



Higgins Lake Property Owners AssociationSM

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Higgins Lake Property Owners Association Board Meeting Minutes November 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Charlene Cornell at 9:00 A.M.

Board Members Present: Charlene Cornell, Brad Gibson, Herb Weatherly, Bob McKellar, Greg Semack, Bruce Carleton, Fred Swinehart, Wayne Brooks and Mark Lutz. John Ogren was present by phone.

Agenda: No changes.

President's Comments: Charlene thanked Herb for presenting the approved Resolution, regarding Legal Summer Water Level, at the Roscommon County Commissioners meeting. Herb asked for Board member's attendance at the upcoming meeting on November 28, 2018, to show support of this resolution.

Charlene also thanked Board members for their generous contributions to cover additional lobbying costs.

October Minutes: Brad stated a change needed under the PAC portion of the October 8, 2018 Minutes. With this revision, Herb moved to accept the Minutes, seconded by Bruce. All ayes, no opposition, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Secretary/Office: Herb noted that our October rent was reduced due to the clean-up time required for the mold situation. Herb and the Board thanked Bob for his work on the mold remediation.

Treasurer's Report: The financials through October 31, 2018 were presented. Bruce stated we are in a better financial position than last year, as the expenses were less than what was budgeted.

Bruce informed us that we have a new accountant in place, Croskey Lanni, who will prepare our annual review.

Regarding the North State Park boat wash, Bruce said the last maintenance invoices have been paid and it is now winterized. Greg added that a termination letter, for the HLPOA responsibility of this maintenance, has been sent to the DNR.

Bruce noted that our annual Commercial Package policy with Freemont Insurance was paid.

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Brad asked when the annual budget will be presented. Greg said he will be working on this with Bruce and it will likely be presented at the next meeting.

Membership & Communication Committee: Wayne reminded everyone that after today's meeting, we will be folding and stuffing membership envelopes for our upcoming bulk mailing.

Wayne then reminded the Board members that articles for the winter newsletter are due November 28, 2018. Wayne suggested several topics and assigned Board members to compose the articles.

Riparian Committee: Greg shared details about the law enforcement meeting he chaired on November 2, 2018. Charlene and Jim were also in attendance. Topics included illegal mooring, road end issues and rafting, along with anonymous reporting. Greg said it was a productive meeting and a follow-up meeting will be in January.

Environmental Committee: Fred reported that the student water sampling and analysis program for 2018 is now complete. The final report is on our website and the final invoice has been paid. Fred again thanked the Roscommon Rotary Club, the HLF and the HLPOA and its members for their generous support. The students will be ready for presentations of their work to support organizations after the first of the year.

Fred added that this year, the High School Chem 1 and 11 students did 4 cycles of work in May, June, August and November. They looked at chemical analysis and bacterial counts. Fred hopes to add a 5th cycle of effort, focused on the presence and identification of the near shore algal blooms, which have become more prevalent in recent years. We will once again be seeking financial support from local grant providers to fund this program for 2019.

Fred shared that the HLF is currently supporting a study of near shore water quality with Michigan State students. They are generally following the USGS protocols used by Minnerick et al, whose work is referenced on our website. Fred said that we are awaiting these results when available and hope to have permission to reference them on our website as well.

Fred suggested we consider resuming the HLPOA "Friend of the Lake" honor. The Board agrees and plans to determine guidelines for a selection. The honoree of the award will be announced at the HLPOA annual meeting next year.

PAC: With our recent solicitation mailing, Greg reported that we have exceeded last years' PAC donations, which gives us a stronger position to address areas that will require political action.

Greg shared that John Lindley is monitoring legislation regarding control of AIS, where a bill is on the floor November 27, 2018. Greg will also be speaking to Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones of Restorative Lake Sciences, to see if we have reason to work together if the bill is passed.

Greg said that we have not been successful seeking other lake associations to partner in the lobbying increase.

Last, Greg said that all candidates we supported in the November election were elected and that we are hopeful that they will help us on lake issues in the future.

