

Hamilton Lake Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
July 9th 2024

Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 pm by President Gary Luechauer.

Members present : Gary, Jan Biddle, Jan Miller, Val, Jayma, Cheryl, Peggy, Mark Miner, Skip, Bill, Janet, Mike S and Toni

Guests present: Tim and Sherry Applegate, Rick Fetters, Andrew Wappes, Stephen Schaaf and Chuck Hamman

Minutes from June Meeting were handed out. Amendment requested regarding CBCC building rock wall in beaver area. Should have been stated that we need more information regarding this before we take any vote. Peggy made a motion to accept minutes, seconded by Jayma. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by Val. Previous balance was \$594,601. Total income was \$ 12, 145.54 which included \$ 11,369 weed spray, \$290 donations, \$140 HLA stickers. Total Expenses was \$2,829.33 (includes \$58 office supplies, \$ 591 Raffle, \$306(Pontoon expenses) \$ 1,871 Misc (DNR class, 50th Anniversary). Ending Balance is \$ 603,918.06. Jan Biddle made a motion to accept, Toni 2nd. Motion carried.

- Membership: Cheryl stated that she received more membership forms from Val. Will get those to us. During the winter Database will be updated. Bill requested that a new updated list be sent out to all of the board.

It was noted that the Lions Directory (addresses stayed the same) is available at the bank etc Also noted that the Welcome Bags consist of Boater Safety, Abused Laws etc.

- Communication: Golf Cart Issues on Facebook, Police-'O' Tolerance
- Vegetation and Wildlife: Jayma and Skip- Goose Round Up -120 Geese. Really too many for Trailer. No jet skis were used this year, too cool. New trailer will be the same size. Skip working on this

Swans- have not heard anything from Carl, not many on the lake presently. Problem with jet skis and swans. Continue to contact DNR with jet ski # and picture. Applegate's turned in the problem they saw.

Beavers- CBCC still discussing what they would like to do . If they decide to move forward with building 20x 15 cement wall they will contact us. Cheryl will meet with Kevin(CBCC). Permits will be needed. Will keep us posted.

Weeds: Cheryl.....Scott amended map. 39.33 acres of Native Weeds were treated on June 19, 2024. Algae treatment was also done at this time on all developed frontages. Lake looks great! When Curly Leaf treatment is done it takes 2 weeks for it to work. Everyone was upset this year about these weeds. Everyone needs to be Patient. Will put on FB when treatments are to be done...more education is needed. Cheryl stated that we are the only lake in this area that can be sprayed for Native weeds. Don't abuse this! DNR can take away our permit. Put re-cap on FB

what has been done. No Starry Stonewort- privileged not to have it.(GLRI is a funded treatment for this weed)

Residents can use Copper Sulfate on their own property

Put on FB—Clean your boat if coming in from another lake to prevent bringing in any invasive species

At this time Steven Schaaf made a comment about having our own Hamilton Lake Association FB page. Benefit to control what is put on and Education.

Bill Chew made comment about Scott and the Annual Meeting. Scott did a great job but was 'too technical'. Did not spray for Algae last year because when dates planned there was too much rain.

Cheryl stated that the DNR is not giving out LARE Grants like they used to. Giving more to projects than for weeds. We have a lot of money in our Treasury because we have not been allowed to use Fluoridone. We need to keep a large amount for bigger projects that may come up.

- Lake Improvement/General Welfare: Cheryl/Gary

Comprehensive Studies/Long Term Capital Improvements: We did not get the LARE Grant for the Engineering/Feasibility Study. Steve Vaughn-IDNR will continue to review and get back with us. Met with Jenna Meert-Cardno Rep. Project is ready to go when we are....will be \$ 50,000 of HLA monies. Long term commitment to look upstream. No follow up after Black Creek Flats dredging project in 2009....waste of money, therefore the HLA will be applying for a new Feasibility study.

