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MINUTES OF THE
HUTCHINS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting and Meeting of Board of Directors
June 24, 2017, 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 vacancy
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 called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM

Taking of Roll – Randy Vogelzang

The following Board members were present: Victoria Barnes, Loren Barnes, Gary Holton, Anne Irwin, John Lerg, Jill O'Connor, John Lindahl, Maureen Sytsma, Martha Kautz, Denise Grimaldi, Scott Clark, and Randy Vogelzang.

The following Board members were absent: Jim Baird, Janice Rowland, and Todd Moore,

Additions to Agenda

None

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes from last Meeting (Attachment 1)
3. Treasurer's Report – Noted that there are 149 members and some extra donations received. (Attachment 2)
4. Summary of Bills

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MOTION: Scott Clark moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded.
Approved (12-0)

Correspondence – Randy Vogelzang

The Association received the following correspondence since the last meeting:

- Deana Mercs of MDEQ- June 2, 2017. Notifying the Association of sea wall construction on the lake.
- Rick Buteyn , Progressive A & E – June 7. Asking Andy Tomaszewski to proceed with weed treatment.
- John Lindahl- May 30. Informed that he had one new slow no wake buoy and one spare swim area buoy at his house, which Loren passed on to Mr. Nolan.
- Steve De Weerdts – June 12. Questions about the overflow dam being raised and weed control, asking about treating weeds earlier.
- Mr. Dekker note about shirts to purchase for fundraiser which was forwarded to Jim Baird.
- John Lindahl received information from Michigan CORES, which he provided to the Board Secretary.

Annual Meeting and Election

- Election of President and Secretary

Nomination(s) Vice-President: Allen Kautz

Nomination(s) Treasurer: Denise Grimaldi

The Association received both named individuals as nominees. No other nominees were presented from the floor.

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RESULTS OF ELECTION

Vice President: Allen Kautz was elected.

Treasure: Denise Grimaldi was elected.

Committee Reports

CLMP - John Lindahl / Loren Barnes- CORES results in – SESKI disc is being done and Loren is taking it over.

Township Reports – Loren Barnes – Loren reached out to Tommy Giles, Clyde Township Supervisor, and John Hebert, Ganges Township Supervisor, about placement of buoys. Buoys are installed in the Clyde Township part of the lake. It needed to be permitted and that was done for the 59th Street access. It was received and documented. Loren said they could not initially find approval for the swim area and Giles provided what was needed for permitting, which they then received and they put in the buoys. Ganges Township has no permitting for back channel buoys. The Township will apply for approval. When the permit is received Mr. Nolan will take care of it.

Loren reported that Mr. Nolan won a 5-year contract from the Association to place buoys.

The Board also discussed temporary buoys by lake property owners and the possible hazards that could result. It was discussed that anyone basically needs a permit for any buoys and must follow the process.

There was also discussion and questions about weeds, which lake users would like to keep under control. The Lake Board needs to be in the loop on this since they contract for the weed control.

Membership Denise Grimaldi - No report other than number of members reported above.

Public Relations – Jim Baird – no report. The Board discussed the success of Poker Run. There were almost 50 participants and over 100 people for food.

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Donations covered all the costs of the activity. The Board complemented the Bairds for a good job

Special Speaker - Operation Dry Water - Special Guest (Allegan County Marine Division) (The regular business of the Board was interrupted to hear the special guest at 11:00 am).

Officer Brad Deters appeared on behalf of the Allegan County Marine Patrol. – He stated that a big part of the push this season is to enforce laws against drunk boaters. He explained that our lake is a “no high speed lake”, which is different from a “no wake zone” and technically this lake is not no wake. Of course, even pontoon boats these days can be high speed boats. He discussed the 100 foot rule of no wake 100 feet from a dock. The Marine Patrol sometimes observes boaters from the shore. He reminded everyone that boat lights are to be turned on at sunset to sunrise for navigation, the big lights are legal. Non-motored boats need a light. Power boats need them for navigation. He reminded members of the speed limit: max speed is 55 mph within one mile of the shore line, but in an inland lake there may be no speed limit, unless it involves failure to maintain control, usually if there is an accident. He did discuss reckless operation of a boat as unlawful.

