

## Hutchins Lake Improvement Association

Meeting of Board of Directors  
December 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m. (via Zoom)

HLIA Board			
Joe Bianco	1	Allen Kautz	VP
Jill O'Connor	2		
Vacant	3	Randy Vogelzang	Sect
Maureen Sytsma	3B	Scott Clark	7
John Lerg	4	Ruthie Malda	8 - Pres
Jim Baird	5	Denise Grimaldi	9A – Treas
Jeff and Kym		Vicki Brink	9B
Zwagerman	6A		
Martha Kautz	6B	Vacant	10

**Call to Order** – Ruthie Malda called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

**Roll Call** – Randy Vogelzang took roll and the following board members were:

Present: Joe Bianco, Jim Baird, Vicki Brink, Denise Grimaldi, Ruthie Malda, Maureen Sytsma, Scott Clark, Allan Kautz, Martha Kautz, John Lerg, Jeff and Kym Zwagerman. and Randy Vogelzang.

Absent: Jill O'Connor (later learned that electronic access to her was deficient and her absence is excused).

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

### **Additions to Agenda**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Changes to Agenda and Approval of Agenda - None
2. Minutes from last Meeting- (attachment 1)
3. Treasurer's Report - (attachment 2)
4. Summary of Bills – (Buoys, Joe IT charge, \$5/Mo charge)

### **Approval of Consent Agenda** – Ruthie Malda

MOTION: Maureen Sytsma moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second. Approved (12-0)

**Correspondence** – Randy Vogelzang Randy reported that he received no new official correspondence, but he discussed that there were several member emails about the quarterly

meeting, a test meeting, and Denise has forwarded emails from the Michigan Lake and Stream Association, the Michigan Waterfront Alliance as well as financial documents. In addition, Randy and Ruthie forwarded the agenda, the minutes and other material and notices for this meeting.

**Treasurer's Report and Submitting of Bills** – Denise Grimaldi: See attached report above.

### **Committee and Representative Reports**

CLMP – Jill O'Connor and Sarah Kramer- Neither committee members were present but John Lerg reported that Jill O'Conner and Sarah agreed to help with the Secchi disc readings. CLMP was not funded in 2020 but will be funded in 2021.

Chamber of Commerce – Jim Baird - No report

Membership – Denise Grimaldi - Denise reported that she has been working with Joe (see report in old business below). She highlighted the 152 members this year, and that we have a potential of 284 members. She reported that the membership drive materials were being planned to go out around January 15 and they were ready to go. Jim will print the materials and get them distributed. The return date on the registration form and letter will request a return by March 15. At Jim's suggestion, a map of lake will be included.

Public Relations – Jim Baird – No report.

Directory – Martha Kautz – See report below in unfinished business

Discovery Camp – Jill O'Connor – No report.

Newsletter – Ruthie Malda - Joe and Ruthie are working to get the newsletter on the website. The project is ongoing. There was discussion about using Mail Chimp and sending out communications including the newsletter via email. There was discussion about some folks not having email and so the newsletter will be distributed via snail mail and email. but also there will be email notices about events which will direct readers and traffic to the website. The HLIA website is hl.org.

Lake Board – John Lerg and Jim Baird – John and Jim reported the board had no bills since the last meeting. There was a discussion about the Dave DeGroot development project and activity to rezone the property from one zone to another so parcels of property could be changed. There was a full Township board vote to approve it. There was discussion about the role of the association in the approval process, but it was discussed that the HLIA has no jurisdiction over decisions like this. The members of the board and of the HLIA can individually have a voice as private citizens. It might be possible for the association to speak to the proposal at some point to the extent it relates to the charter of the association, for example how the project might have an impact on the health of the lake.

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

Ruthie and the board members welcomed to new board members - Joe Bianco representing District #1 and Jeff and Kim Zwagerman representing District #6A.

### **Unfinished Business**

-Vacant director's positions – Ruthie and the board discussed filling the position of Vicki Barnes representing District #3A. It was discussed that making the vacancy announcement on the web site might generate interest in the membership to take the position. There was consensus that filling the position in the spring when more residents return from the summer would be better.

There were suggestions that Bill and Sandy Buuscher might be interested? There was consensus that we would ask Karen Barnes first then the Buuschers. The President will investigate interest and direct the recruitment.

-Directory update: There was discussion about the activity and plans for a new directory. The conclusion was to get the directory online, protected and secured. The process will take time, but it will be set up once membership cards come in. Joe stated that he needs to secure the website as well as the email to members for access. Denise and Joe will work out how to do updates, with Denise to send Joe the updated file

### **New Business**

-Website Security – See discussion above.

- 2021 board meeting dates - The board set the 2021 quarterly board meeting schedule for Tuesdays on the following dates: March 16, June 26, September 14, and November 16.

- CLMP – The program will be transferred to Jill who will be taking the lead.

- Quality of Lake Review – It was discussed that the weed count as lower and the quality of water better than previous years. Water testing was brought up and John Lerg reported that the Lake Board had contracted with a testing firm (Kieser) to do the testing and it reported in to the Lake Board. John will ask board for copy of the testing results from Lake Board, but he recalls that the lake water quality was good.

- Traffic Along 122 Ave.- Ruthie reported on her research and that Allegan County has rules and regs to cover traffic flows and speed. There was discussion about purchasing signs with speed limit tracking. The cost is about \$3,000 for a sign that tracks speed limit. Another option is to

contact the sheriff to get more patrols. Martha reported on success in contacting police officers in person.

- Members without email addresses – Ruthie encouraged the directors to contact members for email addresses.

**Public Input**

None

**Next Meeting** – March 16, 2021

**Adjournment**

MOTION: Martha moved to adjourn. Second. Approved. (12-0)