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HIGGINS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by: President Brad Gibson

Board Members Present:

-Brad Gibson, Herb Weatherly, Bill Case, Chuck Brick, Charlene Cornell, Ken Dennings, Dave Batchelor and Bob McKellar.

Phone Conference with Jim Vondale.

Dianne Wagner and Bob Hoffman were absent.

Approval of/Addition to Agenda:

-Agenda was approved as written.

Approval of Minutes:

-Herb Weatherly moved to approve the August Minutes. Chuck Brick seconded. Motion Passed.

-Herb Weatherly moved to approve the September Minutes. Ken Dennings seconded. Motion passed.

Presidents Comments:

-Brad Gibson talked to Bill Carey regarding another email that he had received from Pat Springstead. There has been no response given at this time.

-Marv Bolton, who resigned as Treasurer last year, has asked to review the financial records of the HLPOA. Chuck Brick and Bob McKellar have put together the documents we have in response Marv's request. Brad Gibson and Jim Vondale have drafted a note in response to Marv's request. Herb Weatherly will be present at the HLPOA office while Marv is reviewing the documents.

Financial/Treasurer's Report:

-Bob McKellar will contact Jack Cornell concerning the amount recorded for petty cash.

-The additional DASH Boat reimbursement for 2014 from the HLF totaling approximately \$2k is not yet reflected on this financial report.

-Herb Weatherly questioned how the receivables for HLPOA in 2015 compare to expenses and what the end of year projection looks like. Jim Vondale noted expenses significantly exceeded revenues for 2014 mostly due to legal and lobbying expenses. Bob McKellar will check with Jack Cornell.

-Bill Carey filed the HLPOA annual report on September 30, 2015.

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Office Issues:

-Dave Batchelor and Herb Weatherly ran a new phone line to provide access for the conference phone. The only materials that had to be purchased were the phone boxes and the phone line.

-The HLPOA has received their new printer and it is working very well.

Dianne Wagner Joins The Meeting**Swimmer's Itch:**

-The balance in the HLSIO account is \$3,619.90. Monies raised have reached \$192,983.67. \$46,000.00 is still due to SICON for the 2015 season. There is not a concern in raising the remaining funds for this year.

-Over 400 letters recently were sent out to request donations. Lyon Township has confirmed a \$2500.00 donation that will be made to the HLSIO. A response from the Rotary is pending

- The HLSIO supports a jointly managed and funded program. HLSIO has consistently suggested Gerrish Township should move their permit timing until after the 31st of July. But at this time there has been no change in Gerrish Township's position. Gerrish Township has a meeting tomorrow to discuss the proposed expanded permit.

-The board discussed sending letters to Gerrish Township and Fish and Wildlife. It was agreed to develop drafts for review.

Membership Committee:

-Dianne Wagner has drafted a new membership envelope and has handed it out to the board.

Communications Committee:

-Charlene Cornell asks for a president's letter and all committee reports to be sent out to members no later than December 1st, with a January 31st due date for annual dues.

Chuck Brick Leaves the Meeting.**Riparian Committee:**

-Jim Vondale provided minutes of the Riparian Committee's meeting to the board. He requested approval to work on four issues. The board gave its approval.

-Dave Batchelor asked Jim Vondale if the Riparian Committee would like to look at the use of 2-cycle PWC's on the lake. It was agreed the Environmental and Riparian committees would work together.

Environmental Committee:

-Each person on the committee has given their perspectives on the highest priority issues. All data will need to be collected for the lake. 1970-2014 data is available online and Ashley will print off the information for members and board members to view. Dave Batchelor has a few studies that were done in the 1990's and he is going to follow up with the HLF for more

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information that they may have. Larry Fox and Dave are going to meet to go over Environmental issues.

PAC:

-There is a PAC meeting immediately following today's meeting.

Local government:

Lyon Township will be covered by Chuck Brick.

Gerrish Township will be covered by Dianne Wagner.

Roscommon County will be covered by Herb Weatherly.

Election Committee:

-According to the bylaws 3-4 board positions should be available every year.

-Our terms are as follows;

2016: Jim Vondale, Dave Batchelor.

2017: Ken Dennings, Herb Weatherly, Chuck Brick, Bill Case, Brad Gibson, Charlene Cornell.

2018: Dianne Wagner, Bob McKellar, Bob Hoffman. The board will review options on this issue.

-Discussion regarding the Friend Of Higgins Lake Award. A presentation will be given at the annual meeting. All board members will provide names of candidates.

Ongoing Business:

-The liability insurance is still being discussed. Herb Weatherly requested Bob McKellar go to an appointment with him so he can better understand the policy. Bob suggested that they get a write up with all the different amounts listed.

-Bob McKellar discussed moving forward getting a compliance review of the financial records. Brad Gibson supported and said go ahead with the meeting. Jim Vondale moved to obtain the compliance review. Bob McKellar seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

-The monthly rate for PAA, the HLPOA's Lobbyist, is set at \$1000.00.

Brad Gibson suggested that we move to approve an increase. We will revisit the issue next month.

Ken Dennings moves to approve \$2500.00 on a monthly basis beginning November 1st. Herb Weatherly seconded. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Dates:

November 2nd, 2015 at 9:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at: 11:57 am.

Recording Secretary: Ashley Rach

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