HAMILTON LAKE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors

March 9, 2021

The Hamilton Lake Association Board met at the Hamilton Town Hall on March 9, 2021 with the following members present: Peggy Hayden, Skip Markland, Linda Skelly, Dave Price, Cheryl Silverhart, Valerie Fetters, Karen Piekarski, Jayma Watkins, Toni Justice, Gina Freer, and Janet Albright. Guest: Rick Fetters. Number in attendance: 11 board members, 1 guest, 12 total.

Peggy Hayden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary’s Report: Linda Skelly. The February 9, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Valerie Fetters and second by Skip Markland. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Valerie Fetters. Weed spray income $35,957.00, donations $8,303.40, interest $2.25. Total income this period $44,262.65. Total expenses this period $805.15. Ending bank balance $506,912.74. A motion for approval of report was made by Jayma Watkins and second by Cheryl Silverhart. Motion carried.

Membership and Communication:

* Membership: Cheryl is updating memberships. Currently at approximate 156 flags. Town of Hamilton donation was received in January.
* Website: Karen still working on PayPal.
* Facebook: Cheryl would like to come up with an outline or a plan for the “Did You Know” postings/educating the audience by next meeting. She is asking the board for input.

Wildlife Control:

* Goose Round-up: Jayma. Nothing to report until about May. Perhaps will shoot for a week earlier this year.
* Egg Oiling: Dave. Nothing to report at this time.

Weed Control: Cheryl. As mentioned last month, Scott submitted a permit request; this being the 1st time ever to request permit for treatment of native weeds (approx. 40.1 acres). The cost for two treatments, if approved, would be $48-49,000.00. If include Crystal Bay/Crystal Cove, additional cost would be about $33,600.00. In regards to non-native weed treatment, there will be no LARE Grants this year. A special appeal can be filed to apply for left over LARE Funds.

Grievance and General Welfare:

* Environmental Concerns: Water Quality/Steuben County Lakes Council Report: Cheryl. State Legislature Bill #389 Wetland Bill is still active. Lake associations need to collaborate support. House Bill #266 Boat Traffic Outside Buoys is still active. Bill #1098 Wakeboarding Legislation was shot down; will have to re-write.
* Buoys: Still frozen.

Legislative and Council Coordination:

* Hamilton Town Council: Peggy. 1) Town Hall will re-open per CDC guidelines. 2) There was discussion regarding the Public Beach project.
* 101 Lakes Trust: Janet. Working on marketing. Presenting awareness. The Trust is about getting land and preserving, but not necessarily owning the land.
* Poker Run: Peggy report for Jan B. Will talk about more at next meeting. CDC guidelines will be determining factor.

Old Business:

* Boating Safety Class: Peggy for Jan B. Will be held on May 1, at the school cafeteria.

New Business:

* Flags/Decals: Valerie. There was discussion regarding color. Tabled to next meeting.
* Raffle: There was discussion on raffle ideas (items mentioned: smoker grill, drone, outdoor furniture, swings). Further discussion – tabled.

Next meeting: April 13, 2021.

A motion to adjourn was made by Cheryl Silverhart and second by Toni Justice. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Secretary

Linda Skelly