

MINUTES OF 1993 ANNUAL MEETING OF:

HOGBACK LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

The 1993 Annual meeting of Hogback Lake Property Owners Association was held at the Rose Lake Township Hall at LeRoy, Michigan on July 4, 1993 at 10:00 A.M.

The following officers were present:

OTT SHAW, Chairman  
EDWIN MORTON, Vice-Chairman, and  
CLORINDA STARLIN, Secretary/Treasurer

ALSO PRESENT WAS: BEV VARNEY, Alternate,  
constituting all the members of the Board.

Also present were approximately 45 property owners.

Chairman, Ott Shaw, called the meeting to order at 10:12 A.M.

The Chairman called for the Treasurer's Report and Secretary's Report to be read, and inasmuch as copies of each had been sent to everyone with the notice for today's meeting, the Chairman asked for approval of the reports as mailed. No objections were made (except for the correct last name of Dan Beachnau), and upon motion, duly made, seconded and carried, the 1992 Treasurer's Report and 1992 Secretary's minutes were approved.

The Chairman indicated Ed Morton had made a report of what has been done with the drain from April of 1992 to June of 1993 which Ed read. A copy of Ed's summary is attached. Ott Shaw then presented a copy of a drawing he had made to show the drain tube and its functions and where the problems arise. A copy of Ott's drawing is also attached.

The Chairman asked that the lot owners to try to remove as many weeds from the lake as possible when cutting weeds out of the lake; don't just cut them and leave them in the lake to wash into the drain tube.

The Chairman reported that a new screen and drain system had been put into effect to try to keep the brush, debris, etc. out of the drain tube. A general discussion was had regarding the lake level, some of the reasons why the lake is high and what we are trying to do to keep it down or at a level that is agreeable to everyone. Ott indicated part of the reason is that the County culvert which goes under 175th Avenue was completely blocked by beavers and the County didn't open that culvert up until sometime in April. The water was running over the road.

The Chairman further reported that he had talked to personnel from the City of Cadillac who work with drains, etc. and they are telling him that 12" plastic pipe should not be buried more than 12' to 15' underground because it will collapse. If we get a collapsed tube, we will have to get someone in to replace it. Ott indicated he is going to get an auger from the City of Cadillac and run it through the drain tube by hand to try to clear out any

blockages. He has only one Saturday open in July when he will try to pick the machine up from the City of Cadillac to use to try to see what's in the drain tube.

The Chairman asked for questions, problems or concerns.

Dale Deverman asked if there was any way to control the problem of water coming from Little Hogback to Big Hogback; apparently, there isn't because it is a natural drain. Ott read rainfall amounts to show where water was coming from; strictly rainfall, not including runoff, so you would have actual rainfall plus runoff. Ed indicated the highest the lake level got before it started to go down was 16" Hogback Lake is dropping on an average day, 1/4" to 1/2" per day during a 24 hour period; if we don't have high humidity or rain, etc.

The Chairman asked for other questions, etc.

Bob Olson made a motion that all boards be removed from the drain tube and be left out.

Discussion followed. The Chairman said there is a 5-1/2" board which brings it up to the 8" drain. The 8" tube coming in out of the lake sits 5-1/2" to 6" above the bottom board. Then another 5-1/2" board on top of that so that it puts it at about 1/2 of the 8" tube coming in. Right now, we have a 3-1/2" board above that. We are flowing over that top board by about 3-1/2", so we are flowing at 3-1/2" rate. We could take out the 3-1/2" board; we have always had the two 5-1/2" boards in there and we have never taken them out or done anything with them. Ed stated that if we take those out, it may possible flood out Piglet because the water will be flowing too fast.

A motion was made to leave the boards as they are, but Ott indicated we already have Bob's motion on the floor to vote on.

Bob's motion was seconded.

Ott started to call for a vote when someone asked what was Bob's reasoning for wanting all of the boards taken out and left out. Bob said if they were left out, it would continue to drain and wouldn't allow the lake level to build up so much in the summer and fall.

Bob asked for a vote on his motion, but discussion was still going on regarding the motion. Discussion then followed with regard to the point at which the lake level was measured. It is measured at the point which was recommended by the Drain Commissioner. Bob said he has a copy of the survey and aerial photos to show where the lake was originally and that it is still high to where it was originally.

Yvonne said she is against changing the way we are doing it now.

Dale said water is running into his 1,000 gallon dry well, a 10 year old system put up according to Health Department specifications and if the lake level isn't brought down, he will have to put in a new expensive system. The lake has never really gotten down to the level it should be.

Bob asked for a vote on his motion, but there were still members asking questions about it.

Right now the lake is not where it should be; it should be at 4" on the 8" tube. That's about where it should be. Then it will still be over the stakes of Ott's lot when he bought. We are trying to keep the water flowing at a proper level that we can get it out of the lake, through the Piglet Pond and out the other drain.

The Chairman again stated the motion on the floor is that we take all boards out of the drain and leave them out.

The Chairman called for a vote. Without a raise of hands, the motion was not approved.

Dale Deverman made a motion to take the 3-1/2" board out in the spring of the each year; he'd like to see the lake level down a little. Every spring it's up too high. Ed said there is no way that you can get anymore water through it. Maybe we should drain it a little further in the fall.