Tim Applegate worried about E.coli due to farmers to the East with manuring coming in. Cheryl stated it's not a problem, not unsafe at this point. #'s are acceptable. The #'s depend on how much manure produced and how much rain we get etc.

Buoy Boys: Peggy/Jan- have had to move more recently due to storms. Jan stating that Bill Miller is asking about attaching a 6 foot red flag to the the NO WAKE buoy to make it more visible. Pontoons can't see them and run over them. Advised to try it and see if helps.

- Government:

City-Town Council-Jan M and Peggy-Beginning in 2025 Town Council Meetings will be televised (more info later). I&M have replaced all their poles. DNR is looking into the Terry Lake drain. Street Dept. will be purchasing a truck for \$ 55,000. No Parking signs will be put on Lane 221 B. A Maintenance Agreement is being drawn up for all the Buildings. Town Wide Clean up used 8 dumpsters. People from out of town were present. This caused a problem. Next year Hamilton residents might have to go to Town Hall, present their bill with address and get a Voucher/s. Town looking into how it will work the best. Hamilton will be paying \$ 12,500 to an Angola Co. to clean up Ordinances.

Gary spoke with Brent at Town Hall. They are looking into removing the metal barrier(Jim Gnagy always wanted it because DNR required) around the Beach swimming area and replacing with large rope and buoys. Asking if HLA might be able to help with this. Gary asked for more info.

County-Gary SCLC- Requested Hamilton's Lions Club Directory

State: Gary- In regards to CAFO, State Rep gave them 2 wks notice for an Inspection

Wake Board Boats-Different studies being done. Some 200 ft. from shoreline, others 500 ft.

3 foot wave hits shore, causing erosion. Need to be in deeper water, 25 ft. minimum. Wisconsin is next study to be done

Toni asked if they are turning up Mercury?? Did not hear anything about this.

AQUA BOUNTY- June 21, 2024 Williams County Commissioners filed the last brief concerning the county owned right of way

101 Trusts: Janet- 50th Anniversary, Reflections on Hamilton Lake. Sunday August 18th. Pontoon

Boat ride @ 4:30pm. Needs Docents and drivers. Taste of Hamilton @ Hamilton Life Center

around 5:30-6:00. \$ 50 per person. Money will be given to help defer cost to the eateries. Would

like HLA Board members to be there to help in all areas. Invites will go out soon. Jan Biddle's

house will be the starting point. Working with Law Enforcement.

- Special Events-

Boat Safety Class-No News at this time

Poker Run- Beginning will be at the school this year, 3 aisles similar to Mike's Car Wash. Closing at Costa Luna. Need lots of help: Traffic Control, 50/50 , shirt distribution etc....

Summerfest: Prizes have been secured, slightly under budget. Sign up sheet for Raffle Tickets to be sold at Village Foods and Will's Party Store here tonight.

- Old Business: Annual Meeting/ 50th Anniversary went well.

4th of July Parade- HLA pontoon was good despite windy conditions getting it ready

Thank you's to Peggy Hayden for being the HLA's V.President and President and for Jan Miller for being HLA Secretary

- New Business

New Districts/re-alignment of members/new members-Gary introduced Andrew Wappes-lives in Crystal Cove, interested in being on Board. Bill made a motion to bring on Andrew as a Board Member, Jan B 2nd...Motion carried. Gary then introduced Stephen Schaaf, who lives in Muskrat Bay and is also interested on being on board. Bill made a motion to bring Stephen on the HLA Board, Mike S 2nd...motion carried.

Board Member Committee Assignments- Gary would like everyone to be on at least 1 committee

Cheryl asking if we could find out if there will be a calendar for patrol on lake

Jan Biddle announced that further HLA meetings will take place in larger room

Gary read a letter he just received about WPTA featuring the Town of Hamilton Aug19th-25th

8:40-Jan Biddle made a motion to adjourn, Cheryl 2nd

Respectfully Submitted

Peggy Hayden/ Secretary

