

HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT #1

ANNUAL MEETING

August 17, 2019

- The meeting was called to order by Dennis Batchelet at 9:05 AM at the Sloan Center, Lake Tomahawk, WI.
- Present: Dennis Batchelet, Dave Averbeck, Debra Bursik, Mitch Ives and attached annual meeting attendance list. Total attendance: 20.
- Motion to approve the agenda – delete amendment to IX D that the President can appoint a President; Change IX A 1b to Wisconsin Shoreland Alliance. Bev Fagan moves to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Nancy Collins. Motion carried.
- Presentation by Cheryl Clemens, Harmony Environmental, on Lakeshore Restoration with Native Plant Restoration. Guidance is available through Healthy Lakes program. The benefits of having native plants on the shoreline was discussed with suggestions for native plantings.
- President's report:
 - We have 42 email addresses and we have 99 property owners – we would like all email addresses
 - Member list update – is available upon request
 - Weed harvesting was not done this year – this coming year we need another weed cutting permit at a cost of \$300
 - Aeration system update / plans – Dave Averbeck provided an update. DNR prefers 2 PTM dissolved oxygen and we are well below that. We have 4 compressors – this type of aerator is not optimal for a shallow lake – it doesn't add oxygen but it circulates water and opens up an area on the lake. This is the preferred method for lakes deeper than ours. An aspirating unit is preferred for our depth of lake. The current aerator is 2 horsepower and is good for 75 acres. If we can make our current aerator work that would be the easiest. The system needs to be rebuilt every year. The DNR thinks we need to clear out the airlines and make sure all 8 pods are running. The DNR rep said we should do the maintenance as the aerator has worked in the past. The DNR's current recommendation is to rebuild the system and all the air pumps and take another set of readings this winter. Discussion held on a potential 2nd aerator. The biggest reason to do a 2nd aerator is to open up more lake water. We are also waiting for an opinion from the attorney on whether we need to mark the open water around the aerator by roping it off. We would need a permit and a grant for a 2nd aerator.
 - Dennis discussed the Lake Study and provided a sheet with highlights.
- Motion to accept the meetings of the Annual Meeting of August 18, 2018 by Linda Delius. Seconded by Hans Delius. Motion carried.
- Hans Delius and Bev Fagan audited the financial records and all looked good.
- Dave Averbeck presents the financial report. We are due a payment of \$6800 from the State and we owe money for the lake study at Onterra. Motion to accept treasurers report made by Hallie Moline and seconded by Bev Fagan. Motion carried.
- Kevin Collins presented about lake testing and provided a handout.

- Tom Niebler Clean Boats / Clean Waters Program – we have a # of native species and 4 – 5 types of snails that are invasive now. The landing has been quiet. He saw a couple of boats launched and gave them a pamphlet. He has sat out on a few occasions.
- Old Businesses – none.
- New Business:
 - Proposed FY 19-20 budget reviewed and discussed by line item. This past year (FY 18-19) we spent \$15,956.35. The Contingency Fund is the biggest increase due to unknown costs of lake mowing. We are carrying over \$16,952.38 to improve the fishery (aerator / research). Motion to accept the proposed budget by Linda Delius. Kris Batchelet seconded. Motion carried. Cheryl Clemens said that diving is one method to look for eurasian watermilfoil (EWM), but also raking and pulling up weeds and looking down with a scope are other methods. Onterra could provide help with raking for EWM. We can also check with the DNR on adding fish and what type of fish we can get.
 - Election of commissioner for a 3 year term. Motion dispense with the secret ballot: Kevin Collins moved and Linda seconded. Motion carried. Motion to elect co-commissioners Nancy and Kevin Collins. Linda Delius moved and Kris Batchelet seconded. Motion carried. Motion that Dennis Batchelet is elected as a co commissioner for 1 year. Bev Fagan moved and Hallie Moline seconded. Motion carried.
 - Motion for all elected commissioners to receive a stipend. Kerstine Niebler moved and Bev Fagan seconded. Motion carried.
- County Board Rep, Mitch Ives, added that the Oneida County Conservationist can also provide information on shoreland restoration. Mitch also mentioned that there are concerns with Mosquito Squad spraying as to how it affects the pollinators and if it drifts into the water. The manufacturer will not disclose the contents of the spray.
- Dennis mentioned the volunteer list as we are looking for volunteers. The next meeting is August 15, 2020. Meeting adjourned 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Bursik, Secretary