

# MINUTES OF THE HUTCHINS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting of Board of Directors  
April 18, 2019, 6:30 a.m. at Fennville Public Schools

HLIA Board			
Vacancy	1	Allen Kautz	VP
Jill O'Connor	2	Jim Baird	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
Vacancy	6A	Vicki Brink	9B
Martha Kautz	6B	Vacancy	10

## **Call to Order – Jim Baird**

President Jim Baird called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm

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

Secretary Randy Vogelzang took the roll and the following Board members were present:

Jill O'Connor, Jim Baird, Allen Kautz, Randy Vogelzang, Ruth Malda, Vicki Brink

The following Board members were absent:

Maureen Sytsma, Scott Clark, Denise Grimaldi, Victoria Barnes, John Lerg, and Martha Kautz

## **Additions to Agenda**

None

## **Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes from last Meeting (attachment 1)
3. Treasurer's Report (attachment 2) Included in report was notice that the Association currently has 150 paid members
4. Summary of Bills: no expenditures

MOTION: Allen Kautz moved to approve the consent agenda. Second. Approved.  
(6-0)

## **Correspondence – Randy Vogelzang**

Randy Vogelzang reviewed correspondence he received:

*Insurance:* We have received notice from our insurance company, West Bend, that we need another agent for our liability and officers and directors insurance since Compass has been dropped by West Bend as a West Bend Agent. We were advised to find another agent. Vogelzang informed the Board that he had contacted Lighthouse Insurance agency and it was willing to be our agent for this coverage. There was also a bill for the coverage sent to us by West Bend but it was not clear which agent is to receive the premium payment. Discussion and motion below under "New Business".

*Water Front Alliance:* We received an update from Denise Grimaldi, on the Michigan waterfront alliance newsletter about a new law related to invasive species and rinsing off boats before going into the lake and leaving. That generated a question whether our lake should have water brought in to the boat launch, how that could be done, who would pay for it and if it would be abused by the public. After discussion, this did not appear to be feasible from many perspectives. One thing we can do is educate boaters by providing posters and notices at the boat launch. Jim Baird will post a sign about the new law and put it in the glass case at the boat launch.

## **Committee Reports**

*CLMP* – Sarah Kramer – Before he died, John Lindahl dropped off the sample tubes to get water samples. Jill got the sample of water and Sarah is doing the Secchi Disk testing. Loren and Sarah will do data reporting. It will be done twice a year. It will be taken from the deepest place of the lake and at Eagle Point.

*Discovery Camp.* Sarah Kramer will be involved this year with the camp which is scheduled for July 9 and 10 out of Eagle Creek Park. Sarah Kramer and Jill O'Connor will handle the program which will include topics: canoe, invasive species and special guest. It will be two ½ day camps. There will be pontoons with the Bairds and the Barnes families providing the boats.

*Chamber of Commerce / Townships* – Jim Baird reported that he gave a talk to the senior citizens on aging and vision loss and that the Fennville Fire Department gave 15 life jackets for boaters on the lake. Jim offered to put a notice and stand next to the boat launch with some life jackets so that folks can borrow them. Jim suggested providing silk screen on the jackets with Hutchins Lake Improvement Association printed on them. If stolen, it was almost impossible to get the ownership silkscreen off and that should deter folks from stealing them.

MOTION. Randy Vogelzang moved for the Board to approve \$300 for Jim Baird to build a stand and get the life jackets silk screened and put the jackets in the stand at the boat launch. Second. Approved (6-0)

*Membership* – Denise Grimaldi provided notice that we have 150 members

*Public Relations* – Jim Baird reported his thoughts about three categories of folks on the lake. 1) Those concerned like us and who want a good lake, 2) those who already are assessed tax and do not want to spend any more money for HLIA dues, and 3) those who have no interest in what happens on the lake and do not want to be bothered. So, Jim proposed that the HLIA do things to get people involved. He provided brochures for board members to distribute on the Poker Run which they

can make copies and hand out to neighbors. He collected prize donations for raffles. He also reviewed the names of the merchants who gave prizes.

*Directory* – Victoria Barnes will call a meeting and will input the data.

*Newsletter* – Jim Baird raised two issues. Ann Irwin did the newsletter in the past and Jim will check with Ann on the process. He will find someone to be the editor.

*Annual Meeting:* June 29 is the annual meeting and Jim will get an agenda. We are thinking to include special guests to discuss road safety and boating. The board discussed having authorities covering bicycles and that some cars are causing concerns on the road, mainly as it relates to kids. We should also cover water quality. Ruthie asked if she could set something up on that and she will check into it.

*Lake Board* – John Lerg / Jim Baird: No report

Area Directors Report/ Remarks

### **Unfinished Business**

- *Buoys in Hutchins Lake* - Jim Baird and John Lerg have been working this issue and Jim provided a report. Jim will get with Tommy Giles to discuss status. We will ask him why HLIA is involved? The board believes this is the Townships' responsibility. After some discussion the Board concluded that Jim Baird is authorized to meet with Tommy Giles with the intent to get the Association out of the buoy business. However, we also believe the buoys are necessary and should be in the lake as in the past. Jim will report about his meeting with Tommy at the next board meeting.

- *Computer Policy:* Vicki working on policy

### **New Business**

- Insurance – The next bill of \$850 for liability and officers and director’s insurance is due. Vogelzang will check into the agent change and then determine where the check for the new premiums for \$850 should be sent and send it.

MOTION: Al Kautz moved that the HLIA be approved to spend up to \$850 on liability and Directors and Officers insurance and that Vogelzang check into the agent issue and sent the premium check in. Second. Approved. (6-0)

- Officer Elections: The board discussed the slate of candidates for the next election and Jim Baird will send out a notice about the election and ask for names to be added to the ballot if there is interest by others.

- Annual Meeting Agenda: As noted above, the board discussed the agenda for the annual meeting. It is expected to be about an hour long and we will defer some of the regular business until the next quarterly meeting.

- There was discussion about the website being pushed to be the focal point on everything we do, and in this way we may be able to do away with the paper newsletter and directory. Ruthie will look into this.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Comments from the Board**

None

**Next Meeting** – June 29, 2019

MOTION: Ruthie Malda moved to adjourn. Second. Approved (6-0)

### **Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm