

# HUTCHINS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors and Annual Meeting  
June 30, 2018, 9:00 a.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
<del>Todd Moore</del>	6A	Vicki Brink	9B
Martha Kautz	6B	Gary Holton	10

### **Call to Order** – Loren Barnes

Loren Barnes called the meeting to order at 9: 07 A.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, Vicki Brink, Jill O'Connor, Martha Kautz, Allen Kautz, John Lerg, Ruth Malda, Randy Vogelzang, John Lindahl, Maureen Sytsma, Scott Clark, and Denise Grimaldi.

Absent: Gary Holton

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

### **Additions to Agenda**

None

### **Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Minutes from last Meeting (attachment 1)
3. Treasurer's Report (attachment 2) Primary Points of report: Bank account total is \$900 less than last year at this time, membership down 28 from last year with 125 members. We received reimbursement for cost to place buoys from Clyde Township.
4. Summary of Bills

MOTION: John Lerg moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second. Approved (14-0)

**Election of Officers**

The Association conducted the annual election, this year for President and Secretary. (See New Business below) The following Association members were elected to office:

President \_\_\_\_\_ Jim Baird  
 Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Randy Vogelzang

**Correspondence – Randy Vogelzang**

-Vogelzang reported that he had not received the correspondence Loren Barnes was considering to send the Clyde Township supervisor regarding issues by Mrs. Holtrup over back lot owners using public access to lake and another by Mrs. Clough over signs. Barnes advised he will instead be meeting in person with the Township supervisor.

-Vogelzang sent emails to Joe Bianco for notice of annual meeting and posting of minutes.

-Also, Vogelzang reported on emails sent between board members about this meeting and an email he sent to Vicki Brink and received about serving on this board.

-The Association received notice that Todd Moore resigned from the board, Section 6A.

-A letter about Swans was reported by John Lerg and Denise Grimaldi.

**Committee Reports**

- CLMP – Loren Barnes – Barnes reported that he will Sign up for CLMP.
- Chamber of Commerce / Townships – Loren Barnes –Barnes reported he will discuss with the Townships.
- Membership – Denise Grimaldi – No report
- Public Relations – Jim Baird
  - Non-Power boat Poker Run – Baird reported it went well and it was a good chance to meet people from around the lake, there were great prizes, grandkids, and it was a fun and great event. The board expressed its thanks to the Bairds (Jim and Ann) for heading this up.
  - Hutchins Lake “Ladies of the Lake” – Loren Barnes reported on improvements to the public swimming area. Pictures were passed around. Mrs. Barnes who is one of the “Ladies of the Lake” reported on the improvements: benches, paintings, a seat was made out of stump, and all the planning done and being done. She reported that people are using the benches and public swimming. The board recognized new neighbors Jim and Kelly Defrell, Matt and Mary Beth Smith. The board thanked the Cranes for donating mulch. There will be a letter sent to the Eagle Scout who helped build benches.
- Special Guest: Deputy Morton (Allegan County Marine Division) (10:00 am)  
Deputy Morton spoke to the members. He has been with the marine division for 15 years. He served on the Coast Guard. He reported there are 18 lakes in Allegan County that are active for the marine patrol, but the most active lakes for the Sheriff unit are Green Lake (#1) and Hutchins Lake (#2). He explained about no high speed boating here in Hutchins at certain hours is not a no wake zone, meaning the boat can have a wake but cannot be up on a plane. He also discussed that they can test for drinking alcohol and if done would be conducted in a truck, not on the water. He stated that for boating, the drinking limit is .08, and if they need it the Sheriff will test. He did say it was not illegal to drink and drive a boat. He also reported that there are no law changes in marine law this year. He explained that connecting a boating record to the driving record is a push. He reported that the Sheriff’s concerns on Hutchins are jet skis running too close to docks and boats, life jackets for young kids above 6 years old, registration. He

covered title change rules, and stated that the marine division is on Hutchins Lake typically on weekends and Friday primarily. He discussed Operation Dry Water. Also, it was discussed that boating classes are on the DNR website. He said the Sheriff does not check fishing licenses. He said no one under 14 years of age can be on jet ski alone. Those 16 years old need a boater safety card to drive jet ski. President Barnes thanked Deputy Morton for his comments and speaking to the Association.

-Directory – Victoria Barnes – Barnes reported that she is pulling the team together and they will be working on the directory.

-Discovery Camp – Jill O’Connor – Jill reported that the camp will be held on July 11 and 12, Wed and Thursday (9:00 – 12). It will be held out of Eagle Point Park– Karen Barnes and John Lindahl are boat captains. Themes: “lets go paddling and lets go fishing”. 13 kids have signed up. Allegan County Shariff will also give a presentation. There will be a picnic after the last day after 12:00. Should be a fun time.

-Newsletter – Loren Barnes – Loren will try to support it, but he asked for help by sending end articles to him.

-Lake Board – John Lerg / Jim Baird. They explained that there are two boards involved for Hutchins Lake– HLIA and Lake Board – The Lake Board oversees the collected money for weed treatment and manages the funds. John represents Hutchins Lake and Jim sits for Clyde Township. There are representatives from Ganges township, the Drain Commissioner and an Allegan County Commissioner. They noted that last year the weeds got ahead of us. There was a discussion of Milfoil. The hybrid was resistant to weed control. The consultant did some testing over the winter and decided Sonar was the proper treatment. It was done on May 2, with additional added recently and it is under control this year. John explained that weed control is a balancing act. Some fishermen are not happy with the loss of weeds but recreation boaters are happy. He noted there are 20 species of fish in the lake. When weeds are low like they are now, bigger fish will eat the fish who cannot hide. Sonar is the most expensive but it reduces need for treatment next year. They described that we are taking money from next year to pay off this year.

#### **Area Directors Report/ Remarks –**

John Lindahl: John provided an historical perspective that the slow no wake zone was to protect spawning areas for fish. It appears that buoys seem to be in the area of that spawning area.

## **Unfinished Business**

- Letter to Clyde Township submitting Holtrop correspondence- Loren will provide a verbal presentation, not a formal letter
- Welcome new board member Vicki Brink – Loren and the other members of the board welcomed Vicki to the board and expressed appreciation for her willingness to serve.
- Computer policy – Loren looked at many policies and will get one to Mr. Baird.

## **New Business**

- Removing the rusted 50 gallon drum buried in the “shallows” sandbar – Jim will get the name of a contractor to get information about pulling it out.

-Election committee: The election results were reported:

President- Jim Baird

Secretary – Randy Vogelzang

## **Public Comment**

Mr. McMann said he lost an umbrella off his dock. It was bright blue and had a white pole. Several members discussed the storms that we have had, which included some high winds.

Mrs. Barnes said that one of the benches at the public access was broken when some kids were jumping on them and they hoped to get it fixed.

## **Comments from the Board**

John Lindahl reported that Gary Holton gave John the last photo of Hutchins Lake, which he reported was for Sale at \$63. He is also giving away a life jacket.

Jim Baird provided notebooks for everyone to pick up.

Vicki Barnes reminded everyone of the July boat parade for 4<sup>th</sup> of July, encouraging everyone to decorate their boats. She said that 7:30 is the take off and it is fun to do.

-Next Meeting – September 19th, 2018

## **Adjournment**

MOTION: Randy Vogelzang moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second.  
Approved (14-0)

Meeting adjourned: 10:38 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Vogelzang, HLIA Secretary