

MINUTES OF THE
HUTCHINS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Meeting of Board of Directors
September 21st 2017, 6:30 p.m. at Fennville Public Schools

HLIA Board

John Lindahl	1	Allen Kautz	VP
Jill O'Connor	2	Loren Barnes	Pres
Victoria Barnes	3	Randy Vogelzang	Sect
Maureen Sytsma	3B	Scott Clark	7
John Lerg	4	Ruth Malda	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

- Loren Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

Taking of Roll – Randy Vogelzang

-Randy Vogelzang took the roll and the following members of the board were :

Present: Loren Barnes, Jim Baird, Gary Holton, Allen Kautz, John Lindahl, Martha Kautz, Denise Grimaldi, Scott Clark, and Randy Vogelzang.

Absent: Victoria Barnes, Jill O'Connor, Maureen Sytsma, John Lerg, Todd Moore, Ruth Malda, Janice Rowland.

Additions to Agenda

Loren Barnes announced that Maureen Sytsma had knee surgery and would not be making this meeting. The board wished her a speedy recovery. He also announced that Janice Rowland will resign from the board and that he appointed Ruth Malda as a new member. He added the subject of the buoys as an addition to the Agenda and that Mr, Novack complained about people getting close to docks.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes from last Meeting (attachment 1)
3. Treasurer's Report (attachment 2). Denise reported that new checks were printed, the directory was cheaper this year because the printer moved location and there were no proceeds received from ads to directory.
4. Summary of Bills
5. Buoys and Boat Traffic near Docks

MOTION: Randy Vogelzang moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded. Approved. (9-0)

Correspondence – Randy Vogelzang

Email from Jill O'Connor- Expressing thanks to all those who helped with Discovery Days summer camp and expressed need to improve the weed control, and that we may need to develop a new plan. Also, Sea Doos were seen chasing swans. There was a suggestion made that maybe a flier could be posted to not mess with swans. Finally, she expressed concern about Purple Loosestrife and that maybe we should pass out information on it. She indicated she will distribute if the board approves it.

Email from John Lindahl - advising HLIA board that Clyde Township appointed Jim Baird to the Hutchins Lake Board. He also brought up that a sturgeon fish of 57 inches was hit.

Committee Reports

CLMP - John Lindahl / Loren Barnes: No report.

Township Relations– Loren Barnes: No report.

Membership – Denise Grimaldi: Reported that the Association received another check and that there were a total of 153 members this year.

Public Relations – Jim Baird reported that Discovery Camp was a success. Advertising funds were used to replace a canopy that was destroyed by wind at the camp. There was discussion that Jill O'Connor may need to build in rain days next

year and that parents should be informed that if there is lightning the camp will end.

Directory – Vikki Barnes, Jill O’Connor, Heather Clark, Bob Renzema: See unfinished business below.

Discovery Camp – Jill O’Connor: It was noted that the camp was well received.

Newsletter – Vacancy: Loren Barnes announced that we need to replace the newsletter editor vacancy.

Lake Board – John Lerg, Jim Baird: Jim Baird was added by the Township to Lake Board. Jim was urged by Association board members to share concerns about the weeds this year. There was discussion that weeds were bad basically because we got started with treatment later than in past years and we need to be good stewards of money we have. There was discussion about having the Lake Board get bids for weed control.

Area Directors Report / Remarks

Loren Barnes: Loren explained the difference in 20th and 21st dates in September for the Association board meeting. He provided the 21st to reserve the board room with the Fennville School District and that is why we were meeting on the 21st.

Unfinished Business

- *Ladies of the Lake, update.* Board members discussed and there was consensus that the group is doing a great job to improve the beauty around the lake and they should be recognized. Loren Barnes and other board members expressed thanks to the ladies including Loren’s mom for their work. The group thanks the board and the Association for support.
- *Directory update.* The committee of Jill O’Connor, Victoria Barnes and Bob Renzema is moving forward with the directory. It was noted that the software “Publisher” in Microsoft has a program for publishing and the committee would like to have the board purchase a computer and purchase software. There was discussion that the board should purchase laptops for the Association Secretary and Treasurer, and that the newsletter could be done on one of them. Randy Vogelzang noted he was willing to continue using his own personal computer and did not request that the board buy him one. There was also discussion that the deadline for obtaining advertising for the directory was not clear to all committee members, resulting in no

new advertizing for this directory. Martha Kautz urged that the deadline next time for obtaining advertizing be clearer. She suggested that we need a timeline so we can contact the advertisers and ask for donation in a timely manner. There was consensus from the board on this.

MOTION: AL Kautz moved that the board authorize purchase of 1 computer and purchase the Microsoft Publisher software for Windows 365 and a mouse and pad, spending up to \$1000. Seconded. Approved. (9-0)

There was subsequent discussion that before purchasing the items we should run it by Joe Bianco who may have ideas or ways to obtain what we need, including alternative software, in a most economic manner.

- *Lake Weed Control*- There was consensus that weeds were a problem this year and discussion that Progressive A & E got in late. The board urged Jim Baird to share these concerns with the Lake Board. Jim conveyed that the Lake Board responsibility is, of course, all new to him since he is recently appointed. He will be contacting everyone who handles the money and books at the Lake Board to make an assessment. In further discussion, it was noted that there are 5 individuals on the Lake Board and they hired Progressive A & E as their consultant. The consultant tells Professional Lake Management to do weed control. There was discussion about the perceived interaction between Progressive and the Lake Board and any weed application. Several board members proposed that the Association board advise Association members to complain to the Lake Board members and urge that they schedule a meeting. After further discussion, the board decided to present a motion and send it to the Lake Board.

MOTION: John Lindahl moved that since the weed control on Hutchins Lake this summer was inadequate and unacceptable, the Hutchins Lake Improvement Association authorizes it's Secretary to provide this motion to the Hutchins Lake Board ("Lake Board") hereby demanding that the Lake Board promptly meet prior to December 7, 2017, to discuss improving the lake weed treatment on Hutchins Lake next year and further request that the Lake Board take action to improve the weed treatment program on Hutchins Lake including, but not limited to, considering whether the Lake Board is paying too much for consultant and treatment services and whether it should solicit bids for such services.

Seconded. Approved (9-0).

There was consensus that Randy Vogelzang draft a letter that forwards this motion to the Lake Board members.

New Business

- *Buoy Destroyed.* The board discussed complaints about water skiing and going fast near docks. This is not appropriate and contrary to rules on the lake. Apparently some boat hit one of the swim buoys and destroyed it. We will need to replace that buoy, and it was suggested that we ask Clyde Township board to split the cost of replacing the buoy. Loren Barnes will work with the Township and take care of the ordering.
- *Hutchins Lake Tee Shirts* - Loren brought up an interest in tea shirts by a Mr. Dekker. It will need HLIA Board approval. Mr. Dekker has the contacts to design tee shirts and offer them to our membership. It was discussed that this would probably not be a fund raiser or offered by the Association. We would expect, however, that the supplier of the shirts would offer a reduced price tee shirt for Association members. We will discuss at the next meeting.

Public Comment

None

Comments from the Board

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 7th, 2017.

Adjournment

MOTION: Randy Vogelzang moved to adjourn. Seconded. Approved (9-0).

Meeting adjourned 8:56 P.M.

Submitted by Randy Vogelzang
Secretary, HLIA

