

## **MINUTES OF 2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF HOGBACK PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

The 2008 annual meeting of Hogback Lake Property Owners Association was held at the Rose Lake Township Hall, Leroy, Michigan on Saturday, July 5, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to Notice of Meeting mailed to all known members and as posted on the Rose Lake Township Hall on Monday, June 2, 2008.

The following officers were present:

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

the following Board of Directors members: Ott Shaw, Mike Warren, Ed Ysseldyke, and Gale Wanstead, and approximately 20 members.

Chairperson, Greg Conlin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The minutes of the 2007 annual meeting and 2007 Treasurer's Report were approved with no objections or corrections.

Chairperson Conlin indicated that anyone who feels he/she has something to share with the group, that they should feel free to do so. He/she should state his/her name and limit the message to 3 to 5 minutes to allow everyone a chance to speak.

Jean Quatto informed the group about the candles for the July 4<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>) celebration. She has the bags and candles for purchase by anyone who hasn't already gotten them. They are sold 6 bags and candles for one lot for \$3.00. The candles and bags should be placed along the shoreline in front of each lot at dusk and lit for tonight's celebration. The candles are lit at dusk and fireworks follow that. Also, donations are requested for the people who are putting on fireworks which have been paid for from their private funds. The fireworks will be shot off from several different points on the lake to enable everyone on the lake to be able to view them.

Chairperson Conlin indicated the first order of business was whether anyone had anything they wanted to discuss as old business from last year's meeting. There was no indication for discussion of old business. Motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to old business.

Chairperson Conlin asked for discussion of new business.

There was a discussion regarding the courtesy of keeping the boats, pontoons, etc. off the lake while the Kiddie Parade is in progress. When the bigger boats are on the lake, they tend to cause waves, etc. which make it difficult for some of the younger participants to control their boats while in the parade. Every entry in the parade gets a prize so encourage the younger kids to decorate their paddles boats, etc. and "enter" the contest. Everyone who is able should try to get out and do what they can to assist in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and get involved in the celebration.

There is a "Piggy Poker Run" for the adults. You buy a hand (or as many hands as you want) at 50¢ a hand. You start at one house and draw a card and will be directed to the next house for the next card, etc. First prize for the best hand is a "ham" and last place prize for the worst hand is a pound of bacon, with many prizes in between.

There is also a volleyball tournament – the north side of Hogback vs the south side of Hogback. There is a banner for whichever side wins and is proudly displayed for the entire year until next year's tournament. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to play or you can just come and cheer your favorite "side." I'm told the winning banner is on the north side currently! ☺

The Chairperson requested additional new business. Mike Warren inquired if anyone was interested in setting up a website for Hogback Lake Property Owners Association. Some additional discussion was heard. Most thought it would be a great idea.

Kevin Hackett has set up a website "<http://www.hogbacklake.org>. Check it out, it is great! A great big thank you to Kevin Hackett!!! If anyone has anything they want added to the website, such as old pictures (that would be neat to see for those of us who have only been around 23 years or less - speaking for myself!), contact any of the officers, directors or Kevin.

Also, please e-mail me your e-mail address (if you don't mind if it is added to the member roster) and any information regarding new owners and/or owners who are no longer around, i.e. moved, etc. so I can keep my mailing addresses current.

We need articles, etc. for a newsletter. Please e-mail or mail any items you may have to me or any of the officers or directors and we will include it in a newsletter (hopefully for spring, 2009).

Ott Shaw reported on the lake level. Ott indicated he would like to have a 4 person committee/group to monitor the boards and lake level so we don't have a hassle at some point as to what board to leave in and/or pull out.

Greg Johnson indicated he thought last year there was a group that was going to get together and discuss what was going to happen or how to decide when to take boards out, etc. Chairperson Conlin stated it was tabled so there could be some more involvement from the owners. They were supposed to bring it to the association, but he had not heard anything. It is impossible to make everyone happy with the lake level at any particular time. It will always be too high for some owners and too low for others, depending on their lot placement on the lake. The most important matter is to curtail, as much as possible, the risk of damage to property owners, due to the fluctuating lake levels. This is and will always be a problem and we will try to monitor it and keep as many owners happy as possible.

