

MINUTES OF 1997 ANNUAL MEETING OF:

HOGBACK LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

The 1997 Annual Meeting of Hogback Lake Property Owners Association was held at the Rose Lake Township Hall at Leroy, Michigan on July 5, 1997 at 10:00 A.M. pursuant to Notice mailed to all known members on June 20, 1997. The Notice of Annual Meeting was posted at the Rose Lake Township Hall on June 4, 1997.

The following officers were present:

R.J. Starlin, Chairman
Craig Walters, Vice-Chairman
Clorinda Starlin, Secretary/Treasurer

Also present were approximately 34 property owners.

Chairman, R.J. Starlin, called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions or corrections regarding the 1996 minutes or treasurer's report, copies of which were sent to all known property owners in the association. There were no changes indicated.

The Chairman asked if there was any old business to discuss. There was none indicated.

The Chairman then asked if there was any new business to discuss.

Fred Moore was recognized. Mr. Moore introduced himself, indicating he lives on the north side of the lake. He has three problems he would like addressed:

1. Grass cutting - - People cutting grass in the lake which then washes into the neighbor's yard.
2. Fishing - - He would like to see if we could collect some money to put more fish in the lake and stop people from catching and keeping 7", 8" and 9" fish.
3. Taxes - - Taxes took a big jump last year; in part, we are supporting the road around the lake. We need some people to represent us during tax time for full-time residents.

George Dowling indicated he would like to see if we can get a time for fishing in the morning and in the evening.

There was also discussion at length about boats and people water skiing late at night; the incident of the boat pulling water skiers late on Friday night; the fact that the boat came within 2 feet of someone's dock and almost hitting a child in the water; and the use of jet skis on the lake; specifically, four or so of them which were going back and forth across the lake, creating a

dangerous situation. There was some discussion by a couple of the members that they would be willing to call in the Sheriff's Department or DNR to enforce these problems, or even deed a lot to the DNR and make it a public launch which would create all kinds of problems.

Jan Wood presented a copy of a page from the DNR's "Michigan Boater's Guide" with respect to Water Skiing. The paragraph states, in part: "In Michigan, *water skiing is prohibited from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise . . .*" (Emphasis added). With respect to personal water craft (jet skis), the DNR's fact sheet indicates: "*A person shall not operate a personal water craft between the hours of sunset and sunrise.*" (Emphasis added). These quotes are included for informational purposes only and are not intended to imply what the laws may be or how the laws may be enforced. If you have specific questions regarding these laws, you should contact your own attorney.

The Chairman indicated these were all concerns everyone should be interested in, but that the sole purpose of the association was to monitor the water level of the lake and the drain.

Bob Olson indicated water skiing, boating, etc. is specifically stated that the DNR boating guide pamphlet which was sent to everyone a couple of years ago. He also indicated a person could sign a complaint and the sheriff will come in, but if you allow the DNR in, we're going to have all kinds of problems.

Emma Olson also stated that you have to sign a complaint in order for the sheriff to actually come in; you can't simply call. They won't do anything if you don't sign the complaint.

Ott Shaw indicated the times he felt to be sunrise and sunset as they applied to Hogback Lake.

There was some further general discussion with respect to a group of people approaching the owners of the lot and/or boat and simply asking them to be more considerate, etc., rather than getting any law enforcement involved first; then, if that doesn't work, Ott suggested a video camera be used and/or pictures to back up the concerns and then go to the sheriff's department.

The Chairman indicated again these were great concerns, but really not anything the association as any authority to do anything about and again, asked for comments with respect to the lake level.

Ott Shaw indicated the lake level in April got up to 14-3/4" as the snow melted and that it went down to 8". Last week we had 2.7 inches of rain in a day and a half. Right now it's at 6".

Ott also indicated there are no boards in the drain at present, restricting water flow. There is a little bit of sand built up as the water washes through. Ott also reported there was no beaver damage this year, but there were a some muskrat playing around a little bit.

A member present asked the reason for the existence of the board and the drain, etc. Bob Olson explained the history of the lake level and the reason the drain was put in and why the board must remain in existence, i.e. to hold title to the property where the drain is located and to control the lake level so it doesn't reach the high level it did in the past.

The President then called for an election of officers, indicating he would like to have volunteers for the board. No one volunteered. He also asked for a nomination of officers to the board for the next year. No nominations were forthcoming. Finally, a nomination was made to keep the present board, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The President then called for election of an alternate. Bill Ysseldyke graciously volunteere (thank you, Bill).

Emma Olson then inquired regarding the weed problem on the lake. The President indicated it was a problem having to do with septic systems and more people using the lake, etc. He didn't feel we would want to get into having to put in a sewer system, which could be very expensive for everyone. Ott indicated he has rigged up an outfit on his boat to get weeds out of the lake and that he uses that frequently. Discussion was also had with regard to people volunteering to help with the weed problem and that it would probably best be done during the week when there isn't as much traffic on the lake. There was some discussion regarding the possibility of having someone come in with a weed whacker. It was felt that that wouldn't work because the weeds need to be pulled out rather than cut off; that this method would cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$60.00 per hour and that even if they were cut off, you still had to haul the weeds away. It was the general consensus that volunteers would agree to get together and try to work on the weed problem during the week when the lake traffic is not so heavy.

The question was also raised with regard to whether the lake water has ever been tested. There was an indication that someone believed Mr. and Mrs. Varney had it tested, possibly every year, but they were not certain and they believed that the water tested positive.

Ott indicated keeping an accurate and up to date member list was a continuing problem (which I wholeheartedly agreed with) with respect to mailing notices, etc. and that it would be very helpful if everyone would keep the secretary notified of change of addresses, new owners, etc.

The President asked for someone to adjourn the meeting. Bob Olson moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded and unanimously resolved to be done at 10:40 A.M.


Clorinda Starlin, Secretary/Treasurer

After the regular meeting, there was some further discussion regarding the fish planting program. Ott indicated he had received only one contribution last year (which the Secretary takes full responsibility for, inasmuch as I didn't get the 1996 minutes and fish planting information sheets out in a timely manner), so he returned the contribution and didn't plant any fish last year. I am enclosing a Fish Planting Information Sheet for the 1997-1998 fish planting season with these minutes and hopefully, we will have better luck this year. In fact, many people contributed at the close of the regular meeting.