

## **MINUTES OF 2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF HOGBACK PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

The 2017 annual meeting of Hogback Lake Property Owners Association was held at the Rose Lake Township Hall, Leroy, Michigan on Saturday, July 1, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to Notice of Meeting mailed to all known members and as posted at the Rose Lake Township Hall on June 4, 2017.

The following officers were present:

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

and an additional 10 members.

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

The President asked for approval of the 2016 minutes and treasurer's report. Motion by Lou Higgins and seconded by Gale Wanstead to approve the 2016 minutes and treasurer's report. Approved.

The Treasurer, Bob Richards, indicated there was a balance of \$4,820.18 in the account at this time. He also indicated that Huntington Bank closed its branch in Leroy and there is a new bank taking over that spot, the Lake-Osceola State Bank. The treasurer asked for a motion and vote to switch the association's checking account to the new bank in Leroy, Lake-Osceola Bank. Motion made by Ott Shaw, seconded by Kevin Hackett and unanimously approved to switch the association's bank account to Lake-Osceola Bank in Leroy.

Additionally, the Treasurer reported the only bills he's received are one from the Secretary for cost of mailings to members for the annual meeting and one for insurance. Those are the only bills he knows of that are coming up due shortly. Motion by Lou Higgins, supported by Gale Wanted and unanimously approved by vote to pay those two outstanding bills.

There was discussion regarding the 4th of July activities being held today. Lou Higgins went through the activities for today, including the kiddie parade at noon, piggy poker run. There are lots of prizes to be won, including a kayak, Fit Bit and hammock chair as well as many other prizes. Luminaries are still available at Higgins' cottage. The winners will be posted on the bulletin board by the boat launch on Sunday morning.

The fireworks are completely self-funded and it takes Eric 3 to 5 days to set up.

The President reminded members about the boating regulations of 8 a.m to 8 p.m. After 8 pm, it's the fishermen and pontoon boats who go out and to remind everyone, it's counter-clockwise around the lake. Should try to tell people if they are going the wrong way.

There was some discussion regarding the lake level and that it is constantly being observed in an attempt to keep it at a somewhat even level. Ott reported that the lake level is sitting at 7 inches which is our maximum. We try not to get higher than 8 inches.

The President asked for any unfinished business.

The president asked for new business. It was decided to postpone the election of board of directors until the 2017 annual meeting.

Mike Curnett questioned the procedure for monitoring the lake level. Ott indicated the County Drain Commissioner came out and set the level where the drain had to be when it was put in back in 1987. If the level gets below 3 inches, all of the boards are put in place and if it goes above 8 inches, the boards come out. The drain was put in to control floods. We had no way to get rid of the water. Mike Curnett doesn't agree with the way the level is maintained - when it's drained, he can't use his property. He would like it to be set higher than 8 inches, but indication is that it then affects some septic systems. Mike says Sue Conner, DEQ, says the drain is illegal; that the DNR never signed any documentation with regard to it.

We do have paperwork in a file kept by the secretary that the DNR did sign paperwork with regard to the drain and Kevin Hackett will post it on our website. I did show copies to Mike Curnett after the meeting. If anyone wants copies, please let me know and I will furnish copies.

Mike Curnett is looking for an amicable solution to this and questioned if anyone knows of any resources to a solution to this problem, but if there is none, intends to seek legal action on this. Kevin Hackett also stated the lake level was set by the Osceola County Drain Commissioner back in 1987.

Ott said the reason the board was put in this year was because Piglet Pond was flooding out the basement of Jim Quinn, the house to the east of that had water in the basement. The muskrats blocked up the drain. Ott also indicated we are still under 8 inches.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Gene Powers made a motion to adjourn, second by Lou Higgins and supported to adjourn at 9:50 a.m.

July 5, 2017

  
Clorinda Starlin, Secretary