

**MINUTES OF 1994 ANNUAL MEETING OF:  
HOGBACK LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

The 1994 Annual meeting of Hogback Lake Property Owners Association was held at the Rose Lake Township Hall at LeRoy, Michigan on July 4, 1994 at 10:00 A.M. pursuant to Notice mailed to all known members on June 4, 1994.

The following officers were present:

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

constituting all the members of the Board and approximately 32 members.

Chairman, Ott Shaw, called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

The Chairman introduced several new property owners and reviewed the history of the drain and how and why it came into being for the information of the new members. The Chairman then read from his diary an accounting of lake levels during the past year. The Chairman further reported that he had obtained a reamer from the City of Cadillac and ran, first a 4" reamer, then a 6" reamer through the Piglet Pond drain, all the way through to see what they could get out. They did knock some stuff loose, but not a great deal. There were some dips in the pipe, some of which have filled up with sand. After clearing it out, they had to re-work the ends of the piping because there was nothing to hold the plastic down. They ran welded wire over the top to hold it in place. The Chairman further reported that in October of 1993, a beaver dam was removed on Little Hogback Lake. The water at that time was roughly 15" to 16" above where it could drain. The trapper was called to come in to trap the beaver. He trapped two beaver in the trap on the 21st on Little Hogback. One beaver in the culvert at McCoy Lake. Also, the County cleared out the beaver and the dam. On October 19, 1993, all of the boards blocking any water coming into the gate were removed. It was then running full force all the water it would take. None of the boards were put back in all winter. It took a month for the lake to drain back down. On November 24, it was down to 6-1/4". Things pretty much settled down. It continued to drain with no boards in. This spring the beaver came back in and started to do their thing. The trapper has indicated that somewhere around the 14th or 15th of April, he had trapped 8 beaver in our general area in Little Hogback; 2 beaver out of the Piglet Pond. We're still having trouble with kids not leaving the traps alone. Ott also got a couple of beaver (for which he has a permit from the DNR to either shoot or trap them). Ott Shaw and Ed Morton continued to monitor the drain throughout the spring. In April and May we only had about 2" of rain per month so at that time, Ed and Ott decided to put in one 3-1/2" board and one 5-1/2" board to hold back what water is now in the lake. Ott indicated the lake level is now down to where it was when he and Ed took it over in 1992.

The Chairman then asked if there were any questions from the members.

Emma Olson indicated the water is still too high. They have survey markers

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that are 6" under the water. They would like their property back. She asked why the boards are in the drain to keep the water as high as it is? Ott indicated it was his understanding that the normal rainfall for this period is roughly 4-1/2" to 5" per month. We have only been getting 2" per month as of today.

Discussion was then had regarding the current lake level. Bob Olson stated there are photos available for inspection by anyone to show the water level at the time of the plat, etc. Some members are worried about the water being safe to drink, etc. It was indicated that the water has been tested and it came back pure for lake water.

There was some discussion regarding the responsibility of trying to maintain the lake level to keep everyone happy which, obviously, cannot be done.

Motion was made by Dale Deverman and seconded that we leave the lake level were it presently is. There was no further discussion. All those in favor of leaving the drain as is and work it as we have been doing in the last year: 28 yeas; 2 nays; 2 not voting.

There was also some discussion of putting sand on the beaches near the water and the belief that that is not legal because of the conditions imposed by the State of Michigan Wetlands Act.


Dale Deverman then indicated he had heard the State of Michigan had taken a lot back on Hogback Lake for non-payment of taxes. There was some discussion as to what the ramifications and possible problems, if any, might be if that is true; i.e. that would open up public access, etc?

The Chairman called for election of officers and Ed Morton indicated he did not want to run for another year. A motion was then made, seconded and unanimously resolved that Ott Shaw continue as Chairman for another year and that Clorinda Starlin continue as Secretary/Treasurer for another year. The chairman requested volunteers for Vice-Chairman and Dale Deverman indicated he would act as Vice-Chairman for the next year. Upon motion, duly made, seconded and carried, Dale Deverman was elected as Vice-Chairman for the next year.

The meeting with respect to the drain was thereupon adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

I am enclosing a copy of the 1994 Treasurer's Report.

Respectfully submitted

  
Clorinda Starlin, Secretary

The following notices were returned from the June, 1994 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: Keith & Barbara Smith and Clyde Fairchild