

**HIGGINS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – JULY 20, 2013
ROSCOMMON HIGH SCHOOL**

The 2013 HLPOA Annual Meeting was called to order by President Pat Springstead at 9:35 a.m. Attending Board members were introduced by Pat as follows: Pat Springstead-President, Rick Meeks-Vice President, Mary Jane Hartman-Secretary, Marv Bolton-Treasurer, Kathryn Bangs, Bob Blamer, Bill Case, Stan Cooke, Don Correll, Tom Kizer, Herb Weatherly, and Noreen Osborn, Executive Secretary.

2012 Meeting Minutes Approval:

Pat Springstead asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 21, 2012 Annual Meeting. Motion was made by Chuck McDoniel, seconded by Karen Ehinger. Motion passed.

Dam Resolution:

Pat Springstead read the Dam Resolution adopted by the HLPOA Board on July 15, 2013.

By-Laws:

Tom Kizer took the podium to address the By-Law Amendments by the Board and yielded the floor to Louinia Mae Whittlesey.

Louinia Mae Whittlesey moved that the By-Laws, as amended by the HLPOA Board of Directors on June 2, 2013 be tabled, seconded by Chuck Brick. Motion passed.

Louinia Mae Whittlesey moved that there be an Ad-Hoc Committee of five (5) made up as follows: two non-officer Board of Director members (chosen by Board), two at large members, one HLPOA past-president (if all past-presidents are unable to serve, a third at-large member will be chosen), to review in depth the HLPOA Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, and to report to membership in six months, with a final report four weeks before the 2014 Annual Meeting, seconded by Dave Schwartz. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on the procedure to be used to select the at-large members for the Ad-Hoc Committee. Virginia Howell moved to table discussion on how to select the three at-large members for the Ad-Hoc Committee to the end of the meeting, seconded by Chuck Brick. Motion passed.

Frank Yaquinto moved to pull back the tabled 2012 motion concerning the Dam Resolution, seconded by Throck Osborn. Motion passed.

Bill Howell moved to amend the Dam Resolution passed by the HLPOA Board on July 15, 2013, to read as follows:

**RESOLUTION PASSED BY
HIGGINS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
JULY 20, 2013**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the HIGGINS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION is not in favor of removal of the dam, which controls the water level of Higgins Lake, or any change in the lake levels established by the Roscommon County Circuit Court in 1926 and 1982 and that in the event the MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR); MUSKEGON WATERSHED COUNCIL or any other attempts are taken to remove or alter the dam or those lake levels in any manner we will oppose same. Following completion of the current study and after the results are analyzed, the Board further resolves to take no action of any nature toward removal of the dam, or any changes in those lake levels other than to oppose any changes to those levels, unless otherwise instructed by its members in a formal vote which must take place in accordance with the requirement of the Higgins Lake Property Owners Association By-Laws at the next Annual Meeting.

This resolution is adopted July 20, 2013.
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Motion seconded by Chuck Brick.

Election of Directors:

Pat Springstead introduced Rick Meeks, Chair of the Nominating Committee and Tom Kizer addressed the members on the procedure for nominations to the Board. Rick Meeks announced that terms were up for two Board members: Stan Cooke, board member since 1990 and past Treasurer, and Marv Bolton, current Treasurer. Tom Kizer announced that Stan Cooke has decided to step down and not be nominated for another three-year term. Tom Kizer indicated the nominating committee had not had the opportunity to meet and nominate a member for Stan Cooke's position in accord with the By-Laws requirement. Marv Bolton, current Treasurer, has accepted nomination for another three-year term on the Board. Rick Meeks made recommendation for nomination to the board for Marv Bolton for an additional three-year term ending July 2016. Rick Meeks asked for additional nominations from the floor and received three nominations: Brad Gibson, Chuck Brick & Jim Vondale. Brad Gibson & Chuck Brick declined the nomination. Thereupon the nominating committee reported to Rick Meeks that they nominated Jim Vondale to the seat open due to the Stan Cooke vacancy. A motion was made and seconded to approve Marv Bolton for re-election and Jim Vondale for election to the Board, for the Stan Cooke seat on the Board. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Marv Bolton presented the 2012 Financial Report.
Total income for 2012 was \$61,717.52.
Total expense was \$67,492.95.
Net income for 2012 was (-\$5,775.43).
Total assets are \$55,842.85.

Audit Committee Report:

Herb Weatherly reported that the Audit Committee met on July 5, 2013 to review the Treasurer's books and found everything in very good order.

Environmental Committee Report:

Marv Bolton discussed the operation of the Eurasian Water Milfoil Suction Harvester (DASH Boat). Marv Bolton stated that this summer's operation of the boat has been very successful with paid crews who have been trained by the boat builder. The funding of the DASH Boat operation is furnished by the Higgins Lake Foundation and grants received by the HLF for that purpose.

Rick Meeks reported on the CLMP water quality testing program that HLPOA provides funding for. The most recent testing was Thursday, July 16, 2013. Rick Meeks recently met with representatives from Hubbard Lake to discuss boat washes for their area. Rick Meeks stated that boat washes at state launch sites are being widely promoted by the DNR.

Legislative & HLPAC Report:

Pat Springstead reported on these topics:

- HLPOA Board members attend all local community meetings to represent the HLPOA.
- Pat Springstead will attend a meeting in Lansing with leading representatives of the DNR and other state agencies on July 24th to discuss issues affecting Higgins Lake.
- State Representatives will be at Higgins Lake on July 22nd, where positive issues will be emphasized.
- The Swimmer's Itch problem is being addressed at several levels. A spring Merganser Duck hunt, performed by professional hunters, is being considered by the state.
- Senator Kowall has introduced an amendment to PA56 to codify exactly what "Local Government" is.

Jim Vondale moved that those members interested in being on the Ad-Hoc committee meet and select three at-large members and present their names to HLPOA President Pat Springstead for approval, seconded by John Huntington. Motion passed.

President's Remarks:

President Springstead took questions from the audience. Swimmer's Itch, mandatory boat washing, management of the dam, the Near Shore Study that will collect information on nutrient loading in Higgins Lake and the resignation of Carey & Jaskowski's Law Firm as HLPOA's legal representation were among the issues discussed. .

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon with a motion from Throck Osborn, seconded by Chuck Brick. Motion passed.

After the meeting, Throck Osborn, Chuck Brick & Bill Wichers submitted their names to be considered for the three members-at-large on the Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the By-Laws, etc.

221 Paid Memberships (including Proxy) were represented at the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Osborn
Administrative Assistant