Ed Ysseldyke stated he thought there should be a procedure set in place so that whenever the lake level gets to a certain point, the boards should come out so one person doesn't have to make that decision.

Greg Conlin asked for volunteers to serve on the committee to determine when the boards should be pulled and a system put in place, indicating how it will be done. Those persons volunteering were: Ott Shaw, Dale Deverman, Mike Curnett, Ed Ysseldyke, Larry Reynhout and Mike Barnett.

It was suggested that if an emergency type situation comes up, the group would be given a \$50.00 limit for maintenance. If it would cost more than that, the members of the volunteer group should contact the board and the board would reach a decision to repair whatever the problem was as long as there were funds available in the account to cover the cost of the repairs. Karen Johnson indicated she felt if the cost would be over \$50.00, the volunteer member should just call a board member to get approval. Greg Johnson thought it should be a \$100.00 limit.

After much additional discussion, it was decided to limit every day maintenance to the drain, etc. to \$100.00; anything above that, the board should just be called.

Jean Quatto then asked to speak regarding the grass in the lake; she indicated she's been here for 40 years and has never seen this grass in the lake.

Greg Conlin stated that when you go back 40 years, there weren't as many people and not as much activity on the lake; there could be a number of things; there is a lot of Naiad in the lake. In the past,

people would just go around the lake and use rakes and rake the grass out of the lake and dispose of it. Up until this past weekend, we haven't had that much boat activity on the lake. With a lot of boat activity, the boats cut a lot of it, but what it takes is a group effort; people taking lawn rakes and raking it up and getting it out of the lake. Somebody may want to get a group together and spend an afternoon out on the lake, trying to get some of the weeds out of the lake, but it will take an effort on everyone's part.

Greg Conlin said we would address the weed issue in the newsletter. We have been very lucky that we don't have the milfoil problem. If that does happen, it can take over the lake in a couple of years. If everyone is extra careful in monitoring outside boats that come in and personal floatation devices, etc., we can hopefully keep a better handle on keeping the milfoil out of Hogback. We just need to make people aware of this potentially serious situation. If anyone wants to address that issue for insertion into the newsletter, please send or e-mail your article to any officer or director.

Gale Wanstead asked if we could put a sign up that something with respect to keeping boats clean before entering Hogback. There are a lot of outsiders who come in; possibly put a sign in Craig's store downtown or something. Much discussion was heard regarding how to keep people out, private property, a fence, lock and keys. There was a general feeling that the lot owners have the right to access and then would have to pay for a key.

Additional discussion was heard regarding the possibility of having a couple of signs made. Craig Warren has access to somebody who can make signs. The suggestion was made there be two signs made – one: "Make sure all boats or personal water crafts are clean before launching" and the second one: "Hogback Lake Property Owners Only", limiting the dollar amount of \$100.00 each. Upon motion, duly made and seconded, the same was carried.

Greg indicated we have an insurance policy which costs \$166.00 a year which protects property owners in case there's a lawsuit for \$1,000,000.00 which comes out of the insurance company first. One of the things they asked me was they wanted to know about signs and what kind of boat launch. The signs have to be posted clearly enough so even a first or second grader can understand it.

Ott gave a report on the fish planting program. He had collected \$415.00. They had planted 180 6" to 8" walleye. Because of the cost of gas, it is expensive to go pick them up. Mike says he lives closer than Ott so he may pick them up or we will work it out.

Chairperson Conlin asked for any additional business, any subject matter. There was none.

Joanne Piechocki read the treasurer's report, indicating as of July 1, 2008, there was \$2,204.68 in the bank account. Additionally, 21 people had paid, making a balance of something over \$2,400.00. (See also Treasurer's report dated July 15, 2008 attached, showing a balance in the account of \$2,669.60). The money is kept in the account to cover general maintenance of the drain, insurance and mailing costs, etc. We will try to keep the balance built up in the event there is major maintenance that needs to be performed on the drain. Greg Johnson made a motion, which was second and approved to keep the insurance policy in full force and effect.

Gale Wanstead made a motion which was seconded by Larry Reynhout and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clorinda Starlin, Secretary

**Anyone who has any news item whatsoever is urged to send it to me or any officer and/or board member to be included in the newsletter.** My e-mail address is: [clo@netonecom.net](mailto:clo@netonecom.net).