

MINUTES OF 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF HOGBACK PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

The 2015 annual meeting of Hogback Lake Property Owners Association was held at the Rose Lake Township Hall, Leroy, Michigan on Saturday, July 4, 2015, 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 June 13, 2016.

The following officers were present:

Mike Higgins, President
Ed Ysseldyke, Vice-President
Bob Richards, Treasurer
Clorinda Starlin, Secretary

and an additional 21 members.

President, Mike Higgins called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

The president introduced the officers to the group for the benefit of any new people in attendance and introduced James and Kathy Quinn as new members.

The President asked for approval of the 2014 minutes and treasurer's report. Motion by Kevin Hackett and seconded by Lou Higgins to approve the 2014 minutes. Approved.

There was some discussion regarding a survey being done on several lakes, including Hogback by the State of Michigan and that they would like to come back in September of this year to finish their survey. It involves 13 lakes and it is to see how the lakes compare to the other lakes in the survey. The survey is being done at night so as to not disturb anyone.

The President asked for any unfinished business.

Ott gave a report on the fish planting. 7,271 fish have been planted to date since we started the fish planting program. There was further discussion about the number of different species planted. Anyone wanting to donate to the fish program can get in touch with Ott Shaw.

Lou Higgins next spoke of the 4th of July celebration and festivities which start at noon today with the kiddie parade from noon to 1 around the lake. Wayne and Karen Uebler have generously donated the cotton candy machine and carmel corn. There was also discussion about the piggy poker run with over 60 prizes for the poker run and we are asked to encourage our neighbors and friends to join in.

Additionally, all money that is donated goes to the fireworks.

New business: Quinns discussed concerns about the kids swimming by the boat launch. The lake access is for the back lot owners as well. There are 2 other spots on the lake where there is access. One is next to Joe Warren; he cuts the grass and maintains it and the other one is next to Uebler's; it's not cleared.

Ott indicated that when the subdivision was platted, those access lots were strictly for back lot people only.

It was suggested that a gate be placed at the access site with a sign indicating it's a private lake to keep people from launching boats, etc. there. We do have signs at the boat launch site already. There's one on the tree that most people don't pay any attention to. The property owners are paying money to plant fish and we have a healthy lake and if we don't say something about other people using it, we are going to have zebra mussel and milfoil problems; it's just a matter of time. Someone mentioned that a back lot owner was believed to have swapped firewood to allow a guy to fish on the lake.

Dave Riemersma made a motion that we make the signage more clear and to put those signs up that it's private access to make it clear that it's a private lake. Wayne Uebler seconded the motion. After vote, the motion was approved.

Upon motion made, seconded and voted upon, it was approved to spend a maximum of \$300.00 for such a sign. Steve Berry also brought a discussion about putting a chain in place, but there was not a lot of support for that and the fact that there is a belief that we don't have the authority to do that. Mike Warren felt we should vote on it.

Mike Higgins re-stated the motion to put up a chain, but it's got to be condition upon approval of a majority of the back lot owners. If anybody raises a stink, we can't do it. Mary Ann and Lou will go around the lake to find out the feelings of property owners. Ott thinks the chain would be gone in 3 days; somebody will simply take it down. General consensus is that we will put two posts and a chain or cable up . . . only after Mary Ann and Lou go around to see how many people want to do it. If we get the go ahead from the great majority, we will spend \$500.00 max for the chain or cable and \$300.00 for the sign. Gene Powell indicated he will donate the posts. The motion was made and seconded and approved. It will be posted on the website. The sign will be fastened to the chain or cable and it will say "Private Lake - Property Owners Only." Dave Riemersma says to use only 5 to 6 words.

Steve Berry wanted to make a motion that we don't dump chemicals in our lake, but after some discussion, Joe Warren indicated he didn't think its a proper motion for us to vote on or that we have any authority or power to do that and there was no further discussion on that.

Kevin Hackett would like people to be aware of the fact that Joanne Piechocki has stated that someone has been stealing the pudding stones out of her yard, different sizes and different colors. Just asking people to be aware and on the watch for that.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, there motion was made, seconded and supported to adjourn at 10:05.

July 4, 2015


Clorinda Starlin, Secretary