

MINUTES OF 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF HOGBACK PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

The 2014 annual meeting of Hogback Lake Property Owners Association was held at the Rose Lake Township Hall, Leroy, Michigan on Saturday, July 5, 2014, 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 31, 2014.

The following officers were present:
Mike Higgins, President
Ed Ysseldyke, Vice-President
Bob Richards, Treasurer
Clorinda Starlin, Secretary

and an additional 24 members.

President, Mike Higgins called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

The president asked for approval of the 2013 minutes. Motion by Lou Higgins, seconded by Kevin Hackett to approve the 2013 minutes.

Bob Richards, Treasurer, pointed out an error in the 2013 Treasurer's report in that 11 members is listed as members paying, whereas, it should have stated 27 members paid. With that correction, it was moved by Kevin Hackett and seconded by Lou Higgins to approve the 2013 Treasurer's report.

The next item of business was the election of the four officers for a two year term ending at the end of the July, 2016 meeting. Motion by Ott Shaw to retain the current officers; seconded by Kevin Hackett and unanimously voted by those present that the current officers would be retained for a two year period ending after the July, 2016 annual meeting:

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Ott Shaw gave a report regarding the lake level: March 18-19th, the ice started to go out and the lake was down pretty good at that time and on the 4th of April, he went down by the tube and the water was down below 0 on the post. There are inch markers on the post - nails driven into the post. Two days later, it was at 4. Six inches of rain and it came up to 18. It was running full blast and has been slowly going down since then. Ott has a big rock out next to his pontoon and the water is still 2 inches above that. When it gets down to the top of the rock, he can say it's almost down on the post as well. Right now it's down to 2-1/2 - 3. There are boards in so there is no water running over the board at this time.

A very special THANK YOU to Ott Shaw and Mike Higgins and everyone else who helps with monitoring of the boards.

The President called for any unfinished business. There was none.

The President then called for any new business:

Mike Higgins indicated he has a lot of people asking questions about the lake, etc. He refers a lot of them to our website. There are some new people on the lake.

It should be noted the travel around the lake should be COUNTER-CLOCKWISE; not clockwise as may have been incorrectly stated in prior information sent out.

Dan Beachneau asked indicated he had a section of dock wash up at his residence and if anyone is missing a dock section, please contact him.

Lou Higgins reminded everyone of the many activities going on today. Kiddie's Parade is from noon to 1:00, ending up at Piechocki's. Please remind everyone that we request all jet skis, motorized boats, etc. stay off the lake between noon and 1:00 to allow the kids to safely complete their parade around the lake; the Piggy Poker Run consists of 6 stops total and runs from 1:00 to 3:00, starting at Higgins'. There are many prizes, including a ham and a pound of bacon and lots of goodies in between. There is also the raffle with prizes including a kayak and barbeque grill. There is a volleyball game going on right now at Brenda and Tyrone Murphy's on the north side of the lake. All of the money goes to fireworks so Eric can put on a good show.

Winners will be listed on the board at the boat launch on the south side of the lake after 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Additionally, contributions are still being accepted for the fireworks and the luminaries if you want to buy those. With respect to the fireworks, we are asking that all boats and pontoons stay away from the fireworks. Eric is licensed and there are regulations as to how far away boats must stay. Regulations indicate there must be 500 feet of clearance between the fireworks and any watercraft on the lake, observing the fireworks.

Mention was made again that there is a "no wake" observation on the lake prior to 8:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. to allow fisher "persons" to enjoy that time on the lake.

Dan Beachneau reported there was an incident on the lake Friday evening involving a jet ski and an inexperienced and inebriated driver which crashed into a dock, who got arrested and spent the night in the Osceola County Jail. A child was injured. Had it happened even seconds later, two kids would have been in the water in the area. Dan just would like everyone to make sure if people are running your machines, that they know how to run it and to everyone's benefit that they don't run them if they have been drinking.

Wayne and Karen Uebler had offered to bring a popcorn wagon and cotton candy machine to the lake for festivities in 2015, free of charge, unless there is an issue with that by anyone. The consensus at the meeting was that it was a great idea and that the kids (and many older "kids") would be thrilled. Karen said they grow corn and sugar beets and thus, the offer. Thank you very much to Wayne and Karen for this generous offer to the lake residents.

Ott mentioned that it's hard to keep track of everybody on the lake especially when members sell and move and new people come in. The mailing list is constantly changing with no way to keep it current at all times. Please let any of the officers know (or feel free to e-mail me) of new people and/or addresses and let Lou Higgins know for any new people for the road list on the south side of the lake. Thanks, Ott, for the reminder.

Dan Beachneau wanted to thank the person (Gary Gingrich - someone said) for the very nice job of grading the road on the south side of the lake.

Kevin Hackett is the contact person regarding the Hogback Lake website. His e-mail address is: khackett@wmis.net and he indicated he just updated the website within the last couple of days. If anyone has pictures, etc. please get them to Kevin or one of the officers and we will attempt to get it posted reasonably quickly.

Mention was made of the fish planting. Ott said they planted 273 - 6 to 7 inch walleyes last fall. If you wish to contribute to the fish planting, please contact Ott Shaw.

Shawn Killean indicated he lived near the fish hatchery where the fish are purchased and he would be happy to bring them up.

President Higgins said his grandson caught a 19 inch Bass and a 22 inch Northern off his dock. (Then Lou reminded him that was to have been kept quiet!!)

Ott said Craig Walters caught a 28 inch walleye, using night crawlers.

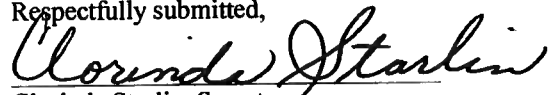
Ott's been trying to get small mouth bass, but hasn't been able to find anywhere to get them. There is about \$400.00 in that fund right now.

Bob Richards indicated that before the meeting today, there was \$4,054.10 in the association fund.

There was a question regarding the insurance. Bob indicated it's \$230.00 and is due in September. It's paid for September 6, 2013 to September 6, 2014 and will be renewed and paid for in September of 2014.

There being no further business, upon motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Clorinda Starlin, Secretary