Yvonne said maybe we should go ahead and take the 3-1/2 foot board out as long as it's not jeopardizing the backlot owners; leave it up to the people in charge to decide.

A new motion was made to take the 3-1/2" board out and get the gauge down to around 4" and to keep it there, if possible; to keep it down on the lower side rather than the higher side. The 3-1/2" board would only stay out depending on the weather conditions, etc.

The question was asked why the motion was necessary. Ott explained that it is mostly for general consensus so not only one or two people are making the main decisions. Ever since the drain was put in, we've been working on trying to get the level down to the point where it was at the time of original survey was set up; it's only been to that point once -- about three years ago that it was not draining through the tube.

The motion was seconded. Upon vote, 5 people opposed, 36 approved that the

3-1/2" board be taken out to get the gauge down to around 4" and keep it there, if possible, and will be adjusted according to the rain, etc.

The Chairman asked if there was anything else on the drain.

It was agreed by everyone that the 4th of July candles, etc. were great and Yvonne was given a big hand and thank you.

The Chairman asked for additional questions and asked for a motion to adjourn at 11:10.

Before adjourning, the election of officers was held.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously resolved that the same officers continue for the next year. Accordingly, Ott Shaw was elected Chairman, Ed Morton elected Vice-Chairman, Clorinda Starlin elected Secretary/Treasurer and Bev Varney was elected alternate.

The meeting with respect to the drain was thereupon adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Clorinda Starlin, Secretary

The following additional discussion was held after adjournment of the drain meeting and was held for those interested in discussing fish habitat in the lake, planting, etc. Ott talked about the cost of planting various fish, etc. He has a list of people who raise fish to call for prices. Ott recommends that he give the list of people who raise fish to whomever wants to pursue it. We would have to put down everyone's name and the amount contributed in case we didn't get enough, we could give the money back.

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The following mailings were returned from the June, 1993 mailing. I have contacted the Osceola Assessor's Office and am advised they are not showing any ownership by these same returned mailings. If anyone knows these people no longer own lots, having sold to others, etc., I would appreciate it if you would let me know:

George Friend  
Clyde Fairchild  
Mary Barnett/Margaret Barnett  
VanWarmer

Thank you.

Clorinda

**HOGBACK LAKE AND DRAIN REPORT  
APRIL 1992 TO JUNE 1993**

- April 17 1992 The ice went out of lake, melting fast, large amount of water coming from Little Hogback into Big Hogback, water level high.
- May 1992 Beaver have plugged the drain on piglet pond, causing water level to be high. All drain pipes were cleaned daily
- Beginning the second week<sup>of MAY</sup> through the 2nd week of June, the lake level is going down due<sup>to</sup> lack of rainfall.
- June 1992 The 3rd week of June received 2" of rainfall, yet the level of lake and piglet pond were not raised substantially.
- July 1992 The drain in Big Hogback is draining well, level is going down, drains were checked daily.
- In the 3rd week, the beaver house was blow up in piglet pond
- August 1992 The beavers were active again in piglet pond. Roy Kissinger and Ott Shaw blew up their house again.
- September 1992 Ott Shaw, Opal Shaw, Dan *BEACHMAN* and I along with Roy Kissinger and his heavy equipment dug up and cleaned the drain pipe going out of piglet pond (approximately 50 feet), and put back into place. Water now running better.
- The legendary Daniel Boone (Ott Shaw) sat high in a tree, on a September night, with a full moon at his back. With the wind in his favor, the silence of the night was broken with a Pop and a Bang, and it was goodbye beavers.
- October 1992 Leaves falling, facilitating the need to clean them away from the drains to maintain water flow.
- November 1992 Lots of rain, snow, and rain and snow mixed, water level rising. Muskrats putting weeds and twigs in front of drains, requiring cleaning twice daily. Water draining at full capacity for lake and piglet pond.
- December 1992 Lake level is down, not much water is flowing through drains
- January 1993 Very little water is draining, lake level down.
- February 1993 Level of the lake is rising, still very little water flowing through drain.

*OR*

March 1993      Snow and ice melting. Chipped ice away from drain tube in Big Hogback, water now running at full capacity.

Observed water running out of Little Hogback into Big Hogback at a fast pace, adding to the already high water level in Big Hogback.

April 1993      It was reported that a beaver dam in the swamp north of Big Hogback was destroyed, adding more water to the level of Big Hogback. Lake level rising fast, all grates and tubes cleaned twice daily, water running at full capacity.

Outlet drain in piglet pond plugged with sticks, bottles, cans, seat cushions, etc. It appears that some of this material could have been discarded near the shores of the pond. Kids playing around drain tubes could also be adding to the drains becoming plugged.

May 1993        Ott and Opal Shaw made and installed new grates and screens for the drain in piglet pond, to keep debris from flowing or being put into drain pipes.

Ott and Opal Shaw spent a lot of time and effort running a steel cable through piglet pond drain pipe, to remove items, and determine what is restricting the water flow.

June 1993        Lake level is high due to heavy rainfall. All drains are running at full capacity, and lake level is starting <sup>to</sup> drop.

Thanks to Ott and Opal Shaw, Vern Varney, Dan ~~Beechman~~, Roy Kissinger, and all others who contributed time and effort on the Hogback lake and drain work.