

## MINUTES OF THE HUTCHINS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors  
April 20, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at Fennville Public Schools

| HLIA Board      |    |                 |            |
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| 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 |                 | 9B         |
| Martha Kautz    | 6B | Gary Holton     | 10         |

### **Call to Order** – Loren Barnes

-Loren Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

### **Taking of Roll** – Randy Vogelzang

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

Present: Loren Barnes, Victoria Barnes, Jim Baird, Jill O'Connor, Martha Kautz, Allen Kautz, John Lerg, Ruth Malda, and Randy Vogelzang.

Absent: John Lindahl, Maureen Sytsma, Todd Moore, Scott Clark, Denise Grimaldi, Gary Holton

Randy Vogelzang reported that there was a quorum for the meeting.

### **Additions to Agenda**

-Loren Barnes proposed that we include a new business item to add a board member for the Recreation Drive area.

### **Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Agenda

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2. Minutes from last Meeting (attachment 1)
3. Treasurer's Report (attachment 2) The Treasurer also reported that there are currently 102 members.
4. Summary of Bills

MOTION by John Lerg to approve the Consent Agenda. Second. Approved. (9-0)

**Correspondence – Randy Vogelzang**

-Randy reported that Compass Insurance provided a renewal notice for officers and directors insurance as well as general liability insurance. He reviewed the purpose of the policies and the total premium of \$700. He reported that Compass was able to find a specialized insurance carrier that tailored a policy just for us, which keeps the premium so low.

-Randy also reported on letters received from Sandy Holtrop regarding backlot owners rights to ingress and egress. Apparently there has been heavy use of the access lot by back lot owners on Sunset Dr., and she presented the issue to the HLIA for its consideration. According to her letters, the back-lot owners do not have rights to use docks or boat lifts. This will be taken up as new business.

-There was also correspondence from Eleanor Clough to HLIA and Clyde Township on signs and notices. The board agreed to thank her for her letter and note that Clyde Township should handle it. Loren agreed to do this.

-Loren Barnes reported on notice for use of the building and board room usage from Fennville School and he worked on the schedule with them for the next year.

-Loren Barnes also reported that the Form 990 tax filing for the HLIA was completed and filed.

## **Committee Reports**

-CLMP – Loren Barnes – Loren is beginning his work on this and will be signing up on the website and reviewed the start date for testing.

-Chamber of Commerce / Townships – Loren Barnes - Loren will be attending meetings and Jill O'Connor may also attend.

-Membership – Denise Grimaldi / Anne Irwin – The report is there are 102 members who paid dues this year so far.

-Public Relations – Jim Baird – Jim reported that the Poker Run is going to be scheduled and he and his wife are getting many responses from donors about gifts to support the event. The Poker Run activities will be on the access lot on Sunset Dr. We will use beach balls to identify the card pick-up docks. Every station will have different cards. We will plan for 126 people for food, etc. The date is May 26. Loren advised that any trinkets that we need to purchase or other expenses for the event will fit under the advertising budget. It was suggested that board members would wear the same color shirt.

-Directory – Victoria Barnes - Denise Grimaldi gave Vicki the excel files. She is putting it into Microsoft Publisher to make a mail merge, and she reviewed some of the plans for data entry. She thought because of these changes it should be easier to use. It was mentioned that businesses could put advertisements in the directory and subsidize the directory. Bob Renzema is willing to continue on getting advertisers. She reported that they have had one meeting so far and need to meet further in the next month to develop a project plan with time projection.

-Discovery Camp – Jill O'Connor – Jill passed out a flyer and already has a number of participants for the camp. Attached is the flyer, which board members thought was great. She is working with Sarah Kramer. They will try to limit participants to about 12 kids but would take more if possible. The agenda will include meeting with Lake Patrol officers, doing paddling, getting fishing tips, and discussing invasive species.

-Newsletter – Loren Barnes – The question is who will pick this up. The next newsletter deadline is sometime in fall - October - and winter - February.

-Lake Board – Jim Baird and John Lerg – They noted that the board spends money on the lake for weed control and Jim explored what is done for the fees. He reported on board activities.

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## **Area Directors Report/ Remarks**

No reports

### **Unfinished Business**

-Lake Board and Weed Program – This was move to committee reports on the Lake Board

-Elections – President and Secretary – Loren Barnes reviewed the list of members on the committees and Martha will join both committees.

-Annual meeting input – The board discussed the agenda for the annual meeting. In the past we have had a representative from the Sheriff Marine patrol talk to the members, which was received positively. There were a number of other possible items, although there was discussion that this meeting is still a quarterly meeting and, other than elections, it is not that different from other meetings. There was consensus that we should have the Sheriff's office representative attend. There was discussion about time limits for the meeting. In the past, some of these meetings ran many hours. There was discussion that we should try to get it finished in two hours. The consensus was that we start at 9:00 am this year and get voting out of the way first. John Lerg will cover weeds and lake treatment. Doors will open 30 min early – or about 8:30 am.

### **New Business**

-New board member for the Recreation Drive area is needed. Randy Vogelzang agreed to contact the Brinks to determine if one of them would serve.

-Sandy Holtrop Request (see correspondence section above). The board discussed the Sandy Holtrop letter and what authority or action the board should take. The consensus was this was more a township matter and private action by

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the owners. The board has no jurisdiction over these types of legal matters. The appropriate action would be for the HLIA to forward this matter to the appropriate government authority. The board decided to forward letter to Clyde Township. Loren will draft the letter to Clyde Township Supervisor Tommie Giles with copies to Holtrop and Vogelzang.

-Renewal of Insurance – Randy Vogelzang advised that the board should decide based on the review of the insurance premiums and coverage discussed earlier to either approve or not approve the payment of premiums.

MOTION: John Lerg moved to approve the insurance coverage and payment of premiums this year. Second. Approved. (9-0)

-Computer policy – There was discussion about two computers being purchased for HLIA business and used the Secretary and Treasurer. Loren Barnes will prepare a policy and send it out to members for review. The members can review it prior to the next meeting and will vote on it then.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Comments from the Board Members**

There were several comments about fishing as follows:

- Do we need to stock the lake with fish? This would be feasible, but it can be costly. The real question is why would we do it? What would be the reason for stocking? It might be to balance the fish in the lake. Would it encourage more people from around the area or farther away to come to the lake and fish? Is that a goal we should have? The sense by the board is that the lake is now a good fishing lake and we do not need to stock it.

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-Next Meeting – June 30, 2018

**Adjournment**

MOTION: Randy Vogelzang moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second Approved (9-0)

Meeting adjourned: 8:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Vogelzang, HLIA Secretary