

DRAFT – SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

HUTCHINS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual Member and Board of Directors Meeting

Held: June 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m. at Fennville Public Schools

Call to Order:

President Loren Barnes called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Roll Call:

Secretary Randy Vogelzang called the roll of HLIA (“Association”) Board members:

John Lindahl	1	Anne Irwin	VP
Jill O’Connor	2	Loren Barnes	Pres
Bill Busscher	3	Randy Voglzang	Sect
Maureen Sysmsma	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

Board Members Present: John Burmeister, Loren Barnes, Gary Holton, Anne Irwin, Jill O’Connor, Janice Rowland, John Lerg, John Lindahl, Maureen Sysmsma, Denise Grimaldi, and Randy Vogelzang.

Board Members Absent: Jim Baird, Scott Clark, Todd Moore, Martha Kautz, Bill Busscher

Agenda Approval:

Loren Barnes distributed the agenda for the meeting. There were no objections or additions to the agenda. Randy Vogelzang moved to approve the Agenda. Seconded.

Agenda approved (11-0) See Attached.

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Randy Vogelzang provided copies of the April 21, 2014, Board meeting minutes for review, discussion and approval. He noted that the minutes were distributed to the members via email, were on the HLIA web site and were handed out at this meeting. There were no questions or recommended modifications to the proposed April minutes. John Burmeister moved to approve the April 21, 2015 quarterly Board meeting minutes. Seconded.

Minutes approved (11-0) See attached.

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Membership Voting

Vice President and Treasurer

Loren Barnes announced the candidates for elected office, Anne Irwin for Vice President and Denise Grimaldi for Treasurer. He then reviewed the election process for the meeting and provided other election background information. He then asked if there were nominations from the floor, and there none. The members then voted and the ballots were collected. Later in the meeting, it was announced that both unopposed candidates were elected to two year terms of office: Anne Irwin, Vice President and Denise Grimaldi, Treasurer.

Approval of Amendments to Bylaws

Loren Barnes then announced that the members were asked by the Board to approve the amendments to the HLIA bylaws proposed by the Board. He explained that if there were changes proposed and approved to the bylaws during this meeting, they would have to be voted on at another annual member meeting because the 30-day prior notice requirements of the bylaws for those changes would have to be met first, which could not be done prior to this meeting anymore. He also explained that under the bylaws, in order to amend the bylaws, a 2/3 vote of attending members at the meeting was required.

Loren then asked Randy Vogelzang to provide some background information to the proposed amendments. Randy explained that after the 2014 annual meeting, John Lindahl was appointed to chair a bylaw revision committee to address changes in the bylaws to eliminate absentee ballots and proxies and address some issues in the election process itself. Other members of the committee were Loren Barnes, Randy Vogelzang and Victor Rigterink. The committee had several meetings, did not have agreement on every change considered, but eventually several changes were proposed and approved by the board for a vote by the members. Most changes are non-substantive, but there is one major substantive change requiring members to pay their dues in order to vote. The board also voted to add one other amendment not proposed by the committee: to eliminate long time renters from being voting members. Randy then reviewed each of the changes, a summary of which had previously been sent out to all the members via email.

John Burmeister moved that the members vote to approve the bylaws and the members voted on the amendment. Seconded. Approved (11-0). Later in the meeting it was announced that the bylaws amendments were approved 32- 2.

Presentation by Allegan County Sheriff Deputy Jeffreys

Deputy Jeffreys_ discussed his schedule for patrolling the lake and concerns of folks on the lake. One concern was high speed boaters at 6:00 a.m. and he will be looking for them. The morning of the meeting he made 17 policing stops. He discussed parking on the boat ramp. He also mentioned that there was a boater safety class scheduled July 1 and 2 but only 3 people signed up

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for the meeting from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. If about 12 – 15 people do not sign up, the ones who do will have to go to Saugatuck for the meeting. He also discussed that the non-emergency phone number is the best way to get the Sheriff on marine matters. He discussed that he caught a high speed boater out of Zeeland, policed boat registration issues, and alcohol enforcement. He discussed deployment of numbers and registration and where the numbers go on the boat and the distance between them. He also disclosed that he looks for life jackets for everyone and appropriate for people on board. Boaters have 12 seconds to get to life jackets that are in good condition. Boats must have a seat cushion or ring buoy, registration, fire extinguisher, driver's license, proof the boat you are on is your boat and registered to you. A child under 6 must be on a tube with parents and he discussed fishing licenses. He also mentioned that the Sheriff is on the lake every day; and Friday, Saturday and Sunday there are at least two Sheriff boats on the lake. He closed by saying the next couple weeks the focus will be on alcohol use, essentially zero tolerance. The members appreciated Deputy Jeffrey's comments.

