

# HUTCHINS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting of Board of Directors  
September 19, 2019, 6:30 a.m. at Fennville Public Schools

## HLIA Board

		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** - Randy Vogelzang, President *pro tem*

-Randy Vogelzang called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

**Taking of Roll** – Randy Vogelzang

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

Present: Maureen Sytsma, Ruth Malda, Denise Grimaldi and Randy Vogelzang.

Absent: Jill O'Connor, Victoria Barnes, John Lerg, Jim Baird, Martha Kautz, Allen Kautz, Scott Clark, Vicki Brink

Randy Vogelzang reported that there was not a quorum for the meeting. The meeting proceeded subject to ratification by the Board at its next meeting.

**Additions to Agenda – Randy Vogelzang**

None

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes from last Meeting (attachment 1)

3. Treasurer's Report (attachment 2) The Treasurer reported a balance of \$6,951.90 and money donated to HLIA. Membership was at 163.

4. Summary of Bills

**MOTION** Maureen Sytsma moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Second Approved. (4-0)

**Correspondence** – Randy Vogelzang

Randy Vogelzang reported on communication by Jim Baird. Jim wrote a letter to Clyde Township confirming that the HLIA could set up a memorial at the public access site, which provides the approval for the Association to complete the memorial. Jim advised that the stump has been removed and ground up. A picnic table was purchased weighing about 1,000 lbs, (which should keep anyone from messing with it) containing 3 seats, with space for a wheelchair. Estimated completion is May 1, 2020. Price may be over \$1,400 total, but Jim will seek approval if it exceeds what was approved.

Randy Vogelzang also reported on communication by Jim Baird that solicitation of new members was sent out costing additional postage, but resulting in 30 new members.

**Committee Reports**

CLMP – Sarah Kramer - No report

Chamber of Commerce / Townships – Jim Baird- See report from Jim Baird in correspondence section above.

Membership – Denise Grimaldi reported that there are currently 163 members

Public Relations – Jim Baird - no report

Directory – Victoria Barnes – no report

Discovery Camp – Jill O'Connor – no report, but Denise Grimaldi reported that all the bills for the camp are paid.

Newsletter – Jim Baird – no report – Ruth Malda led a discussion about an alternative for how the Association newsletter information could be communicated to the members. She suggested that the Association get notice for anyone to submit information through the Association website and contributions can be made

to the website. Joe Bianco may be able to set this up on the website. Board members and other members could submit articles and information to the website. There could be a comment section on the site and board members could be contacted if there are issues. The Association should include the website address on all communications. We should also refresh the website. We can discuss this further at the next meeting.

Lake Board – John Lerg / Jim Baird – no report.

**Area Directors Report/ Remarks:** Maureen Sysma commented on what appears to be a growing problem with weeds. She reported on weeds being sucked into motors by her house. Weeds were identified poking above the water in other areas on the east side of the lake. This has not happened before and is concerning. It was recommended that this problem be reported to the Lake Board consultant and the Lake Board, asking them to provide more intense treatment to clear out weeds that are interfering in the normal use of the lake even if not invasive species. We can provide locations where this is a problem that we are aware.

Ruth Malda reported that people are coming down the road from the winery too fast. The question was whether we can get the township or county to put in speed bumps. Randy Vogelzang will find out who we could contact for a temporary speed bump, checking with the township and County Road Commission. The question for the next meeting is whether we should contact the authorities and ask for bump since it is not clear that such action falls within the scope of the Association's purpose which is more related to lake quality.

The board members reviewed the list of dates for quarterly meetings next year: April 2, June 27, September 17 and December 10.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Buoy - There was discussion about the status of the buoys and that there was one missing by the swim area and that some appeared by the channel. This activity is mystery. We will check with other board members about this at the next meeting.
- Directory – It was discussed that action needs to be taken on a directory. Vicki has agreed to handle this and has been provided a computer for this purpose, paid

by the Association, but there is no directory. We will check at the next meeting on why there is no action.

### **New Business**

- Richard Gliwa Donation and memorial – See above report by Jim Baird.
- Meetings for next year – see above member report on dates for next year

### **Public Comment**

Kay Zurrus (sp) and Anne Irwin commented about there being no newsletter. They suggested that the newsletter (and directory) were important reasons for being members of the Association and the board should consider reducing the cost of membership if the newsletter is not produced. They agreed that a website communication is a good idea if kept up to date. They thought there should be a notice to members about discontinuing the newsletter. They also discussed posting of rules for lake use. They thought there was a requirement that life jackets be used for paddle boards. There was discussion that communication to members is important for the Association to keep members informed. It was also asked if anyone new or in the audience is interested in serving on the board. There were no volunteers.

### **Comments from the Board**

Ruth Malda asked how the life jackets booth is working. It appears to be used and has been helpful. There was also discussion about the lack of progress with the directory and that we need to get this done. Communications is critical for the board to share with members. Given the lack of attendance at this board meeting there was a discussion if some board member should resign and President Baird should replace inactive board members.

**Next Meeting** - December 5, 2019

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Maureen Sysma moved to adjourn. Second. Approved (4-0)  
Adjournment at 8:41 PM.

-----Respectfully submitted: Randall Vogelzang, Secretary