

**MINUTES OF 2007 ANNUAL MEETING OF
HOGBACK PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

The 2007 annual meeting of the Hogback Lake Property Owners Association was held at the Rose Lake Township Hall, Leroy, Michigan on Saturday, June 30, 2007 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 28, 2007.

The following officers were present:

Greg Conlin, Chairperson
Diane Brady, Vice-Chairperson
Clorinda Starlin, Secretary
Joanne Piechocki, Treasurer

As well as the following Board of Directors members:

Ott Shaw
Mike Warren
Ed Ysseldyke

Absent: Phil Ochs
Gale Wanstead

and approximately 25 members.

Chairperson, Greg Conlin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The minutes of the 2006 annual meeting and 2006 Treasurer's Report were read with no objections or corrections and were accepted as read.

Member Jim Hendler addressed the group, indicating he was very upset about a sign that had been taken out of Little Hogback. Ott Shaw responded with a history of the sign and indicated he would attempt to help Mr. Hendler with that problem.

The Chairperson again gave an overview of what the Board of Directors has done since the last annual meeting; the board has met several times and sent out a newsletter. We would like to send out more than one a year and will try to do that and hopefully will have another one ready to go out this fall. **Anyone who has any news item whatsoever is urged to send it to any officer and/or board member to be included in the newsletter.**

Mike Curnett raised his very urgent concern regarding the lake level; much of the year he doesn't have water near his beach because the boards are pulled out. He thought the boards were going to be left in unless there was some emergency. Ott explained how the boards are taken out and put back in according to how the weather affects the lake level, etc. The boards were taken out early in the spring when the lake level was very high and would be put back in when the level gets below a certain point and the summer rains usually adjust the lake level accordingly. This year, however, we just haven't had

the rain. It's impossible to keep everyone happy with the lake level. When one part of the lake has high water level, another part may not. There is just no way to keep the level the same at all points on the lake. The water level as of today is about normal; it would be higher if we had gotten any rain, but we haven't.

After much additional discussion, Mike asked that we stop taking the boards out. He would like to form a steering committee to get the facts and information together; to determine what is in the best interests of everyone so we can take a vote. It would have to be decided before next year when the boards normally get taken out. There was a suggestion that the Osceola County Drain Commissioner be contacted first. There was additional discussion about putting in a bigger drain tube; that doesn't seem feasible.

It was suggested we could do nothing which is not going to take care of everyone's problems; make determination right now as to what the lake level should be, but we don't have the facts as to where that level might be; gather information in the next 30 days or so and call a special meeting of the lake association to decide at that time to set a standard for the lake level; or bring in the DEQ and let them make the decision. Most members present were against bringing in the DEQ for any reason.

Dale Deverman, Greg Conlin and Ed Ysseldyke all added to the discussion of ideas as to what could be done.

Ott indicated they have been trying since 1968 to control the water level so nobody is hurting; he indicated we will have to call in the Army Corps of Engineers to tip the lake to the east on odd days and to the west on even days until you get enough rain to get the level of the lake where you want it and to try to keep everyone happy! (Good one, Ott!).

You will never have 100% of the property owners on the lake happy all at the same time.

Greg suggested Mike Curnett, and anyone who wants to get together to meet and gather data and get ideas and call a special meeting for Labor Day weekend to discuss the lake level problem further at that time. Dale agreed to help with that, as well as Jim Hendler. Ott will set it up and the meeting will be (directly after the Hogback Lake South side road association meeting) at approximately 10:00 a.m. at the Rose Lake Township Hall.

Next there was some discussion about the weed control and the petitions that were sent out and the many comments received back. At this point in time, Greg has indicated he talked to a number of people and there doesn't seem to be enough interest to go forward with that special assessment. There is no money to get it done at this time; it is something that will have to be carefully monitored, however. There was some discussion about the use of Lake Management for the assessment; they were the only company who would come in for \$300.00 for the evaluation. No other company would even come in. The number 1 reason why people objected was because of the economics.

There was additional discussion about Asian milfoil and what can be done to prevent it, or keep it in check once anyone spots it on the lake; it is just a matter of a very short time once it gets into the lake, that it can take over the entire lake; in one year it can take over 2 acres and from 2 acres in 1 year to 40 acres in 2 years. As far as we know right now, the situation doesn't exist in our lake, but it's all around us and it's just a matter of time. Everyone must try to keep an eye out for it. If anyone does spot it, please get in touch with one of the officers or board members and we will call an emergency meeting to make a decision.

The next item of business was the election of officers. The following persons, being duly nominated, seconded and unanimously voted for, were elected for a 2 year term, ending July 4, 2009:

Greg Conlin, Chairperson
Jim Hendler, Vice-Chairperson
Clorinda Starlin, Secretary
Joanne Piechocki, Treasurer

A very big "THANK YOU" to Dianne Brady who was our vice-chairperson and who has decided to "retire" to go on to other things. THANK YOU, DIANE.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clorinda Starlin, Secretary

See also attached, results of the 2007 Hogback Lake "4th of July Festivities" from Scott Wade. Thanks to all of those who volunteered their time and efforts to make that an outstanding event – as always!!