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HLSIO: Greg reported that the pyro technique harassment program, scheduled for October, was canceled due to a permit issue. In addition, the fall hunting research program was also canceled, due to lack of needed volunteers. Greg added that we will try to implement this program next fall, to see the impact of fly-through ducks.

Greg said that the MISIP held their fall conference on November 3, 2018 in Traverse City. Topics discussed were projects, research and season-end reports. One topic that was discussed is that some lakes encountered SI but did not have any mergansers. There are other parasites involved, possibly coming from Mallard ducks and Canadian geese. Research is on-going, but mergansers are likely to be the largest source of transmitting infection on Higgins Lake. Greg said that more lakes are joining MISIP, to have research done on their lakes.

Greg added that MISIP will be working more closely with Tipp of the Mitt in the future.

Elections Committee: A discussion was held regarding the Board member vacancy, due to Jim moving. Potential candidates were discussed, and this was tabled for the next meeting.

Ongoing Business: There was not any news on the AMVETS case filing.

Regarding SSW, Greg said there will be an update after tomorrow's meeting with the DNR.

Charlene noted that we need assistance from Board members to attend the Lyon Township and Road Commission meetings.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: Bob moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bruce. All ayes, no opposition, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:38 A.M.

The next meeting will be December 17, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

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**HIGGINS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
NOVEMBER 30, 2018**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 20,372
Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Current Assets	20,372

Other Assets

Prepaid Rent	-
Restricted Cash	<u>7,734</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>7,734</u>

Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 28,106</u></u>
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LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ -
Accrued Payroll and Withholdings Payable	500
Accrued Expenses	450
Prepaid Membership Dues	450
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,400</u>

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NET ASSETS

Unrestricted :	
Unrestricted	24,589
Temporarily Restricted	2,117
Permanently Restricted	-
Total Net Assets	<u>26,706</u>

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 28,106</u></u>
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Higgins Lake Property Owners Association
11 Months Ending November 30, 2018

	Members	Dues	Temporarily			Annual Budget	Variance Fav/(Unfav)
			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total		
REVENUES:						500 Members	
Membership Dues	514	\$ 90	\$ 46,260	\$ -	\$ 46,260	\$ 45,000	\$ 1,260
Legal Fund			\$ -	\$ 1,310	\$ 1,310	\$ 1,900	\$ (590)
AmVets Fund				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (Gen'l/Lobbyist Fund)			\$ 3,265	\$ -	\$ 3,265	\$ 8,500	\$ (5,235)
Directory Advertising			\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,425	\$ 1,575
Environmental Fund			\$ -	\$ 11,400	\$ 11,400	\$ 1,900	\$ 9,500
Investment Income			\$ 30	\$ -	\$ 30	\$ -	\$ 30
TOTAL REVENUE			\$ 57,555	\$ 12,710	\$ 70,265	\$ 63,725	\$ 6,540
OPERATING EXPENSES:							
Lobbyist			\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,000
Legal Fees Paid			\$ 410	\$ -	\$ 410	\$ -	\$ 410
Satisfaction of Legal Costs			\$ -	\$ 1,973	\$ 1,973	\$ 4,500	\$ (2,527)
Payroll			\$ 11,216	\$ -	\$ 11,216	\$ 11,130	\$ 86
Office			\$ 5,869	\$ -	\$ 5,869	\$ 9,710	\$ (3,841)
Other Administrative			\$ 15,497	\$ -	\$ 15,497	\$ 9,725	\$ 5,772
Satisfaction of Environmental Costs			\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,000
Organizational Support			\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,650	\$ (1,450)
Miscellaneous Expense			\$ 1,593	\$ -	\$ 1,593	\$ 2,185	\$ (592)
TOTAL EXPENSE			\$ 50,785	\$ 11,973	\$ 62,758	\$ 55,900	\$ 6,858
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS			\$ 6,770	\$ 737	\$ 7,507	\$ 7,825	\$ (318)