

Hamilton Lake Association

Board of Directors Meeting

October 8th, 2024

The Meeting was called to order by President Gary Luechauer at 7:00pm

Members present include : Gary Luechauer, Jan Biddle, Jan Miller, Toni Justice, Peggy Hayden, Cheryl Silverhart, Val Fetters, Janet Albright, Skip Markland, Bill Chew, Mike Pool, Jayma Watkins, Mark Miner and Stephen Schaaf

Guest: Rick Fetters

Secretary: Peggy Hayden- Minutes were emailed out prior to the meeting. Skip made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed, Toni 2nd. All approved

Treasurer: Val Fetters read highlights of the Treasurers report. Beginning balance was \$ 592,813.95 with a monthly income of \$ 6,292.91 which included \$ 600 donation, Enhancement fees \$ 352, Raffle \$4195.00, Calendars/Cards \$ 935 and incidentals. Expenses totaled \$ 303.67 which included office supplies, boat license. Ending balance is \$ 598, 803.19. Jan Miller made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Jan Biddle. All approved. Bill Chew questioned whether we should have a column on the treasurer report for Budget/Capital Improvements. Much discussion, noting we would be needing \$50,000 for the Feasibility Study. It was decided Val would put this column into her report.

- **Membership:** Cheryl had nothing to report but stated she would be cleaning up the spread sheet throughout the winter months
- **Communication:** Stephen has been working on the HamiltonLake.org website. Asking if we have anything that needs added or deleted? Mark Miner's pictures were added. He is also working on the FB page. Discussion about the 2025 calendars. Still have quite a few. Motion was made by Jan B, 2nd by Jayma to decrease price to \$ 5.00. All approved. Peggy will take to the Green Bean.
- **Vegetation and Wildlife:** Skip stated that we have the trailer needed to build the cage for the goose round up. He will get needed plates and pay Chris Schaab \$ 1500.

Cheryl and Scott will meet with the DNR (Permit Biologist) @ 10:00 on October 9th. They will discuss the temperature at which the weed spray has to be applied that was put into being more than 15 years ago. Hamilton Lake has late emergent weeds that pop up outside this temperature range. We are not able to do anything with these weeds due to those guidelines. Take pictures of these weeds and send to Scott to see if we can get a permit to spray in August/September to see if it helps.

- **Lake Improvement/ General Welfare:** Gary and Cheryl met with Nate Thomas from the DNR. Requests for bids were sent out to 3 companies; one was returned. Will be meeting with Jenna Meert in October to finalize the project. The HLA can save \$ 5,000 by providing 'in-kind' services during the project including arranging informational meetings, contacting home owners etc. Jan B made a motion to do this, 2nd by Janet. All approved.
- **Buoy Boys:** Buoys have been taken out. We will see how many new buoys need to be purchased and how many anchors will be needed. Since Paul Hayden and Bill Miller will be retiring we will

be contacting those that have helped and see who else we will need. Will also look into seeing if there are any other type of buoys that would be more beneficial.

- **Government: Town Council-** Peggy attended the October 7th meeting. Items discussed: Floor in new Town barn not corrected, working on that. Lead was not found in any homes visited at this time. Fire hydrants painted and flushed. Nothing new on DORA. Camera and 3 TV Monitors have been placed in the Town Hall meeting room for on-line viewing of the Town Council meetings. This needs to be completed by June/July of 2025. Fiber done on west side of the lake...will be working on Lane 150 soon. Kingdom Kids will be closing Dec 20th due to lower enrollment. They are working on a plan to keep it going but would need \$ 35,000. The school might have funds to provide a building. Sidewalks are being finished on Bellefontaine. Looking into new Welcome signs. Area under Boardwalk is deteriorating, ideas on how to fix. The Police are working on possibly extending the parking lot behind Rose Bros farther east and building a Pavilion for Farmers Market etc.
- **County E-coli-** A call was received concerning a strong manure smell. The individual took samples which had an e-coli count. This area did not impact Black Creek or Hamilton Lake. Gary had a phone conversation with Jason Armev of the SCHD to determine what steps need to be taken if we receive questions like this in the future. Also spoke to Brent Shull. Currently neither the city nor county do testing on the lake including the Public Beach area. The DNR owns the beach, not the city. Next step is to meet with Jason, Brent and the DNR to determine who to reach out to when these call are received. In this case, they were instructed to contact the Health Dept.
- **CAFO's-** Spoke to Jason Armev concerning these. They are given a 2 day notice for an inspection so someone will be on site to walk them through the facility. They do not have to give this notice if there is a fact-based complaint. Still must have a person present. The Health Dept. can also gain access to the waterway through a public access such as a road and take samples for ammonia nitrate above and below the concerned area. Instant results.
- **SCLC-Meeting** was Oct 5th. **Water quality-** 40% of sample sites have E-coli readings over the 235 minimum. High Bovine reading at Black Creek.

Wake Boats-Video out of Wisconsin showing damage wake board boats create. Will be put on SCLC website. Rep Dave Abbot is trying to write another bill and needs feedback from the lakes. Karen DeForest will coordinate.

Public Relations- Concerns about Aquifers- Comment was made about well drilling. One company reported that wells were being drilled at a depth of 200 feet. No specific data was given as to what an increase this is but numbers of 11% and higher were shared. The following was not a part of the meeting but worth noting... Aquabounty sold a second facility to assist in paying for the facility in Pioneer Ohio which will take 5.1 million gallons of water per day out of the Michindoh Aquifer which is our main source of drinking water.

101 Lakes Trust- Janet stated that Thank you notes were sent out to the restaurants involved in the Reflections along with a \$ 70 check. Next meeting will take place at Powers Preserve on Thursday Oct 17th. This will be a Tailgate party

Law Enforcement-Gary will be scheduling a meeting

Old Business-None

New Business- Andrew Wappes reported that 191 in CBCC are planning another meeting to be removed from the Covenant. They purchased a burnt down house to access the area which apparently has been approved for 12 docks. More info to come.

LARE Program overview Webinar 10/22 @ 2 pm.

Next meeting November 12th will be a 'Committee' Meeting to discuss items being worked on.

Motion to adjourn by Jan B, 2nd by Toni...All approved

Respectfully Submitted by

Peggy Hayden/ Secretary