

MINUTES

Regular Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting of the Hutchins Lake Improvement Association
Held: December 1, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at Fennville Public Schools

Call to Order – Loren Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Taking of Roll – Secretary Randy Vogelzang called the roll of HLIA (“Association”) Board members

John Lindahl	1	Anne Irwin	VP
Jill O’Connor	2	Loren Barnes	Pres
Vikki 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

Board Members Present: John Burmeister, Jim Baird, Loren Barnes, Vikki Barnes, Gary Holton, Martha Kautz, John Lindahl, Maureen Sytsma, John Lerg, Jill O’Connor, and Randy Vogelzang.

Board Members Absent: Scott Clark, Anne Irwin, Janice Rowland, Denise Grimaldi, Todd Moore.

Additions to Agenda:

Loren Barnes distributed the Agenda for the meeting. He added the Keiser report under new business. There were no objections to the Agenda.

Approval of Agenda: Randy Vogelzang moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second. Approved (11-0)

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes from last Meeting
3. Treasurer’s Report
4. Summary of Bills

Correspondence – Randy Vogelzang reported that the Association received correspondence from the Kastens, Keiser, and Cooperative Lakes.

Committee Reports

CLMP - John Lindahl has conducted the readings in the past and said he does not want to continue this work. Loren volunteered to do it from now on as the primary tester and data collector. John will do a tutorial for Loren and help Loren become acclimated. Jim Baird will be the substitute or secondary. CLMP expense has been a question on the budget because it was thought to be paid by the Lake Board, and has not been disbursed recently. Loren will follow up to make sure it gets pulled off the Association budget if paid by the Lake Board - line item 4.

Chamber of Commerce –Loren Barnes – no report

Membership – Denise Grimaldi / Anne Irwin no report

Public Relations – Jim Baird – no report

Directory – No report.

Discovery Camp – John Lindahl - Maureen brought work product crafts for the kids at the last camp . Ellean Clough has directed the camp and wants a year off. It is tough for Ralph McMahan to host and he also wants to pull out, and will advise Board at the next meeting. There was discussion about where to hold it next year. John will continue to participate in it and will follow up with Ralph McMahan. John will contact the Cranes. There was consensus that this program needs a definite date and should be resolved by January.

Lake Board – John Burmeister- reviewed what he reported at the last meeting. He and Tony looked at the channel, Gary Horton and Ray Jenson and Dave met to discuss vegetation growing into channel. Vegetation is growing from the side of the land and grows into the water and in the past year it was cut, harvested, but Ray wanted vegetation actually removed from the sides of the lakes too. Progressive A & E thought they had done what can be done. The request from Ray is for support from the HLIA to fix the growth from the land into the channel. HLIA believes keeping the channel open should be accomplished.

Motion: Gary Holton: moved to have HLIA support removing the swamp Loosestrife in the lake channel and advise the Lake Board of our position, Support. John Burmeister will convey motion to the Lake Board. (Approved 11-0)

Area Directors Report/ Remarks

Gary Holton: Our contract with Progressive A&E is done as of this year. There was discussion about the fact that this contractor works for the Lake Board and not the Association.

Loren Barnes: Plans to attend the May Lake Board meeting.

John Lindahl: Reported that he asked Clyde Township Zoning board administrator to send him notices of zoning changes and he received notice of a proposed changed from zoning 2 to zoning 4 across from Eagle Point park. It appears they want to divide the property into three parts but they are under water and the new lots should not be saleable. The Eagle Point association is against it at the board meeting, and agreed to higher density. Township Board of Clyde Township needs to act on the zoning board decision to change density to zoning 4. John will monitor.

Unfinished Business

Monitoring Program – John Lindahl reported on the history of the monitoring program and his work supporting it over the past decades. It is time for someone else to learn this activity. John has been very diligent over the years and thanks to him we have good records going back for decades.

Nomination Committee: (Scott Clark, Martha Kautz, Jim Baird)

Loren Barnes appointed the same above three for the next year (2016) Elections will be for:

- President
- Secretary

Election Committee: (John Lindahl, Gary Holton, Anne Irwin, Jill O'Connor)

Gary will stay, John will stay, Jill will stay, Anne will stay. Loren Barnes appointed those noted above to the committee again.

Nonprofit status- Vikki Barnes will take over the non-profit filing and the Association will have an attorney in private practice take on the filing to get nonprofit status reinstated and then a CPA firm will make the filings. There was discussion that the Association needs a P.O. Box for mail so that if board members change their status the official notices will continue to be received by the Association through the P.O. box. This appears to have been one of the issues driving the loss of our non-profit status.

New Business

Bids for buoy contract- Loren Barnes would like to have an “official” RFP and bid process and will ask Randy Vogelzang to work with him to develop one.

Lake Board and Assessment - Randy Vogelzang will set up a meeting with Tony, John Lindahl, John Burmeister and Loren Barnes to review and investigate to ensure that the assessment will continue for treatment of the lake to keep it healthy.

Keiser Report- John Lerg: Report attached is the report of company that has studied our lake for a long time. The lake continues to look good. However, there are potential phosphorus problems, nitrogen and ammonia issues are also down the road. John believes we should continue to test the lake to help those managing/treating the lake as we have been in past years.

This year we did the dry season testing and Loren asked if that had value to be done every year. John will check with Keiser and also if we need to do it twice a year.

Public Comment - none

Comments from the Board – Loren will send out an email to be find out who wants to stay on the board.

Next Meeting - January 21, 2016

Adjournment -Randy Vogelzang moved to adjourn. Support. (Passed 11-0)

Submitted by Randy Vogelzang
Secretary, Hutchins Lake Improvement Association