

**MINUTES OF 2010 ANNUAL MEETING OF
HOGBACK PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

The 2010 annual meeting of Hogback Lake Property Owners Association was held at the Rose Lake Township Hall, Leroy, Michigan on Saturday, July 3, 2010, 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 30, 2010.

The following officers were present:

Mike Higgins, President
Ed Ysseldyke, Vice-President
Clorinda Starlin, Secretary

absent: Joanne Piechocki, Treasurer

and the following members of the current Board of Directors: Ott Shaw, Ed Ysseldyke, and Mike Warren, and approximately 11 members.

President, Mike Higgins called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The 2009 minutes and 2009 Treasurer's Report were approved with no objections or corrections.

President Higgins welcomed everyone to the 2010 annual lake association meeting.

Ed McGovern raised a question regarding the "no wake" rule on the lake. President Higgins indicated it was voted in at the 2009 meeting and it is "no wake" before 8:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. to give the kayakers, fisherpersons, paddle boaters, etc. time to be on the lake without being overrun by the faster boats and jet skis. Mike said there was an issue with someone on a jet ski who flew past a person in a kayak with a fishing pole out with no respect for the fisherperson. Lou Higgins reminded everyone if they have family visiting should share the information with their guests. Ed was just trying to clarify the rule.

With regard to old business:

President Higgins spoke of the liability insurance we have been carrying on the lake and that we would like to continue to do that for the lake association to keep the same policy and requested authorization for Treasurer, Joanne Piechocki, to pay the \$169.00 annual premium. Motion by Ott Shaw and seconded by Mike Warren to pay the annual premium for liability insurance. Motion carried.

President Higgins next reminded the members that Ott Shaw continues to collect money for the fish planting. If anyone wants to make a donation for fish planting, be sure to get it to Ott Shaw, 334 Eastland Drive, Leroy, MI 49655. A donation flyer will be included with the minutes as sent out to everyone. Ott collects money all year long. A big "thank you" to Ott for all the time he volunteers to this project.

The next item of old business is the continuing effort to attempt to maintain the lake level. Ed Ysseldyke had put together some suggested guidelines to administer the lake level for the current board and future boards. This formula has been in use and seems to have worked pretty well so far this year:

Ed requested a motion be made and approved that the following procedure be adopted:

- "1. Remove all the boards each fall.
- "2. Check water level in the spring at the earliest practical time, such as, when the ice goes out.
- "3. If the level is +12 or *lower*, install all boards.
- "4. If the level is *higher*, than +12, monitor level and install all boards when level declines

to + 12.

- "5. If level rises above +12, subsequent to step 3 or 4, remove all boards until level declines to +12, then re-install the boards."

Ed would like to have a procedure to go by, where someone can't fault those monitoring the boards for making a judgment call somebody else doesn't go along with.

If approved, this information could be put on our website so other members could view it. Mike did a survey and anything over 12 starts to cause grief for people. All the boards have been in for quite a while and the water is still gradually going down. Mike felt this was a good idea and pretty simple to follow.

Ott indicated he and several others went around with a transient and a stick in 5 or 6 places and measured it and that's how they came up with that rough idea. This spring the ice went out on March 12, 2010. The water was running at that time at 9-3/4". We got rain and it came up to 14" on March 19 and the boards were still running open at that time and one time we got 2-1/2" of rain and it didn't go above 14". When they went down to replace the boards on April 3, the lake level was 9-1/2" at that time. The boards were put in and the boards were removed at 12". Today, the lake level is at 4" on the measuring stake.

Motion made by Ed McGovern, seconded by Dan Beachneau to adopt the 5 step procedure presented by Ed Ysseldyke. Motion passed.

New business:

Bob Richards - next to the boat launch on the south side of the lake had several concerns regarding the boat launch: A couple of times he has come up to the lake while the ice was still on the lake. He got to talking to a person who had been out on the lake ice fishing and found out he was from Luther; somebody had told him to try the ice fishing on Hogback, so he thought he would. Bob is wondering if there is something we can do to control this a little better. Lou Higgins mentioned that they have seen whole families parked down at the boat launch. Mike Higgins said he would go over and speak with those people to see if they were guests of an association member and the rest of the members could do the same. If they are a guest of associations members, then the member should be with them. Another suggestion was to put a notice on the website. It was also suggested a note could be sent with the next association mailing, reminding members that Hogback is a private lake and if members want to invite a guest(s), the member should come with them or at least be in the vicinity; it's not an open lake.

Bob's next concern regarding the boat launch was that one night somebody brought their boat in, "went out on the lake and did their thing" and left and tied their boat up to the chain fence that divides the lot from the boat launch; left their boat tied their for the night. He did say he caught up with the guy the next day and told him that it was a boat launch and not a docking area and his boat was in the way. Mike Higgins said we may have to put some kind of notice up that it's a boat launch and that you can't leave your boat there over night.

