

**MINUTES OF 2005 ANNUAL MEETING OF
HOGBACK PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

The 2005 annual meeting of the Hogback Lake Property Owners Association was held at the Rose Lake Township Hall, Leroy, Michigan on Saturday, July 2, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to Notice of Meeting mailed to all known members and as posted on the Rose Lake Township Hall on Monday, May 30, 2005.

The following officers were present:

Mike Barnette, Chairperson
Clorinda Starlin, Secretary-Treasurer

Absent: Mike Curnett, Vice-Chairman and
Joanne Piechocki, Alternate

and approximately 27 members.

Chairperson, Mike Barnette called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

There were no objections or corrections to the Minutes of the 2004 Annual Meeting or the 2004 Treasurer's Report and were accepted as presented and mailed.

The Chairperson gave an explanation of the only purpose and authority of the old association regarding regulation of the lake level. The boards haven't been moved for approximately 3 years. The lake has gone up and down several times, but the boards have stayed in place. Ott Shaw reported the water was up to 13-1/2" which is about 4" above the top of the boards. The water ran for about a week and then everything froze up again. It was trickling through for a while until it got down to 10" and then froze solid. It didn't run for a couple of days and when it was checked, it was realized it was just frozen and about 4 days later it was trickling through again and was running fine. Right now it's down to 2" on the tube so it's not even running out at all. It hasn't been running out since May. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted upon to leave the boards where they are for the time being unless someone has a problem with that and brings it to the attention of the board to be adjusted

Incorporating the new Hogback Lake Property Owners Association Constitution and By-Laws into this year's meeting, the next order of business was to elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Board of Directors consisting of 5 members at large.

Motions were made, seconded and unanimously voted to elect the following

members as officers to serve a 2 year term beginning July 2, 2005:

Gregory Conlin, President
Diane Brady, Vice-President
Clorinda Starlin, Secretary and
Joanne Piechocki, Treasurer

Additionally, the following five members at large were nominated, seconded and unanimously approved as the Board of Directors from the members at large for a term of four years beginning July 2, 2005:

Ott Shaw
Ed Ysseldyke
Mike Warren
Gale Wanstead and
Craig Walters

The Board of Directors consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the five members at large.

At this point, Greg Conlin, the new president took over. A big thank you was extended to Mike Barnette for his contribution and time given to our association over the past few years as Chairperson.

Greg introduced himself and gave a brief history of himself. He indicated we should all be trying to work together to keep the lake as nice as we can for ourselves and our grandchildren; we need to get involved if something needs to be done. Nobody is going to attempt to ram anything down anybody's throat. Everyone will get to have their say. If you have something in mind, please bring it up to a board member. He indicated the lake right now seems to be in pretty good shape. We have weed problems, but they don't appear to be as bad as they were 2 - 3 years ago. I was very concerned about that problem then. If anyone has an interest or concern about something that you would like to have done, that's what the board is here for. They are volunteering their time to try to resolve any problems you have.

The new membership fee is \$20.00 which is due January 1 of each year and becomes delinquent if not paid by the time of the annual meeting. According to the new by-laws (copies of which will be sent out with this notice), a delinquent member shall be ineligible to vote and shall be removed from the membership list if the delinquent dues are not paid by July 31.

The President asked everyone to talk to their neighbors to get them involved and get thinking about what they would like to see happen; we are all working together on this and hopefully for the same reason and we will probably never have everyone 100% satisfied.

Several initial requests were made to be looked into by the board:

Ott Shaw has been wondering about trying to improve the boat launch on the south side of the lake. He knows of some material that is available for free and all we may need is some volunteer labor to get it into place.

We may want to get a feasibility study done of the lake to see what, if anything, we should be doing to keep the lake healthy. It was suggested an outside, uninterested party be called in to see what the lake needs to stay healthy. It was suggested that we contact Professional Lake Management, but they do the spraying for weeds, so it was suggested a different company or companies be contacted. Diane Brady said she would be glad to make some calls to find out the cost of such a study and for names of companies that would do this type of study other than Professional Lake Management.

Emma Olson has a concern about the slime in the lake; is it dangerous? What can we do about it? It's a very big concern to her and she's wondering if the board could look into that.


The Board will meet at various times throughout the year and will try to send a quarterly newsletter to keep the membership informed of what is going on, so if you have concerns, take it up with a board member to be discussed at a board meeting. A list of officers and board members and their addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses will be included with these minutes. We may attempt to do some e-mailings for notification.

A question was asked regarding the fish planting program. Ott Shaw explained the fish planting program was started in 1992 and they have been planting fish every year since then. Fish planting contribution requests are sent out with the notice of the annual meeting each year and if you want to make a donation to the fish planting (it's strictly voluntary), you just need to fill out the form and mail it back to Ott with your check or money order. Ott then goes through the requests and compiles a list of the different kinds of fish requested and tries to get what the majority of the people request. Last year, they planted 302 6" to 8" Walleye. They have also planted blue gill and other species. There are lots of little bass in the lake right now. Craig Walters has also planted some perch.

The President also requested everyone to verify their addresses with the secretary to make sure your address is correct. We have approximately 135 mailings and generally get back 7-10 mailings with improper addresses. Also, if you have a new neighbor, please have them get in touch with the secretary so they can be added to the mailing list.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Clorinda Starlin, Secretary