Correspondence

Randy Vogelzang reviewed correspondence from Rob Martin, Sean Goodwin, Judy Steinmeyer, Deanna DePree and noted various emails sent by Anne Irwin to the membership about such things as lake conditions and lost and found things floating on the lake.

Treasurer's Report and Submitting of Bills to Treasurer Denise Grimaldi

Treasure Report – Denise Grimaldi presented the Treasurer's Report (Attached). She reviewed a few highlights of the report. There was no discussion on any issues. John Lerg moved to approve the Report. Seconded .

Treasurer's Report approved (11-0)

Committee and Representative, and Area Board Reports

CLMP - John Lindahl explained the CLMP process and that he wanted to no longer provide the survey work.

Chamber of Commerce – Vacancy – no report

Membership – Denise Grimaldi reported the Association currently had 130 members, down from 164 members last year.

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Public Relations – Loren noted that Jim Baird had plans for signage and to promote the lake.

Directory – Martha Kautz - no report.

Discovery Camp – John Lindahl. No report. He will email a report out to the board.

Newsletter – Anne Irwin explained that she sends a newsletter out to members twice a year - Spring and Fall – and she asked that anyone who wants to include something in the newsletter please provide the information to her.

Lake Board – John Burmeister discussed the Lake Board and the Progressive A & E contractor who manages the lake quality. He noted the contract is up this year and should be open to bidding to determine what other engineering firms are out there. He noted that there is a \$35,000 fund available at the board. He suggested that assessments should be reduced if they were adding to the windfall balance and less is being spent than collected. He also answered a question on whether certain weeds were missed for cleanup.

Old Business

Keiser Projects – John Lerg explained the background on the Keiser and Associates contracts and how they have been doing our water testing for the last few years. They use a larger staff and consider a variety of concerns. He asked Keiser what other things we should be examining to keep the lake in top conditions. They review what the lake is like during wet season and dry season. He discussed the sediment status and that they can do that testing as well. He suggested that Keiser could manage the purple loosestrife in the Fall and treat that with a beetle that kills the invasive species. We will ask the Lake Board to reimburse us, which should occur and keep the costs to the Association at a minimum.

John Lerg moved to have the Spring mixed season water chemistry testing done for the lake in the 2016 season, spending up to \$4,500. He moved to include sediment testing as part of the sampling we do in 2016, spending up to \$400 for sediment testing. In the motion, he requests authority for asking for a proposal from Keiser to address the purple loosestrife problem.
Second.

Motion for approval to proceed with Keiser testing as described in the motion approved (11-0).

A subsequent ‘non-motion’ was also discussed. It was to enlist Keiser to evaluate the loosestrife and the beetle treatment and develop a proposal. This proposal to add beetles as a treatment to continue to address purple loosestrife in 2016 noted for the record.

There was also member comment that the testing has gone up over the years from \$50 to \$4,500, which seems to be excessive now. There was also comment that we are spending all this money to keep the Lake in good shape, allowing Blue Gills and other great fish to grow, only to have

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fishermen from other communities come to the lake and catch them at our expense. In short, we are paying for their recreation. The comments were noted.

New Business

Keiser Project for 2016 was also covered under this subject under Old Business.

Public Input

Tom Vanden Heuvel commented that next year we should have the chairs for the members located closer to the board table; and to keep the meeting closer to an hour in duration, we should have no recess.

Dave DeGroot also noted that there would be a 122nd Street special worship service next week Sunday at 10:00 am on Eagle Point Drive. A Calvin Seminary representative would be the speaker. Parking is not allowed at the site, but there would be an empty lot for parking and golf carts available for service.

Next Meeting – September 22, 2015, at the Fennville Public School.

Adjournment

Rand Vogelzang moved for adjournment. Second.

Motion to Adjourn approved. (11-0)

Adjourned: 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by Randy Vogelzang
Secretary, Hutchins Lake Improvement Association