Ed McGovern asked when it was originally established, what were the open areas. Kevin Hackett said it's deeded as an easement to the back lot owners. Greg Johnson commented he thought the sign says it's a boat launch, a private boat launch. It was agreed that it's the overnight parking of boats there that's the problem.

Ott indicated that Bruce (Wanstead) set up the back lot landings; they were set up for the back lot people to use for access to the lake. They recommended at that time, there be no permanent boat docks or no permanent boat docking there because there's no way to police it, so we have asked people to remove them. It's the only place back lot people can use to go swimming, etc.

Mike Higgins said there was a problem at times with people parking in the boat launch area; he tried to launch his pontoon one time and a guy had parked his truck and trailer in the water at the end of the boat launch and went out fishing and Mike couldn't get by him.

There was a question regarding by-laws of the association with regard to monitoring the boat launch. The group was advised there are no by-laws for this group to control that. The former association was formed to control the level of the lake only. Greg Johnson asked what the easements say on that. Kevin Hackett said we could probably get copies at the courthouse. Kevin Hackett will check his mom's old paperwork. Lou Higgins said in the meantime, it just says it's a boat launch.

Ott suggested if anybody sees anybody down there, see where they have access from. Bob Richards said - just keep an eye on it. With that, that is something we will look at and figure it out.

Another concern of Bob's regarding the boat launch was regarding the slope where the grade drops and when he mows his lawn, he also mows the grass near the boat launch and it's quite a grade; he was wondering if he could grade the slope slightly to make it more manageable when he mows so he does not slide down the slope; just flatten it out in that area kind of where the chain fence - where it drops down pretty hard; just straighten it out somewhat. Ott thought that request would probably have to go through the back lot people. He thought it's easier to mow it with a weed whacker. Ott didn't think there was much you could do with that because of the boat launch. Bob just wanted to ask permission before he did it. Ed McGovern agreed he didn't believe it was for our group to decide. Ed Ysseldyke looked at the area and what Bob's proposing to do; it's not going to change anything there. Instead of having a slope, there will be a straight line. The boat launch has been taken care of by our association; we put the gravel in initially; we put the concrete in at the end. Ott - it's a combination of what's best - we could make it a little bit less of a grade. Mike Higgins indicated he would take a walk down there to look at it. Lou Higgins - felt it would be alright - he's just trying to improve it for mowing.

Another question Bob had was whether there are any rules with respect to people holding parties on the boat launch. He indicated they have had some nights when they've come up and about the time the bars let out, people decide to use the boat launch to continue their partying. The suggestion was made to just call the sheriff's department to report that type of problem. If they aren't back lot people, they shouldn't be there anyway. Mike said to call the sheriff's department; if you call them and they come out, those people won't be back.

Ed McGovern made a motion that we change the hours on the "no wake" time from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Lou Higgins thought 9:30 p.m. is too late. Dan Beachnau said it's not just people on the lake, but because the lake is so small, you can't get away from the noise; "we live on the channel, you cannot get away from the noise so we can't even have a conversation after 8:00 at night. You have 12 hours of jet skis, so it would be nice for a little piece and quiet after 8:00."

Ed said one of the problems is that "some of my grandkids work and they can't get here until dinner time; if it's 9:00, fine, but 8:00 - it's the middle of the day." Dan Beachnau said it will be dark at 9:00 before too long. Lou Higgins said we need to establish something that you can get used to and stay used to.

Ott added the noise should include loud music, too. Mike Higgins indicated he would talk to the people with the loud music. Ott said they don't realize how far sound travels.

Mike Higgins - Ed made motion for changing the time from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. "no wake." Greg Johnson supported the motion. Vote taken: 3 yeas; 9 opposed. So the "no wake" time stays from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

President Higgins made a couple of notes: Kevin has posted lake/boating rules on our website for boating safety. If you have guests who don't know the rules, please let them know that it's counter-clockwise around the lake. Please keep jet skis and motor boats off the lake until after the "kiddie parade". Lou reminded the group that the kiddie parade starts in front of Piechocki's and ends at Piechocki's. The fireworks will be shot off in front of the boat launch area so please keep away from that area during the fireworks. The fireworks are run entirely by Eric _____. He's licensed and puts his heart and soul into it. Any donations can be given to Lou Higgins or Brenda Murphy to be forwarded.

Mike Warren raised the question of holding the annual meeting at a time other than the 4th of July when everyone is very busy. Ott said we have tried different times and this weekend seems to be the best time to hold it. Thought there would be more people in attendance. Ott says that's what happens when everything's running smoothly, nobody has any gripes. Ott suggested (with tongue in cheek) to "roughing" things up a bit to get more people to attend the annual meeting; that, however, was voted down!! Also, Ed Ysseldyke unanimously voted down the idea of meeting earlier in the morning (such as 6:00 a.m.) on the Saturday of our annual meeting.

Lou reminded everyone that Kevin has updated the website. Kevin encourages members to submit pictures. You can e-mail them to him at: khackett@caci.com.

President Higgins asked for any additional business and there being none, Ott moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by several. Meeting adjourned at 10:15.

Respectfully submitted,

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.