at the lake as much as possible year-round. I work full time in my own private investigation business and teach a class on private investigation at Fox Valley Technical College. Your board wants to work to help keep the lake as healthy as possible. We seek your input and involvement in doing so.

Please reach out to any of your commissioners with any questions or concerns.

Our 2019-'20 Volunteers

Webmaster:

Stuart Utley

Secchi testing/water sampling: Kevin Collins & Joe Helmuth

Audit Committee:

Hans Delius & Bev Fagan

Clean Boats/Clean Waters:

Nobody, yet

Nominating Committee:

Nobody, yet

Aeration System Research Committee:

Dave Averbeck

Paul Evert

Paul Bursik

Lakes Convention:

Nobody, yet

Dissolved Oxygen Testing:

Dave Averbeck

Paul Bursik

Did You Know?

- The water in Horsehead Lake completely turns over every 110 days.

- Lake Tomahawk will have a new community internet tower at 6708 Hwy. 47 - live Sept. 30th.

- Researchers studying water levels, going back as far as 1942, found that highs and lows of Lakes Superior, Michigan-Huron, inland lakes, and groundwater wells, fluctuate on a 13-year cycle, in unison.

- Many lakes and reservoirs in the world suffer from algal blooms during drought. Water volume declines and spends more time in the lake.

- You can subscribe to **Lake Tides**, College of Natural Resources, UW-Stevens Point; it's free. www.uwsp.edu/uwexplakesuwexplakes@uwsp.edu or (715) 346-2116.

Sincerely,
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