



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

January 21, 2019

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

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

Agenda: Charlene announced that Vicki Springstead, Chair of the HLF, would be calling in at 9:15.

President's Comments: None.

December Minutes: Wayne and John noted two revisions to the December 17, 2018 Minutes. With these changes, Herb moved to accept the Minutes, seconded by Bruce. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Secretary/Office: Herb reported that the office move was successful! He thanked all that assisted with the move: Mark and his 2 sons Evan and Max, Fred, Ric and Charlene. Also, Herb noted that there is a sign-up sheet when the conference room is needed.

Conference Call with Vicki Springstead: Vicki called in to update the HLPOA on projects for 2019, with a focus on AIS and the effort to combat Starry Stonewort.

Treasurer's Report: The preliminary financials through December 31, 2019 were presented.

Bruce then presented the revised budget and some changes were suggested regarding expenses and revenue. With these changes, Fred moved to accept the budget, seconded by Herb. Motion passed.

Membership & Communication Committee: Wayne reported that we have received 293 memberships vs. 306 last year-to-date, and 21 are new members.

Wayne shared that the mailing to advertisers for the membership directory has been sent.

Chuck said that Linda will volunteer with our marketing efforts! Thank you, Linda!

Riparian Committee: Greg reported that there was another meeting with local law enforcement on January 4, 2019. Those in attendance were Charlene Cornell, Ed Nellist, Fred Koenigbauer, Sheriff Stern, Chief Hill,

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Prosecutor Beebe, Gerrish Twp Supervisor Dave Udy and Central Dispatch Director Vance Stringham. Topics discussed were reporting violations anonymously, removal of anchors used illegally, ingress/egress problems for riparians, rafting control and road end violations and parallel roads that run along the waters' edge.

Greg also stated that Lyon Twp Supervisor Nellist concluded that sunbathing and picnicking are not legal according to the Jacobs Decision and we are in discussion as to how to inform Lyon Township residents.

Greg then suggested allotting monies for marine control projects that may become apparent as the season gets underway. After discussion, Mark moved to budget \$1000.00 for marine patrol, seconded by Fred. Motion passed.

Environmental Committee: Fred said that he recently read a 1998 Water Quality & Bottom Sediment Study, that he suggested to add to our website. Charlene said the Board will review this study and decide at the next meeting.

Fred moved to elect another member to the Environmental Committee, member Rick Larobardiere. After discussion, this motion was seconded by Bruce. Motion passed.

Last, Herb noted that he had found reasonable quotes for the HLPOA Friend of the Lake award plaques.

PAC: Greg said there have not been any recent PAC meetings, but we are in good position to support legislatively in any HLPOA effort thought necessary to improve our situation with AIS threats and the DNR's commitment to their programs at Higgins Lake sites. We intend to communicate with the new legislators that have been positioned to help with lake issues and will work with the advice provided us by John Lindley.

HLSIO: Greg stated that the year-end report dealing with SI was published in December. We continue to work with MISIP and our new administrative partner, Tip of the Mitt, along with other lakes involved with formulating our working plan for 2019. We will also be working with Curt Blankespoor of SIS again this summer.

Greg noted that Tip of the Mitt has regular contact with the DNR, and this may result in quicker responses for our research projects.

Elections Committee: Bob stated that no one has yet been found for the Board vacancy but does have some potential candidates. Board members were asked to approach members that may have an interest to join.

Ongoing Business: Regarding the AMVETS suit, Charlene informed us that AMVETS initially had until January 16, 2019 to reply and they have been granted a 2-week extension.

Chuck volunteered to attend the Lyon Township and Road Commission meetings.

Adjournment: Fred motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chuck. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:38 P.M.

The next meeting will be February 18, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

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HIGGINS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JANUARY 31, 2019

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 45,546
Accounts Receivable	\$ -
Total Current Assets	45,546

Other Assets

Rent Security Deposit	200
Restricted Cash	13,109
Total Other Assets	13,309

Total Assets	\$ 58,855
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LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ -
Accrued Payroll and Withholdings Payable	306
Accrued Expenses	450
Prepaid Membership Dues	-
Total Current Liabilities	756

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NET ASSETS

Unrestricted :

Unrestricted	44,990
Temporarily Restricted	13,109
Permanently Restricted	-
Total Net Assets	58,099

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 58,855
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January 31, 2019

Statement of Income

INCOME:	<u>Members @</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Members' Dues	307	\$	90 \$ 27,630	\$ 47,250	\$ (19,620)
Directory Advertisements			\$ 1,434	\$ 9,100	\$ (7,666)
Legal Fund Contrib's (Restricted)			\$ 185	\$ 3,000	\$ (2,815)
Environmental Fund Contrib's - (Restricted)			\$ 185	\$ 14,000	\$ (13,815)
General/Lobbyist Fund Contrib's (Non-Restricted)			\$ 1,250	\$ 5,000	\$ (3,750)
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 30,684	\$ 78,350	\$ (47,666)
 EXPENSES:					
Contract Services					
Accounting Fees			\$ 300	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,685
Legal Expenses			\$ 58	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,685
Lobbyist - PAA			\$ 1,000	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,185
			<u>\$ 1,358</u>	<u>\$ 29,500</u>	<u>\$ 28,555</u>
Facilities and Equipment					
Equip Rental and Maintenance			\$ -		
Property Insurance			\$ -		
Office Rent			\$ 200	\$ 2,400	\$ (2,200)
Utilities			\$ 181	\$ -	\$ 181
			<u>\$ 381</u>	<u>\$ 2,400</u>	<u>\$ (2,019)</u>
Memberships					
Huron Pines			\$ -	\$ 100	\$ (100)
Mi Lakes and Streams			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mi Waterfront Alliance			\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -
			<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>\$ 200</u>	<u>\$ (100)</u>
Misc Expense					
Marine Patrol Support			\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ (1,000)
			<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ (1,000)</u>
Operating Expenses					
Bank Service Charges			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subscriptions, Books			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance			\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ (1,000)
Postage, Mailing Service			\$ 122	\$ 2,200	\$ (2,078)
Printing and Copying			\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ (2,500)
Supplies			\$ 771	\$ 500	\$ 271
Telephone and Internet			\$ 244	\$ 2,400	\$ (2,156)
Web Site Maintenance			\$ -	\$ 425	\$ (425)
			<u>\$ 1,137</u>	<u>\$ 9,025</u>	<u>\$ (7,888)</u>
Payroll Expenses					
Salaries and Wages			\$ 847	\$ 12,500	\$ (11,653)
Payroll Taxes			\$ 72	\$ 1,100	\$ (1,028)
Workers Comp			\$ 1	\$ 50	\$ (49)
			<u>\$ 920</u>	<u>\$ 13,650</u>	<u>\$ (12,730)</u>
Travel and Meetings					
Conferernces, Conventions, Meetings			\$ -	\$ 1,100	\$ (1,100)
Other					
Environmental Expenses			\$ -	\$ 14,500	\$ (14,500)
Michigan Sales & Use Tax			\$ 294	\$ -	\$ 294
TOTAL EXPENSE			\$ 4,190	\$ 71,375	\$ (10,488)
NET INCOME			\$ 26,494	\$ 6,975	\$ (37,178)