HAMILTON LAKE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors

May 8, 2018

The Hamilton Lake Association Board of Directors met at the Town Hall Building on May 8, 2018. Co-President Cathy Wagenknecht called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following board members present: Cathy Wagenknecht, Janet Albright, Ron Abraham, Linda Skelly, Jan Biddle, Jama Watkins, Valerie Fetters, Jim Wagenknecht, Ginny DeBrunner, Cheryl Silverhart, Jan Miller, Tonya Peters, and Clint Nester. Association member Rick Fetters was also in attendance.

A motion to approve the April 2018 minutes as e-mailed was made by Jan Biddle and second by Ron Abraham. Motion carried.

Financial Report: The report, prepared by Dennis Germann was reviewed. The bank balance as of April 30, 2018 was $318,157.00. Valerie Fetters agreed to fill the treasurer position upon Dennis Germann’s resignation. A motion to nominate Valerie as treasurer was made by Jan Biddle and second by Cheryl Silverhart. Motion carried. A suggestion was made to get a Visa card. Valerie will look into this.

Membership and Communication: Ginny reported 319 paid members at this time. Cathy reported the Capstone project is done. The new website is live and available on smart phone. Aaron Krider donated a drone video of the 2017 Poker Run.

Wildlife: Discussed topic/concern of injured swan.

Weed Control: Clint reported, April 24 the 1st spray for milfoil (approximately 50 acre) was done. Now monitoring is being done. Algae treatment is possibility.

Grievance and General Welfare:

* Environmental Concerns: Pete Hippensteel provided a report regarding communication on April 12 between him and Noah Schmucker Jr. Conversation was regarding additional plans for reducing bacteria entering ditches and streams (see report). Cheryl provided a report (for information only purposes, introducing Indiana House Bill 1369. The bill is in its infancy and will be voted on next year (see report).
* Buoys: Placed 101 orange buoys. Purchased 8 new “No Wake” buoys. Need 5 or 6 for Crystal Bay/Crystal Cove. Ordered 12 additional buoys and CB/CC will pay for ½ of the twelve. The old “No Wake” buoys have been sold. Will have 20 new “No Wake” buoys. Have 20 luminated buoys. The new pontoon works great.

Legislative and Council Coordination:

* Steuben County Lakes Council: Jim. Topics included happenings at Lake Gage and Clear Lake.
* 101 Lakes Trust: Janet. “Reflections” 3rd Sunday in August (Aug 19). Looking to have event at West Otter Lake. Tickets will be $50.00. Writing contests winding up. Looking for more people. Looking at property at Arrow Head Lake and also the Calendar property at Hamilton Lake.
* Chamber of Commerce: Cathy met with Mary Vail to discuss “Welcome Packets” to promote the lake, the community and the town.
* St. Joe Watershed Initiative: Clint. Strive to improve water quality. Looking for partner for grant applications. Meet every other month. Methods to control nutrients: apply for funding, implement buffer strips, and etc. Website: sjrwi.org. Does an extensive water sampling program. Motion was made by Janet Albright to have Clint take our name (HLA) to partner our lake and water shed area. Motion carried.
* Strategic Planning Committee: Val. Need list/suggestions of what else we need in the community. Projects already in place: docks uptown, lights at 4-way stop, and road paving. Next meeting end of May. Committee would like 50 in attendance, welcoming ideas.
* LED Sign Committee: Jan Biddle. Working to set guidelines. Goal is to have sign up by Memorial Day. HLA would like Annual Meeting and Poker Run on sign.

Old Business:

* Poker Run: Committee is working on plans for this year’s event.
* Annual Meeting: Speakers: Pete Hippensteel, Jim Price, and Scott Banfield. Coffee- Jim & Cathy. Donuts- Dennis. Topics: CAFO and water testing, weed control, wildlife. Sell raffle tickets. District #2 and #4 up for election of directors.

New Business:

* Clint is ordering flags. Jan is ordering “HL Hamilton Lake Association” stickers (quantity 500, approximate $355.00).
* Lions Club Directory 2018-19. Don Hurd is printing the directory. HLA place same ad (¼ page, $85.00 for 2 years). Motion to have same ad at $85.00 was made by Jim Wagenknecht and

second by Jan Biddle. Motion carried.

* Shirts for HLA Board. Peggy will look into and send e-mail with information.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tonya Peters and second by Janet Albright. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Secretary

Linda Skelly