

HUTCHINS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
September 19, 2018, 6:30 a.m. at Fennville Public Schools

HLIA Board			
John Lindahl	1	Allen Kautz	VP
Jill O'Connor	2	Jim Baird P	Pres
Victoria Barnes	3	Randy Vogelzang	Sect
Maureen Sytsma	3B	Scott Clark	7
John Lerg	4	Ruth Malda	8
Loren Barnes			
Jim Baird	5	Denise Grimaldi	9A – treas
VACANT	6A	Vicki Brink	9B
Martha Kautz	6B	VACANT	10

Call to Order – Jim Baird

Jim Baird called the meeting to order at 6: 30 P.M

Taking of Roll – Randy Vogelzang

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

Present: Jim Baird, Vicki Brink, John Lerg, Ruth Malda, Randy Vogelzang, John Lindahl, Denise Grimaldi.

Absent: Loren Barnes, Victoria Barnes, Maureen Sytsma, Martha Kautz, Allen Kautz, Scott Clark, Jill O'Connor

Randy Vogelzang reported that there was not a quorum for the meeting.

Additions to Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes from last Meeting (attachment 1)
3. Treasurer's Report (attachment 2)
4. Summary of Bills

MOTION: Denise Grimaldi moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second.

Approved (7-0)

Correspondence – Randy Vogelzang

Vogelzang reported that he received:

-email from John Lindahl passing along the Michigan Lakes and Stewardship Association newsletter

-memo from John Lindahl on his Hutchins Lake observations, dated August 2018

-Memo from John Lindahl submitting his resignation to the HLIA election committee

Committee Reports

CLMP – Loren Barnes – John Lindahl reported that nothing has been done by Loren about CLMP. John has discussed with Sarah Cramer that she will volunteer to take water samples and secchi disk readings. Jim Baird will talk to Loren before anyone else is involved. This generated discussion on the explanation of why this testing is done. The reason is to inform us of the condition of the lake.

Chamber of Commerce / Townships – Loren Barnes – No Report.

Membership – Denise Grimaldi – Denise reported that 127 members paid dues.

Public Relations – Jim Baird- Jim discussed his desire to include a letter with the billing to members about importance of HLIA. He will draft some language and send it to Vogelzang for review and editing.

Directory – Victoria Barnes – The board discussed that all directors are asked to review the directory sections for their district and then let Denise and Vickie Barnes

know if there are any changes. John Lindahl has a drain commission list of people in the area and he will send Denise and Vickie the list.

Discovery Camp – Jill O'Connor- John Lindahl reported that Jill and Sarah did a fantastic job. It was a good program.

Newsletter – Loren Barnes – No Report

Lake Board – John Lerg / Jim Baird- Jim reported there is no information from board; there have been no meetings. John contacted the survey team from Progressive A and E as they were doing their work and they found stary stone wart, a weed that grows in deep water. It blooms and forms vegetation that is not good for the lake. This needs to be addressed in the future.

Area Directors Report/ Remarks

John Lindahl – John reported that he emailed directors about his disappointment with the way the buoys have been placed by the contractor that replaced him. He asked whether Mr. Nolan has been contacted about his concerns. John reported that the swim area buoys are in wrong place, and at the access on 59th street the placement infringes on the fish spawning area. He also asked where the two channel buoys were. There was discussion that it appeared the swim buoys have moved from where they were placed at the beginning of the year. The anchor holding power for them should be reviewed. John Lerg reminded the board that Ganges Township has no permit to place buoys, and therefore they are not placed at the channel. It was suggested that we check the RFP on whether the contractor was following the RFP before complaining about his work. We should also encourage Ganges to get the permit.

Unfinished Business

- Vicki Brink reported on another Sturgin that was found by boat lunch
- Computer policy – No discussion this meeting.
- Rusty drum removal from the sand bar. The board expressed its thanks to Dave Vanden Berg for pulling out the drum.

New Business

- Communications Director – John Lindahl raised the possibility of having someone responsible for communicating directly to the HLIA members. There was discussion that this was something to consider. There were some who thought the same person who does the newsletter seems like a logical person to also be responsible for the member communications. There was consensus that the idea of a director seems worth pursuing. Board members will provide suggestions for a job description.
- Days and dates for the meetings this next year. There was consensus that Thursday should be a good day for meetings next year. The board proposed the meetings next year be April 18 June 29 September 19 and December 5

Public Comment

None

Comments from the Board -

John Lindahl: John discussed the notation he noticed in the minutes from the last meeting about payment received for placement and replacement of buoys. He reported that Clyde township was billed by the HLIA for placement and replacement of buoys. John thinks it was disturbing that it was done with no approval from the board, no committee review or action and according to John Loren sent the bill to the township for reimbursement of placement and new buoys. John reported that he met with Clyde Township officials to discuss what he believed was an overbilling to them by the HLIA in billing them the full amount for some charges and they had paid it. It was not clear why John had not first raised this question with the HLIA board before meeting with the Township to report the purported overbilling. Some board members questioned why billing the township was not what the board had requested Loren to do, which appeared to be the case. The board previously discussed that the township should pay for all of the buoy expenses or more expenses. Jim will talk to Loren and then talk to township. He was confident we can work it out.

Next Meeting – November 28, 2018

Adjournment MOTION: Randy Vogelzang moved to adjourn the meeting.
Second. Approved. (7-0)