

MINUTES OF THE HUTCHINS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting of Board of Directors
June 29, 2019, 9:30 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 9:30 am.

Taking of Roll – Vicki Brink

Board Member Vicki Brink took the roll and the following Board members were present: Jill O'Connor, Victoria Barnes, Maureen Sytsma, Jim Baird, Martha Kautz, Allen Kautz, Ruth Malda, Denise Grimaldi, and Vicki Brink

The following Board members were absent: John Lerg, Scott Clark, and Randy Vogelzang

Additions to Agenda

A special agenda for the Annual meeting was provided.

1. **Treasurer's Report** - Denise Grimaldi read the treasurers report.
2. **Special Annual Meeting Program and Speakers**

Report from Progressive A and E

Biologist Tony Groves spoke on behalf of Progressive A and E. He explained the difference between the Hutchins Lake Improvement Association and the tax district Lake Board, which funds the actions needed for weed control in the lake. He stated that the invasive Asian Milfoil is a problem in the lake. Last year the Milfoil was almost killed off. They are in year 3 of a 5 year project. Progressive will be checking the lake for weeds again in a few weeks. A question was raised on the algae in the lake. Tony explained the damage runoff fertilizer does to the lake and how it affects algae and other growth in the lake.

It was noted that this year has been an excellent year for bass fishing.

Allegan County Marine Division Report. The Allegan County deputy shared that there are fast rivers and high water this year. There will be lots of law enforcement out for the 4th of July week. He explained the increasing presence of the Marine Division on the lake as follows:

2016— 80 hours of patrol

2017— 77 hours of patrol

2018— 103.5 hours of patrol – this resulted in 2 citations, 3 warnings, and 60 “talking to”, stops.

D&R division

The representative from the D & R discussed the following:

- You now need a life jacket on a paddleboard.
- The D&R checks live wells and trailers leaving boat launches for plant life and invasive species.
- You need a life jacket on board if operating a kayak.
- You need to be 40 1/2 to drive a jet ski without a boater safety certificate on board.
- Carp fishing at night was discussed. (bright lights shining into windows in the early morning hours).

Bob Busscher Septic Services

Septic tanks should be pumped every 5 years. Septic tanks help purify the water, which helps the lake.

Water Testing

Ruth Malta presented and explained Water testing bottles.

Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Jim Baird made the motion to adjourn. Vicki Barnes seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Next Meeting – September 19, 2019