



Higgins Lake Property Owners AssociationSM

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Directors: Chuck Brick, Wayne Brooks, Mark Lutz, Bob McKellar, John Ogren, Fred Swinehart

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Board Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2018

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

Agenda: Charlene asked to add Brad's resignation to the Elections Committee report.

President's Comments: Charlene thanked Fred for hosting a Board Christmas party he had for the Board members yesterday!

Charlene thanked Jim Vondale for his years of service on the Board and mentioned the article written about Jim in the Winter Newsletter.

November Minutes: Herb moved to accept the November 19, 2018 Minutes as written, seconded by Bruce. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Secretary/Office: Herb reported that the office relocation to the AuSable River Center will take place on December 27, 2018. Herb also contacted the utility companies and internet service with our change of address.

Treasurer's Report: The financials through November 30, 2018 were presented.

Bruce discussed the proposed 2019 budget, which the next draft will include figures for December 2018. Bob added that it would be beneficial to build up the CD's.

Membership & Communication Committee: Wayne shared that we have 148 members to-date for 2019 and that 9 of them are new members!

Wayne noted that the Winter 2018 Newsletter had been sent to members and thanked Charlene, Greg and Karen Cornell for their help in compiling the newsletter. Wayne also thanked Charlene, Greg, Bruce, Herb, Fred and Mark for their help in stuffing the envelopes for the membership mailing.

Wayne said that it was suggested to purchase a laser printer/scanner for various projects and that we had 2 volunteers to pay for this equipment.

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Last, Wayne said he would be preparing a solicitation letter to advertisers for the 2019 Member Directory.

Riparian Committee: Greg stated that the next meeting with local law enforcement will be January 4, 2019. Topics cited in last month's minutes will be discussed, along with solutions.

Greg said that Lyon Township had published a newsletter stating that sunbathing and picnicking were allowed at road-ends, which is incorrect and illegal per the Jacobs Decision. Conversations have been had with Ed Nellis of Lyon Township and they have been asked to retract this in a future newsletter.

Greg reported that the DNR plan to deal with SSW was put forward at the AIS/DNR meeting on November 20, 2018, and that it addressed many of our concerns to help control SSW.

Environmental Committee: Fred moved to nominate a specific person (to be announced at the annual meeting) to be the recipient of the Friend of the Lake Award, which was seconded by Bruce. The motion passed.

Fred then reported that John Blizzard and Chuck Schepke met with the high school chemistry participants yesterday, for a water sampling planning session for 2019. Fred added that a 5th cycle will be implemented.

Last, John shared that he will again donate \$3,000.00 for the 2019 high school water sampling program. Thank you, John!

PAC: Greg said we continue to receive additional contributions from our solicitation mailing and that once again our membership support will allow us to pursue many avenues to positively affect Higgins Lake through political activity.

HLSIO: Greg summarized the HLSIO year and reported the following:

- Our relocation costs were reduced to \$46K from \$89K the prior year. Three teachers had been trained in 2018 to do the relocation work next summer, which will greatly reduce costs.
- We had only 2 broods this past summer (total 18 ducks.)
- The Common Merganser is the prime source of SI in Higgins Lake. Some lakes have evidenced other ducks (Mallards) and possibly geese, as adding to the SI problem.
- We removed 53 Canada Geese this summer, eliminating the possibility of their addition to the SI problem and eliminating their nutrient loading.

Greg then noted HLSIO plans for 2019:

- SIS committed to publish a scientific paper establishing the effectiveness of trap and relocation programs.
- We will continue to monitor for other sources of SI on Higgins Lake.
- We will likely create a plan to band and tag relocated ducks with SIS for this summer.
- We intend to target research programs more specifically in 2019 than we have in the past.
- Canada Geese will again be removed from Higgins Lake.

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In regard to MISIP, Greg said that they received a third \$250,000.00 appropriation to be budgeted for the 2019 season. Also, the MISIP Steering Committee has been expanded in a way that we feel will increase involvement of new associations. There are now 9 SC members.

Elections Committee: Charlene stated with Brad's resignation, there are now 2 Board member vacancies. Greg moved to appoint Chuck Brick to replace Jim Vondale. After discussion, the motion was seconded by Wayne. The motion passed. Charlene asked Board members to reach out to those who may be interested in joining the HLPOA Board.

Ongoing Business: There was not an update on the AMVETS case filing at this time.

Regarding SSW, Greg suggested we have a Board member involved with the DNR on an ongoing basis and stay in touch with them to monitor the progress that they need to make in addressing the problem with their plan. Fred volunteered to be involved in this way.

Charlene stated we are still looking for someone to attend the Lyon Township and Road Commission meetings.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: Fred moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wayne. The meeting adjourned at 12:26 P.M.

The next meeting will be January 21, 2019.

HIGGINS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2018
Preliminary
ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	41,455
Accounts Receivable	\$	-
Total Current Assets		<u>41,455</u>

Other Assets

Prepaid Rent		-
Restricted Cash		<u>12,739</u>
Total Other Assets		<u>12,739</u>

Total Assets		<u><u>\$ 54,194</u></u>
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LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	-
Accrued Payroll and Withholdings Payable		717
Accrued Expenses		450
Prepaid Membership Dues		<u>21,780</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>22,947</u>

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NET ASSETS

Unrestricted :		
Unrestricted		18,508
Temporarily Restricted		12,739
Permanently Restricted		-
Total Net Assets		<u>31,247</u>

Total Liabilities and Net Assets		<u><u>\$ 54,194</u></u>
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12 Months Ending December 31, 2018

Preliminary

			Temporarily			Annual Budget	Variance Fav/(Unfav)	
			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total			
REVENUES:	Members	Dues				500 Members		
	Members	514	\$ 90	\$ 46,260	\$ -	\$ 46,260	\$ 45,000	\$ 1,260
	Legal Fund			\$ -	\$ 1,920	\$ 1,920	\$ 1,900	\$ 20
	AmVets Fund				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Other (Gen'l/Lobbyist Fund)			\$ 5,585	\$ -	\$ 5,585	\$ 8,500	\$ (2,915)
	Directory Advertising			\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,425	\$ 1,575
	Environmental Fund			\$ -	\$ 15,815	\$ 15,815	\$ 1,900	\$ 13,915
	Investment Income			\$ 48	\$ -	\$ 48	\$ -	\$ 48
TOTAL REVENUE				\$ 59,893	\$ 17,735	\$ 77,628	\$ 63,725	\$ 13,903
OPERATING EXPENSES:								
	Lobbyist			\$ 15,750	\$ -	\$ 15,750	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,750
	Legal Fees Paid			\$ 410	\$ -	\$ 410	\$ -	\$ 410
	Satisfaction of Legal Costs			\$ -	\$ 1,993	\$ 1,993	\$ 4,500	\$ (2,507)
	Payroll			\$ 12,564	\$ -	\$ 12,564	\$ 11,130	\$ 1,434
	Office			\$ 6,213	\$ -	\$ 6,213	\$ 9,710	\$ (3,497)
	Other Administrative			\$ 15,856	\$ -	\$ 15,856	\$ 9,725	\$ 6,131
	Satisfaction of Environmental C			\$ -	\$ 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				\$ 53,586	\$ 11,993	\$ 65,579	\$ 55,900	\$ 9,679
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS				\$ 6,307	\$ 5,742	\$ 12,049	\$ 7,825	\$ 4,224