Directory – Loren Barnes encouraged the Board and members to support Mr. Renzema with the directory. He is willing to work on it but could use assistance on this important function.

Discovery Camp – Jill O’Connor reviewed that the camp would be conducted on July 11th and 12th. The name for the event is now called Discovery Days, It will be located on Eagle Point park. Life cycles in the lake is the theme. Sarah Cramer will help and the program will be targeted for kids in K – 3d grade. Jill and Sarah will teach. There are a few more seats available. They plan a picnic on the last day.

Newsletter – Ann Irwin / Vacancy. There was a discussion about Anne leaving the Board and newsletter editor position. Anne discussed what she does and requested a new volunteer editor. The Board discussed the types of articles needed.

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Lake Board – John Lerg introduced Tony Groves from Progressive A & E who addressed the meeting. He covered the following:

-Tony first reviewed the Progressive A & E Lake Treatment Report. Tony then provided an update on the Lake Board. Public hearings were held on the 5-year treatment program. He noted that Kaiser and Associates also is funded by the Lake Board. He complimented the Association for all the data for many years it has accumulated for the lake. He noted that the Lake Board monitors the quality of the lake from top to bottom. Report of that data is on the Association website. He then discussed plant control and the GPS guided survey of the whole lake. His people look for invasive species of plants. The initial survey was on June 6 and the lake was treated the next week. He talked about timing of treatment saying it was regulated by DEQ and needs a permit. He said we cannot do preventative treatment. The government requires that the weeds must first grow and then we can treat. He said they typically treat after the Memorial Day holiday, but it depends on the water temperature too. This year there was treatment for 50 acres of milfoil. Systemic herbicides are selective and only kill the milfoil. It takes two to three weeks for it to happen. Progressive A & E will monitor and do another treatment selectively if necessary.

-There were several questions by the Board and the public: Tony discussed that there were weeds on the lake and treatment could have been done earlier, but other lakes were slower this year and the quicker growth on Hutchins Lake was not expected. He discussed that plants sink to bottom when they die. Temperature of the water must be at least in the 55 -60 degrees range for the treatment to be effective. There was consensus that weeds seem to be greater this year than past years. It was not clear why that happened. Winter was mild and there was a bumper crop of milfoil. Some noted that other weeds seem to be growing, but the other weeds are not the focus of our invasive species eradication program. There was also discussion about posting notices. Should they post everywhere? Tony explained that the DEQ dictates the posting requirement and it is the DEQ's requirement, not one dictated by any label on the product. Also, the DEQ will not allow treatment of other weeds after June 15. He also explained how propeller chop does spread milfoil.

Area Directors Report / Remarks –

Mr. Burmeister sold his house and will be leaving his Association Board and Lake Board director positions. The Board expressed appreciation for John's service to the Board.

Unfinished Business

- *Insurance update.* Randy Vogelzang reviewed the general liability and officers and directors insurance, explaining what liability the policies covered and that the rates were \$700 per year in total, a most competitive rate for the coverage provided.
- *Ladies of the Lake update.* Mrs. Karen Barnes reported on the mulch and edging by the public swim area. They have a boy scout who will build a bench and the funds provided by the Township and this Association will support the work. It was noted that painting the fence will be completed as soon as there is agreement on color. Loren Barnes complemented the ladies for their volunteer and community support and thanked them.
- *Review of New Membership Form.* Loren discussed the changes in the form and explained that this improved form would be used in the future.

New Business

- *Directory update.* Loren reported we are moving forward with the directory. There were concerns expressed about delivery and accuracy and Loren asked for volunteers on helping with the directory. Denise already does the address and phone numbers. Bob Renzema needs help to sell adds. Martha volunteered to do the advertisements and she will be the point of contact for the Board and work with Mr. Renzema.
- *Mr. Dekker and the tee shirts for fundraisers.* We will discuss at next meeting.

Public Comment – There were comments on trash being picked up but there was concern that no one picks up recycling. Some Board members pointed out that Chef Container does pick up recycling. J's also picks up recycling once a month

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Comments from the Board-

None

Next Meeting; September 20th, 2017

Winter meeting December 6th, 2017

Adjournment

MOTION: Randy Vogelzang moved to adjourn. Seconded. Approved. (12-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 12:02 PM

Submitted by Randy Vogelzang
Secretary, HLIA