

Horsehead Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District #1

Minutes as of 11/23/2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Deb Bursik at 10:00 AM at the Sloan Community Center, Lake Tomahawk, WI.

Members present: Co-Chairmen: Deb Bursik and Dennis Batchlet
 Co-Treasurers: David and Kathy Averbeck
 Co-Secretaries: Nancy and Kevin Collins

- Motion to accept Agenda by Nancy Collins, Seconded by Dennis Batchlet
- Motion to approve minutes of July 6, 2019 meeting by Dennis Batchlet, Seconded by Kevin Collins.
- Presidents report:
 - Voting procedure discussed. Reminder by Deb Bursik that the lake association follows the rules and guidelines of the document, “People of the Lakes: A Guide for Wisconsin Lake Organizations” issued by University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point. This document can be purchased at a cost of \$10.00 from the university or is available online for free, at <https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/organizations/guide.aspx>.
 - Staking of open water around aerators. Dennis Batchlet presented a letter from the WI DNR (Justin Bender), indicating that we are in compliance with the requirements by erecting and maintaining a warning sign at the boat launch. The sign legal requirements were questioned and *Dave Averbeck volunteered to review the sign to verify that the requirements are met.* The letter is filed with the president’s documents.
 - Electrofishing. Preliminary information was presented. The creel census indicated that northern pike average size was 17” with the largest 23”, average size for perch 5.3” with the largest was just over 7”. No other fish were reported by the DNR survey.
 - Lake Study status. Dennis distributed an email from Josephine Barlament who has taken over responsibilities at the DNR for reimbursing our lake study. The state is looking for HLPRD to retain all

documentation regarding our time / costs regarding development of the stakeholder survey, invoices and checks paid to Onterra or other parties in conducting the study and lab testing and any HLPRD incurred printing costs. Dennis to provide his documentation on stakeholder survey and Dave/Kathy to provide any invoice/check information. We may need to contact Tim Desmond for historical info prior to 2017. Studies are conducted every 5 years. The HLPRD pays for the study and then is reimbursed by the state. Study runs over \$30,000 of which we pay 25%.

- Boat Landing. Dennis has sent two emails to the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company requesting that the boat landing be regraded and leveled. WVIC will contact the town to do the work. He noted that it was difficult to retrieve his pontoon boat this fall because the trailer could not be leveled. Dennis will follow up.
- Eurasian Milfoil. Onterra recommended that we skip a year while conducting Eurasian Milfoil studies. Deb discussed this with Cheryl Clemmens, presenter at last summer meeting, who recommended that we use different techniques to evaluate Eurasian milfoil each year. Alternative techniques are using visual observation using a scope or rake sampling. Additional research on companies conducting these studies will be done by Deb.
- Weed Cutting. Per Dennis, contact weed cutters after first of year. We also need to apply for a new weed cutting permit from the WDNR. Deb will complete the permit request. Dennis will contact weed cutters. The commissioners will look into appointing people to recommend whether weed cutting should be done.
- Census... Dennis passed on info regarding a census that he has received from the US government. He will pass on the census info to Deb.
- Secretary's Report:
 - none
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Tax Levy form PC-505 was filed with state and town. Had a request from the county for information.
 - Distributed the insurance policies to Deb for review.
 - Other expenses were for utilities and aeration systems.
- Citizen Input Opportunity

- No one present.
- Business Items
 - Aerator status: Replaced the aerator compressors successfully. The new compressors operate at 10 cfm which approximately 20% higher throughput. Some of the diffusers were visibly bubbling and others were less so. Dave suggested that we look at replacing the diffusers and add additional diffusers. Dave recommended that we wait on making a decision for a second
 - Dissolved Oxygen (DO): Sampled DO in 6 ft of water. At the 1 foot level, DO levels were 90% saturated (~10mg/L, 37F), at 6 foot, DO levels were 85% (38.5F). Will be sampling at multiple locations monthly over the winter, as the ice becomes thicker.
 - Fish Stocking: WDNR will stock native bluegills for free. Follow-up with WDNR.
 - Record Retention: Deb recommended that we start looking into what items that we need to retain and a process to electronically store records on a mobile drive (thumb drive) internet cloud. Kevin will review lake organization and state laws regarding retention. Deb to look at converting text documents by scanning.
 - Web Site Administrator: Stuart Utley, the current web admin, is looking to have someone to taking over the work. Kevin contacted Stuart for more information on the amount of work. Kevin will follow up with a call to Stuart.