



May 1, 2021

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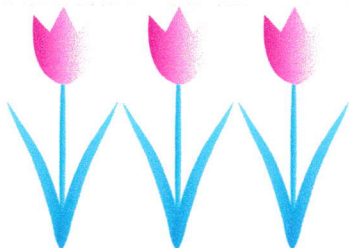
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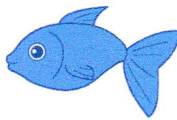
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**April 11, 2021
Commissioner's Meeting**

- The balance in the accounts as of April 7, 2021 is \$44,409.24.
- The annual meeting is August 14, 2021. Please mark your calendar.



Fish Stocking

We are happy to report that we stocked 5000 blue gills in the 3-5" range and 750 black crappies in the 3" range on April 22, 2021. We were hoping for more black crappies, but that is what they had at this time.

A reminder, at the annual meeting in August 2020, residents voted to recommend only **catch and release for blue gills and black crappies** from 2021- 2023, giving the fish time to establish in our lake.

Special thanks to Terry and Hallie Moline and Joe Helmuth, who assisted with the fish stocking by carrying the buckets of fish to the lake.

Aerator

Dave Averbeck will be replacing the diffusers on the aerator within the next year to continue to get the aerator to its peak performance. Materials have already been purchased.

The aerators were turned on the weekend of October 24th 2020 and turned off on March 21, 2021. One blower was found to be inoperable when the system was shut down and needs to be repaired.

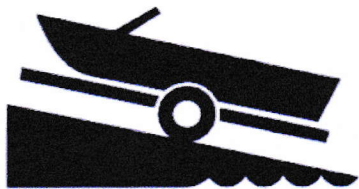


Water Quality

We would like to start keeping track of when the ice first forms on the lake and when it comes off in relation to weed growth for the year. If you have any past records that you can share, that would be appreciated. Please email horseheadlakePRD@gmail.com.

Lake Study / Management Plan

Per our plan, we engaged Onterra to conduct an early season aquatic invasive plant water survey. This will be conducted in June and we will notify you of results. Next year we will be doing a point-to-point survey, which will monitor all plant life in the lake, not just invasive species.



Boat Landing

The DNR added stone to the end of the boat landing in late July. Power loading boats causes the lake bottom to be pushed into a berm at the end of the landing. Please avoid power loading your boat. There is no solution for this as we have a shallow landing with a sandy bottom.

Because members reported difficulty in maneuvering at the boat landing, we asked the DNR to remove the parking space closest to the lake. Please only park in designated parking spaces. The DNR will be checking the dock at the landing for any needed repair.

Website

Deb Bursik took over the website duties in the fall of 2020 and revamped the site for easy navigation. Please check it out at www.horsheadlake-wi.org.

On the website you will find the important documents and links concerning our lake, as well as notices of meetings. The agenda for commissioner's meetings is published on the website ahead of time. The yearly budget is on the site as is the Welcome Packet.



Weed Cutting

We have a contract with TSB Restoration for weed cutting in July, if needed. Per our management plan, we will have a committee to assess the weed status and need for cutting in early July.



Lake Tomahawk Fire Department

Lake Tomahawk has a new Fire Chief, Mike Carlin, who has reached out to us let us know that they have a Facebook page. They would like to get as many people following it as possible, so people can be notified quickly in the event of an emergency. www.facebook.com/LakeTomFire

Member News

We are saddened to learn of the passing of James Watters, 82, on April 10, 2021. James and his wife, Pat, are longtime residents on the lake and owners of Watters Edge Retreat and Campground. Our sincere condolences to Jim's family.

Safe and Courteous Boating

Please be sure to practice safe and courteous boating and jet skiing on the lake. The DNR regulates boat

safety and prohibits operating your vessel within 100 feet of a shoreline, dock, raft, pier or restricted area greater than slow or no wake speed. It is unlawful to chase, harass or disturb wildlife.

Personal watercraft (such as jet skis) cannot be operated at faster than "slow, no wake speed" within 100 feet of any other vessel on any waterbody, 200 feet of shore on any lake and 100 feet of a dock, pier, raft, or restricted area on any lake.

Also be careful of the numerous submerged rocks in the lake. Many are located off the points of the peninsula and the island.

If we have your Email Address, we can send you bulletins. Please send your email to horseheadlakePRD@gmail.com



From the Chair

By Deb Bursik

I was so happy the fish stocking project came to fruition with us purchasing blue gills and black crappies. It was an involved project consisting of locating a suitable producer / distributor, going through the DNR permit process, and coordinating the purchase and getting the fish into the lake. The overall goal is to return the lake to the great blue gill / crappie fishery it once was.

There is always much work also going on behind the scenes and your board is continually working on multiple projects. The aerator is an on-going project in keeping it running as efficiently and effectively as possible. We are continuously working to ensure we are in compliance with the management plan and contacting and coordinating vendors as needed. This fall we will be applying for a grant to help fund the point-to-point lake survey. Water testing goes on year-round,

and the board has also been in touch with consultants checking on water quality to see if there is anything else we can do.

Our Volunteers

Webmaster:

Deb Bursik

Aerator:

Dave Averbeck

Secchi testing/water sampling:

Kevin Collins

Dissolved Oxygen Testing:

Kevin Collins

Audit Committee:

Hans Delius & Bev Fagan

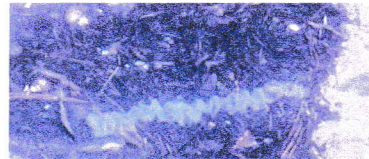
Clean Boats/Clean Waters:

Nobody, yet

Nominating Committee:

Nobody, yet

Did You Know?



These spiral tube shaped structures on the lake bottom are perch eggs.

Sincerely,
Debra Bursik
David Averbeck
Kevin Collins
Mitchell Ives
Larry L. Hoffman