

**MINUTES OF 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF  
HOGBACK PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

The 2009 annual meeting of Hogback Lake Property Owners Association was held at the Rose Lake Township Hall, Leroy, Michigan on Saturday, July 4, 2009, 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 May 28, 2010.

The following officers were present:

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

and the following members of the current Board of Directors: Ott Shaw, Ed Ysseldyke, and Mike Warren, and approximately 14 members.

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

The 2008 minutes and 2008 Treasurer's Report were approved with no objections or corrections.

President Conlin indicated that he would not be seeking re-election, but thanked the board, officers and directors. Ed Ysseldyke and the rest of the members present expressed thanks to Greg for the outstanding service and support to our association and its members over the years.

The first order of business was whether anyone had anything they wanted to discuss as old business from last year's meeting. Other than the lake level, there was no indication for discussion of old business.

Once again, discussion regarding the lake level. Greg indicated it is his understanding the lake level should be at a level that protects everybody's property. The lake level is constantly being monitored. At this time, it's at 9". The boards are down and the water is flowing. If anyone has a problem with the level, it should be brought to the attention of a board member or officer and it will be looked into. These are the current guidelines that are being followed.

New business was the election of officers. The following persons were nominated, the nominations seconded and the members present unanimously voted as officers to hold office until July, 2011:

Mike Higgins, President  
Ed Ysseldyke, Vice President  
Clorinda Starlin, Secretary  
Joanne Piechocki, Treasurer

The next order of business was the election of the Board of Directors to hold office until July, 2013. The following persons were nominated, seconded and the members present unanimously voted as the new Board of Directors:

Ott Shaw, Mike Warren, Mike Curnett, Larry Reynhout, and Dan Beachnau

The President then called for additional new business. Treasurer, Joanne Piechocki, reminded everyone that the liability insurance policy on the lake will need to be renewed. The policy is a \$1,000,000.00 liability policy. The premium has been \$166.00 each year since we took it out. Nomination was made and seconded to continue the insurance policy.

Lou Higgins asked for discussion regarding our website. There was some discussion as to costs and the fact that Kevin Hackett has been paying the cost of it and whether to keep it as ".org" or ".com". After some discussion, nomination was made by Ed Ysseldyke, seconded by Ed McGovern, and unanimously voted to leave the website as it is at: <http://www.hogbacklake.org>. and to reimburse Kevin Hackett the sum of \$49.95 to cover 5 years.

The next item of discussion was with regard to boating, jet skis, etc. on the lake, including no wake times, sharing the lake between boaters and jet skis and people who fish the lake; putting a sign up to alert people and asking everyone to follow the guidelines in the Michigan Boating Safety booklet put out by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. This booklet has been passed out in prior years.

There was additional discussion regarding the placement of a sign at the boat launch on the south side of the lake and putting the information on the website. Discussion was had with regard to "no wake times." Lou Higgins suggested not before 8:00 a.m. and not after 8:00 p.m. Ed suggested sunrise to sunset. This time of the year, 8:00 p.m. is too early. Greg Conlin indicated we could make it as a guideline and let common sense fall into place and those people who don't follow that would have to be approached in a different manner. Dan Beachneau said people who are courteous will do that anyway. We will have to be more adamant and set something definite and request people to follow the rules so everyone can enjoy the lake. More discussion of the rights of the boaters and the fishermen, etc.

Ott commented if there's an accident on the lake, the DNR and/or law enforcement will be involved and we will no longer have control over it; "it's not worth it." "It would be nice to have some kind of definite time."

Mike Warren volunteered to form a committee to work on this problem. Mike agreed to get together with the other directors and will make a sign that it's going to be a rule that before 8:00 in the morning and after 8:00 at night, there will be a "no wake" rule. That is for the rights of the fishermen and/or just for people who want to paddle the lake in a canoe or be out on a pontoon for safety concerns. A vote was taken with 13 of those present in favor and 3 opposed. The issue will be turned over to Mike and his committee.

Jim Hendler commented about the condition of the lake and surrounding areas. "You are all welcome to come up to my lot and look over the lake and what you will see is a pristine lake and if you look over here, you will see an environmental disaster. There's very few frogs, no snakes. Frogs are down 85%. We are literally destroying this place. Go look around the lake. The habitat is being destroyed. I suggest we cut back on the boating on the lake. I would like my grandson to come up and see the lake as I have seen it."

Jim also commented on property lines with a question as to a new stake about 20 feet over from the recognized stake and wondered if anyone knew who did that survey. It was suggested that he get in touch with Murphy's to get the name of the surveyor. There was additional discussion by Lou Higgins, Dan Beachneau and Mike Higgins regarding the lot lines and the surveyor.

The next item of business was regarding the fish planting done by Ott, which started in 1993. Ott planted large mouth bass, smaller bass, blue gills and walleye.

Lou Higgins asked everyone to remember to keep the boats and jet skis away from the kids while the kiddie parade is in progress. There was additional discussion by Joanne Piechocki about the kiddie parade and the poker run. Take pictures and put them on the website.

Remember the fireworks are done totally by donations. What is collected doesn't cover the entire cost of the fireworks.

Ott Shaw reported on the lake level and the continuing issue of maintaining the level that will make everyone happy. Additional comments regarding the lake level were made by Jim Hendler, Ott, Jessica, Mike Higgins, Ed Ysseldyke and Greg Conlin.

Motion by Dan Beachnau to try to keep the water level between the 9 and 12 inch mark; seconded by Lou Higgins. All in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned to Saturday, July 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clorinda Starlin, Secretary

P.S. 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.

My new e-mail address is: [chloiemae1964@yahoo.com](mailto:chloiemae1964@yahoo.com).