HAMILTON LAKE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors

July 13, 2021

The Hamilton Lake Association Board met at the Hamilton Town Hall on July 13, 2021 with the following members present: Peggy Hayden, Cheryl Silverhart, Valerie Fetters, Karen Piekarski, Gary Luechauer, Jan Miller, Linda Skelly, Gina Freer, Jan Biddle, Jayma Watkins, Dave Price, and Toni Justice. Guests: Rick Fetters and Tonya Peters. Number in attendance: 12 board members, 2 guests, 14 total.

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

Secretary’s Report: Linda Skelly. Minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve minutes was made by Jan Biddle and second by Jayma Watkins. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Valerie Fetters. Weed spray income $2,689.85. Total income $3,384.37. Total expense $180.83. Ending bank balance $486,827.00. A motion to accept report was made by Jan Miller and second by Gary Luechauer. Motion carried.

Membership and Communication:

* Membership: Cheryl. Membership coming in is slowing down.
* Facebook: Peggy reporting for Cathy. Cathy is answering Facebook postings. Cheryl said Cathy is posting “Did You Know” articles.
* Website: Karen. She added pictures, created special page for Poker Run, and added minutes. Karen will get with Tonya about webcam.

Wildlife Control:

* Goose Round-Up: Jayma. Gathered and transported approximately 100 geese.
* Swan: Dave and Cheryl will call Carl again.

Weed Control: Cheryl. 1st time ever, treated non-invasive weeds. Treated 7 acres of Coontail. Per Debbie King, no more treatment of non-invasive weeds until proof of impairment. Cheryl received proposal from Jerry Sweeten; she will send to board members to review.

Grievance and General Welfare:

* Buoys: Peggy. Paul, Peggy, and Gary have been out monitoring buoys.

Legislative and Council Coordination:

* Hamilton Town Council: Peggy. Topics: Triton tax abatement, Goodwill Organization mulched trees along Bellefountain.
* Steuben County Lakes Council: Cheryl. Annual meeting August 14. There will be a pancake breakfast, Guest Speakers: Jerry Sweeten, Ecosystem Connections Institute, LLC and David Smith, DNR.
* Poker Run: Jan Biddle and Tonya Peters. Check-in will be at Fish Creek via drive thru. Currently there are 9 pier stops. Piers close at 3:30 p.m. To better your hand, 2 x-tra cards can be purchased for $5.00 each. Post gathering (aboard your boat) and announcement of winners will take place in front of Biddle’s in the Narrows.

Old Business:

* Flags/Decals: Discussion of how many are left.
* Welcome Packets: Jan Miller is working on contents and will give packets to district representatives.

New Business:

* Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb declared July “Lake Appreciation Month”.
* Hamilton Area Chamber of Commerce Membership: A motion was made by Gary Luechauer and second by Cheryl Silverhart to renew at $50.00 non-profit rate. Motion carried.
* Annual Meeting: August 21. 8:30 a.m. Hamilton High School Gym. Speakers will be: Debbie King, Scott Banfield, and DNR Officer. Meeting information can appear on LED Sign beginning August 1. Advertisement will also appear in “Hamilton Happenings”, on Facebook, and on Website. We will sell raffle tickets; however, there will be no 50/50 Drawing this year.
* Summer Fest: August 28. Gina and Gary purchased a 3 G towable tube. Gina will get tickets and flyers printed with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize information.

Election:

* Board Members: This year election will be for all districts. All existing board members agreed to serve another 2-year term. Slate will be presented at the Annual Meeting.
* Officers: Cathy Wagenknecht is stepping down as President. The following slate will be presented at the Annual Meeting: President- Peggy Hayden

Vice-President- Cathy Wagenknect

Secretary- Linda Skelly

Treasurer- Valerie Fetters

Next Meeting: August 10, 2021

A motion to adjourn was made by Cheryl Silverhart and second by Jan Biddle. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Secretary

Linda Skelly