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HUTCHINS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Meeting of Board of Directors
June 25, 2016, 10:00 a.m. at Fennville Public Schools

HLIA Board

John Lindahl 1	Anne Irwin VP
Jill O'Connor 2	Loren Barnes Pres
Victoria Barnes 3	Randy Vogelzang Sect
Maureen Sytsma 3B	Scott Clark 7
John Lerg 4	John Burmeister 8
Jim Baird 5	Denise Grimaldi 9A – Treas
Todd Moore 6A	Janice' Rowland 9B
Martha Kautz 6B	Gary Holton 10

Call to Order – Loren Barnes called the meeting together at 10:09

Taking of Roll – Randy Vogelzang took the roll.

The following board members were present: John Burmeister, Loren Barnes, Gary Holton, Anne Irwin, Jill O'Connor, Janice Rowland, John Lindahl, Maureen Sytsma, Denise Grimaldi, Jim Baird, Scott Clark, Todd Moore, Victoria Barnes, Martha Kautz, and Randy Vogelzang.

The following board members were absent: John Lerg

Additions to Agenda

None

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes from last Meeting (attachment 1)
3. Treasurer's Report attached
4. Summary of Bills

MOTION: Scott Clark moved to approve Consent Agenda. Second. Approved (15 - 0)

Correspondence – Randy Vogelzang

Randy reported on the email from Tony Groves of Progressive A & E advising he will attend the June 25 Annual Meeting

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He also reported on Emails to Joe Bianco, who does outstanding work on the web site.

Annual Meeting and Election

- Election of President and Secretary

Nomination(s) President: Loren Barnes,

Nomination(s) Secretary: Randy Vogelzang,

Nominations from the floor: None

The election was conducted and the following are the voting results:

President: Loren Barnes

Secretary: Randy Vogelzang

Committee Reports

CLMP - John Lindahl / Loren Barnes. No issues reported on the testing. Their perception is the quality is stable and maybe improved from last year, which was pretty good. Phosphorus samples were taken to DEQ.

Chamber of Commerce – Loren Barnes: Nothing to report.

Membership – Denise Grimaldi / Anne Irwin: Nothing to report.

Public Relations – Jim Baird: Jim announced that the poker run was a success, with over 80 prizes. He asked everyone to mark their calendar next year.

Annual Meeting Special Guest:

Officer Hernden of the Allegan County Marine Division spoke. He addressed the following matters:

- Intoxication. .08 alcohol level is now the illegal level of alcohol in the blood.
- He discussed who can operate a motor boat. Those born after July 1st 1996 need a boater safety card. Operators need to be 20 years old to drive a motor boat. For jet skis operators born after December 31, 1968 need boater safety card. Boater safety class can be completed on line and the Department of Natural Resources has dates and places for regular classes. Locations: Green Lake, Saugatuck, Otsego, Fennville,
- National campaign “Operation Dry Water” –enforcement on lake will focus on intoxication and safety (for example, PFD, careless boating).
- Marine Schedule: typically one deputy m-t-w during the week. Some Thursday shifts. More than one deputy on Friday, Saturday and Sunday shifts .
- There was a discussion about the difference between high speed vs. no wake. But this lake has limits on high speed boating, not on no wake.

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Bringing the boat on plain is high speed and that is what is meant on this lake by “no wake”..

- Boat lifts and rafts okay as long as they are not obstructing navigable waters ways. Should be lit and reflectors.
- Water skiing. Competent observer required.

Directory – Bob Renzema stated he will get started on the project for this year.

Discovery Camp – John Lindahl – John stated he lost an instructor and is still looking for an instructor.

Newsletter – Ann Irwin mailed the newsletter to 260 people, The Newsletter has 4 pages usually. The newsletter is also on the website. People are encouraged to provide information that would be of interest, please send to Anne. Also send pictures. There are currently two newsletters per year. There were expressions of appreciation to Anne for her work.

Lake Board – John Burmeister reported that there were funds available to end of 2016 for weed treatment this year. Tony Groves will address future assessments.

Area Directors Report / Remarks

John Burmeister: John discussed a submerged obstruction that was a navigation hazard which appears to be a submerged dock. John believes it may have been removed.

Unfinished Business

- Lake Board and Assessment (Tony Groves) – Tony gave a presentation on the Lake Board assessment. He advised that the 2006 special assessment focused on exotic weed species treatment. Eurasian Millfoil is one of the main trouble plants. Tony coordinates weed treatment as a part of his job with Progressive A & E. He reminded us that water quality monitoring is done by the Association. He stated that the last 5-year assessment program had a surplus so no assessment was made this year, but now there is the need again for a special assessment. There is a public meeting on this on Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Clyde Township Hall.

Tony discussed the practicability of the project. A budget will be presented in public hearings. There will be a notice by mail about the public hearing and the findings will be presented to Lake Board. Based upon input of lake property owners (essentially the Association members) the Lake board will decide on the details of the next assessment. If there are corrections required to the input that we provide, the board can correct. Then there is the final Board action to confirm and collect the assessment.

Tony stated that our lake water quality is good compared to other similar lakes. The Association web site now has copy of the lakes water depth map. Hutchins Lake is one of the better lakes in the state that Tony has seen. Purple Loosstrife has not been a focus in the past, but we are studying how it can be biologically controlled.

- 501C – Loren reported that our Form 990 form was not submitted for several years but it has now been corrected and retroactively corrected back to 2011.

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New Business

Election Result details were reported: 30 ballots were cast in the election of the Association President and Association Secretary. The results of the election were: Barnes and Vogelzang were reelected and will serve as President and Secretary for another two-year term.

Also, the number of current members were also reported. As of the Annual Meeting this year, there are a total 120 paid members.

Public Comment

Public Beach: Mrs. Barnes would like money in the budget for clean-up of public areas. She would like to have a bench built for sitting. Loren will talk to Clyde Township about cleaning up the public access.

Comments from the Board

Scott Clark thanked Loren and Randy for their good work the past two years. Many other board members also expressed their appreciation for their work.

Next Meeting; The next board meeting is September 22nd, 2016
 The winter meeting will be December 1st, 2016

Adjournment

MOTION: Randy Vogelzang moved to adjourn. Second Approved (15 - 0)
Meeting adjourned at 11:24 p.m.