

HAMILTON LAKE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors

August 10, 2021

The Hamilton Lake Association Board met at the Hamilton Town Hall on August 10, 2021 with the following members present: Peggy Hayden, Val Fetters, Jan Miller, Jayma Watkins Janet Albright, Gina Freer, Gary Luechauer, Skip Markland, Jan Biddle, Karen Piekarski, Dave Price. Guests: Rick Fetters, Jeanine Walker, Brian Piekarski and Earl Raskasky
Number in attendance 11 board members, 3 guests, 14 total.

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

Secretary's Report: Jan Miller for Linda Skelly: Minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve minutes was made by Gina Freer and seconded by Jan Biddle. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Val Fetters. Weed Spray Income \$486.00. Total income \$528.40. Total expense \$21,517.20. Ending bank balance \$465,838.20. Val commented ending balance very similar to same time last year. A motion to accept treasurers report was made by Gary Luechauer and seconded by Karen Piekarski. Motion carried.

Membership and Communication:

- > Membership: Peggy reported for Cheryl membership is still slow
- > Flags/Decals: Val is sending by e-mail to district board members, any updates and changes for flags/decals that should be delivered
- > Facebook: Peggy reported for Cathy. Cathy is still answering Facebook postings
- > Website: Karen will post the new slate of Hamilton Lake Board of Directors 2021 on website. Review your information on Board of Directors, and get changes to Karen. Jan Biddle will send an abbreviated copy of Indiana Boating Laws to Karen, with areas highlighted to put on "DID YOU KNOW" articles.

Wildlife Control:

- > Goose Round-up: Jayma 1 month after round-up, just see a few flying around,
- > Swan: Peggy reported from Cheryl, Carl is possibly coming the evening of Aug. 10th for removal of swans. Dave also heard the same news from Carl.

Weed Control: Peggy reported for Cheryl, that Debbie King DNR Botanist is on leave of absence and will not be attending our annual meeting as previously scheduled. A replacement for Debbie has not been decided on at this time. In lieu of Debbie King's absence, Matt Horsley, also a DNR Botanist took a boat ride on August 5 around Hamilton Lake to assess the weed situation. Matt was accompanied by Scott Banfield from Aquatic Enhancement, Gary Luechauer H.L.A. board member, Bill Miller H.L.A member, Randy Hile H.L.A. member drove boat. After tour Matt said, he could only make a recommendation to increase weed spraying acreage from the current 40.1 acres to 80 acres.

Grievance and General Welfare >

> Environmental Concerns/Water Quality : Peggy ask for all board members to review the proposal from Jerry Sweeten, Ecosystem Connections Institute that, they should of received from Cheryl by e-mail. We will talk on this proposal after more board members have reviewed it. >

Buoys: Peggy report Paul and Peggy are still making buoy assessments and corrections
Legislative and Council Coordination:

> Hamilton Town Council: Jan M. A speaker from Dekalb County Economic Development Partnership was giving a presentation. The bridge to island park is to be replaced, this a job to be done by Steuben County Highway Department. >

Steuben County Lakes Council: Peggy reminded members of S.C.L.C.'s annual meeting on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

>Poker Run: Jan Biddle The drive-thru check in at Fish Creek ran Smoothly. 900 tickets were sold for poker run. \$865.00 of extra cards were sold at Biddle's piers and \$500 of extra cards sold at H.L.A boat, reported a profit of \$15,015.00. The top 6 winning poker hands were awarded various monetary prizes.

>101 Lakes Trust: Janet. Ryan Matthews won the Environmental Visionary Award
Old Business:

>Welcome Packets(Bags): Jan. Packets are done, and are being given to district representatives to hand out.

New Business:

>Annual Meeting: Peggy. Peggy went over the agenda for the up-coming H.L.A. Annual meeting, job assignments for board members.

>Raffel: Jan M. handed out paper for board members to sign-up to sell raffle tickets before and during the saturday of Summer Fest.

>Summer Fest: Peggy. Peggy and Paul will set up, schedule of hourly workers on sign-up Jan Miller and a board member will attend and complete the raffle drawing.

H.L.A. Board Member Richard Justice passed away this past Monday. H.L.A. Board members decided to purchase a memory brick for the boardwalk, in his honor. Jeanine Walker will get in touch with Mrs. Justice to take care of the details.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jayma Watkins and seconded by Jan Biddle. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Next Meeting is Sept 14, 2021

Submitted by
Substitute Secretary
Jan Miller