

## HLPOA Board Meeting Minutes 3/16/2015

This semiannual meeting was called to order by President Larry Leafblad at 7:00 PM. Members present were Cindy Mittlestaedt, Dennis Grube, Joe Bigalke, Marilyn Henry, Larry Leafblad, Darren Ruback, Cathy DeGroh, Dave Coulter, Maggie Keefe and John Sonnenberg. Bob Schroer attended via speaker phone. Cathy will be leaving the board and Bob is returning after an illness. There were no paper copies of the minutes from the last meeting available for inspection tonight so they will be reviewed at the next meeting in April. We are in the process of recruiting a new board member. The bylaws have been modified so that we no longer have two members from each shore mandated. This will allow for more flexibility in filling all of the available seats. Bob Kula just called from the department of roads and said the entrance to Lakeside Ave will not be paved until next year. Also, the area clean up day will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. They will be picking up your accumulation of refuse for disposal at this time.

Public Comment: Kathleen Conlon Wasik addressed the group asking for their support. She is running for a position on the Grayslake District 127 Board of Education. Please go to her website ([Kathleenfor127.com](http://Kathleenfor127.com)) for more information. Marie Caviness asked if Lake Ave had been approved yet for work. Larry answered that it has been approved for next year. Cathy stated that John Wasik was present at the last meeting of the Lakeside Readers Book Club. His book, *The Merchant of Power*, was last month's selection and he came to discuss the book and other topics. She said that the group has 17 members and meets every second Tuesday of the month. Please contact her if you are interested in joining. The extension of RT 53 has been recommended by the commission to move forward although there has been opposition from the Sierra Club. Larry said there is no money for this so he doubts it will even be an issue. Larry announced that the law firm that we have been using is offering seminars that he invites us to attend. He circulated the list among those present.

President's Report: Regarding the pillars and Lakeside and Washington; the pillars have been moved, are most likely at the township as they have fallen apart. It appeared as if only the tops will be salvageable. Regarding the raft; we need to identify who the owner is in order to determine liability. Marc Rosemeyer was asked to come to tonight's meeting as his family has owned it for many years but is not present. Larry has been asking insurance agencies for quotes and they have been declining because of the raft. We are assuming that the raft will go out this year so he has obtained wrist bands that will be issued to families who will use the raft. Boat numbers will be written on the bands. The cost to raft users will be \$5.00 no matter how many bands they ask for. They will be available for pick up at the board officer's home. Our current insurance policy will remain in place. One member of the group needs to have a wrist band with identifying number on it who will responsible for the guests they bring. Anyone on the raft without a band will be asked to leave. Tied in to this will be a water safety event at Szontagh Park; we can get the DNR or the FD to come and speak about regulations and safety. All boats need to have the yellow stickers, along with the state of IL DNR stamp that can be purchased at Walmart or Ace Hardware. We need to get more of the Highland Lake yellow boat stickers. Larry has purchased a solar motion light to be placed on the raft. We will get a release to be signed by parents of kids using the raft to limit our liability.

Lake Health: Mike Kalstrup reported on the presentation by Clarke that he attended. The facility was toured, staff introduced. The different herbicides were outlined, algae treatments (algaecides don't work long range), and the importance of alternating treatment methods. Clarke keeps all the records as part of their service. They are going to use Biobase on all the properties except for one that did not sign the consent form. Clarke will spot the colonies with sonar and show us the map. It will be up to the lake health committee to decide what to treat depending on how much we can spend. We can use less chemical because of the way it's dispensed. We will get copies of all the data. There will be a presentation at Lindy's Landing on fish on 4/14 at 7PM; this will be posted on the website. Dave is happy with the algaecide we are using (24D); it is safe and effective. Thanks to all of the work the Lake Health Committee is doing. No money has been paid yet to Clarke; they will bill us after the assessment is done, then it will be up to us to decide what to spend when the results come back.

Treasure's Report: Any people that use the Pay Pal to pay for things will be charged a fee to offset expenses for this service. We are at our budget for fees paid. Darren provided copies of the proposed budget for 2015. There were no questions, comments or changes. Motion to approve it was made by John and seconded by Maggie. The motion carried. We took in \$860.00 for the Italian Dinner, paid \$52.00 for setting up the bank account for the Foundation. Another mailing will be done to request annual donation (dues) for those who haven't paid yet. Regarding the independent audit, Ann Bidwell did it and gave us the following feedback. We need to have receipts available and they weren't consistently so. The approvals of money spent were not found in the minutes. The fielding of the budget needs to improve, and we overspent in bereavement and awards.

T Shirt Fundraiser: Alice Leafblad-Fischer organized a fundraiser via selling of T Shirts to raise money to improve Chic Park. The shirts are \$15.00 a piece. Information is available on the website.

Easter Egg Hunt: Marie Caviness stated that one of the contributors requested that Maggie be the Easter Bunny. It will be held in Downey Park on 3/28/15.

Highland Lake Welcome Wagon: Rachel Bird and Linda Slater-Dowling came up with the idea to collect items from neighborhood business to place in bags and give to our new residents. We will need to purchase the bags and they had artwork ready to be put on these bags. We could also put in a boat sticker and information about Lake living. They were asked to submit a number and cost to the board and we will approve the money to be spent.

Carp Fest: Ron Jensen told Larry it will start on 5/16 and will run through Memorial Day. There will be a meeting to plan it this Thursday at Rosemeyer's house at 7:00 PM.

Summer Fiesta: Linda, Rachel and others suggested this at the Italian Dinner. It is in planning stages and will be at Szontagh Park with live music.

Thanks to Darren especially and others for setting up the Italian Dinner. The Garage Sale will not be held this year.

Motion to adjourn made by Darren and seconded by Cindy at 8:20 PM

## Highland Lake Property Owners Foundation Meeting

Meeting called to order by Larry at 8:20 PM. We will use the recognition of members from the previous meeting for this meeting. The bylaws and constitution is on file at the bank. Thanks to John and Darren for all the work they did in establishing this Foundation. The financial report was submitted along with the report for the general meeting earlier.

Motion to adjourn was made by Cathy and seconded by Maggie at 8:22 PM. Motion carried.