

HUTCHINS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Directors
Fennville Schools Boardroom,
September 13, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

HLIA Board

Joe Bianco	1	Pete Hoekstra	VP
Jill O'Connor	2	Allan Kautz	Pres
Karen Barnes	3	Randy Vogelzang	Sect
Jody Vogelzang	3B	Scott Clark	7
John Lerg	4	Ron Mellon	8
Jim Baird	5	Denise Grimaldi	9A – Treas
Jeff and Kym Zwagerman		Vicki Brink	9B
	6A		
Martha Kautz	6B	Joni Gliwa	10

MINUTES

Call to Order – Allan Kautz

All called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call – Vick Brink

Vicki took roll and the following board members were:

Present: Joe Bianco, Jill O'Connor, Karen Barnes, John Lerg, Jim Baird, Jeff and Kym Zwagerman, Martha Kautz, Allan Kautz, Scott Clark, Ron Mellon, Denise Gremaldi, and Vicki Brink

Absent: Randy Vogelzang, Jody Vogelzang, and Joni Gliwa

Vicki reported that there was a quorum for the meeting.

Consent Agenda -Allan Kautz

1. Changes to Agenda and Approval of Agenda – The only addition to the agenda was the proposal for the board to appoint the Hon. Peter Hoekstra as Vice President to fill the vacancy that occurred after Allan Kautz was

- elected President. The board voted unanimously to appoint Pete as Vice President.
2. Minutes from last Meeting (attachment 1).
 3. Treasurer's Report – Denise reported that there are 168 members in the Lake Association. The summer workshop bill is new. There is a balance on the books of \$3,476.69. She noted that we have an extra computer from the former President. It was decided that Joe Bianco will wipe it clean. Jill O'Connor will see if someone at her school can use it and we will possibly donate it.
 4. Summary of Bills – Denise reported that we would pay the outstanding bills.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Allan Kautz

MOTION: Vicki Brink moved to approve the Consent agenda, including the Minutes and the Treasurer's Report. Seconded. Approved (12-0).

Correspondence – None to Report

Treasurer's Report and Submitting of Bills – Denise Grimaldi

See above under Consent Agenda

Committee and Representative Reports

CLMP – Jill O'Connor- Jill reported on the water quality of the lake. She and the contractors are watching for blue-green algae. So far, there is none detected.

Membership – Denise Grimaldi – See above Treasurer's Report.

Public Relations – Jim Baird – Jim described the Poker Run event and reported that it was a great success

Directory – Joe Bianco and Denise Grimaldi - The report indicated that member information for the directory is stored in Mail Chimp. Joe will shoot for October for newer updates.

Discovery Camp – Jill O'Connor – Jill reported that she will no longer run the Discovery Camp, but she has agreed to still be a helper. Beth Diekema will take her place. The board and all members of the HLIA appreciate the fantastic job Jill has done over the years to lead discovery camp. This year there were 20 kids in Discovery Camp and the focus was on turtles .

Newsletter – Joe Bianco - Joe Bianco reported that he will find someone to compile a newsletter to be send out.

Lake Board – John Lerg and Jim Baird – John Lerg and Jim Baird reported that the weeds are dying. Our treatment is targeted for invasive species.

Area Directors Report/ Remarks

Wake Boats: The board discussed and reached a consensus that wake boards are a problem on our lake. They are causing erosion and damaging the fishing areas. Al will work on a letter to address the problem.

Membership Drive Update: Nothing new.

Association Signs on Boating Rules: Alan Kautz and Scott Clark are working on a poster to distribute to lake residents. Possibly 300 copies at a cost of \$660.00. Scott is thinking white poster with black lettering.

Land Development Activity (DeGroot Marina). There has been no success in locating a HLIA permit for the buoys. Clyde Township actually is the entity to obtain a permit for buoys on Hutchins Lake, and there is some county regulations on buoys and no wake zone that impact the placement of the buoys at the 59th Street boat launch. A replacement permit is in the works by Clyde Township.

Welcome new board member Peter Hoekstra.

Board meeting dates for next year's meetings will be decided at the next meeting.

Public Input

Bruce spoke up and said the Pike are being injured by boat propellers.

Also, there was discussion on kayaks being launched at the swimming area instead of the boat launch. Jim will make a sign.

Adjournment

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

Next Meeting November 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

A big thanks to Vicki Brink for taking notes for the minutes at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Randy Vogelzang
Secretary