

Highland Lake Property Owner's Association Semi-annual Board of Director's Meeting, August 21, 2017

This meeting was called to order by Executive Vice President Larry Leafblad at 7:00 PM. There will be no HL Foundation meeting tonight; the next one will be after the September meeting. Members present were Cindy Mittlestaedt, Marilyn Henry, Maggie Keefe, Joe Bigalke, Linda Kuntner, Kate Johnson, and Lorna Denig. Community members present were Dave Butler, Greg Denig, Marie Caviness and Mrs. Benzo .

Minutes: Minutes from the July 2017 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Lorna and seconded by Linda. The motion carried.

Items to Add to Agenda/Public Comment: Marie asked if the Welcome Wagon has stopped by the 2 new neighbors on North Circle yet. The names are Benzo (34441 N Circle) and Kennedy. Larry stated that there is also a new resident on South Circle; her name is Lauren. Linda requested the addresses so that she can notify Rachel Bird. Dave Butler on Cedar Lane introduced himself; he has been here for two years. Joe mentioned that Dave wants to improve one of the water access points to make it usable for boat launches. He would like to leave his boat on it. He put in a new pier. Larry suggested they all get together and work out the issues; they will have it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Executive VP Comments: Our President position is vacant now as Mike Kalstrup has resigned. He has agreed to stay on as monitor for our Lake health issues, along with Dave Coulter and John Sonnenberg. Mike's dad's funeral will be held this Saturday, 8/26/17, in Libertyville. Larry would like to fill the position ASAP, recruit new Board members to fill vacancies, and have them on board by our next semiannual meeting in March. Larry would like to get a meeting together at the Grayslake Library for all HL residents led by an independent moderator. Priorities could be identified, problems addressed and solutions proposed. We had one 6 years ago and 90 people attended. He suggested the last Saturday of January, 2018. Marie asked if it would be possible to weave that into the Italian Dinner in February; Larry thought it would be better to keep them separate.

Treasure's Report: Linda got the blue tax forms issue straightened out. She explained the tax billing process. She asked for permission to pay the last installment of the property taxes (\$6.00). Cindy made the motion to do so, Joe seconded. The motion carried. Larry passed around a sheet for signatures from the Board Officers and 2 VPs; it needs to be sent to the Secretary of State with a check for \$10.00. We got a refund check from the weed treatment company for \$290.00 for a test that we declined. Linda stated that she is impressed with our liability insurance company in her dealings with them. They were able to provide missing documents from last year. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Maggie and seconded by Lorna. The motion carried.

Upcoming Events: Maggie, Kate and Marilyn are working on the Tailgating party to be held at Kate's on 9/10/2017. It will start 30 minutes before the Bear's game. We will have grills ready; attendees can bring meat to cook and a side to pass. There will be games there and gift baskets for silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. There will be parking in neighbor's driveways and docking for boats at neighbor's piers. They will be marked with balloons. The Italian Dinner will most likely occur next February.

Renter's Policy: Joe brought the paperwork from Round Lake Communities to last month's meeting.

Larry stated we needed to start thinking like a real homeowner's association. We need to have more defined policies, and handle things on our own without lawyers. He will say more about that later.

Marilyn asked if board members have permission to recruit new members. Larry requests that they come through him so he can keep things organized.

Motion to adjourn was made by Larry and seconded by Maggie at 7:30 PM. The motion carried.