

**The Highland Lake Property Owners  
Association (HLPOA) Minutes**  
Monthly Board Meeting, September 19, 2022

**Call to Order**

The Association monthly meeting was called to order by Linda Wegge, President at 7:00 pm. Zoom not functional due to invalid meeting ID.

**Roll**

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Linda Wegge, Pat Herendeen, Vicky Kennedy, Debbie Hall, Ron Mittlestaedt, Cathy de Groh, Sharon Schwaba, Trisha Steele.

General Membership and Guests in Attendance:

Joe Bigalke, Linda Kuntner, Lucian Jian, Larry Leafblad, Jim Bland, Marilyn Henry, John Sonnenberg, Andy Havelly, Jan Katien, Adrienne Fosberg

Request for items to be added to agenda  
None

July minutes approved with no changes.

August minutes approved with changes:

Water Lily's were treated again today, August 15 at no additional cost.

Abandoned boat sale/auction resulted in sale of three boats netting \$210 and disposal of four additional boats.

**Comments from Residents**

None

John Sonnenberg requested time at beginning of meeting to thank all for support. He recognized members of his Zebra Mussel Admiral Club presenting Coast Guard hats to both Linda Wegge and Larry Leafblad. He has had much support including Grayslake Park District and Michelle ?. Also recognizes Jim Bland, retired EPA field agent who trains the interns as well as intern James Kennedy who has changed his major to environmental studies.

**VP Report:**

Linda Wegge contacted lawyers.com, but they are not doing Land Trusts. She is still looking into attorneys and also considering how difficult it would be to write our own.

Linda Wegge reports that the raft barrel was damaged over the winter most likely by skaters sitting and kicking holes in it with their skates. Joe Bigalke has welded the holes making it useable again. Joe and Bob Slipke will coordinate a time to bring the raft in for storage at Chic Park. (Going forward raft will be moved to Community.)

**Lake Health:**

If we had done more treatment the zebra mussel vilegers would not be as prolific? See John's attached report for more info.

Next season ZM Foundation can do chemical application as interns will be trained/certified. Need to know by March 2023 if he needs to seek funding outside the HLPOA. Total needed \$18,840. There were 9 treatments in 2021 and 4 treatments in 2022. Discussion:

Andy Havelly has worked with IL Lake Management. Has board thought about getting another opinion? Pat Herendeen knows Botanic Garden has been dealing with zebra Mussels for years and it is not a matter getting rid of them. Just a matter of how much money, time and chemicals do you want to use.

Lucian: John's Foundation is for Lake County Lakes because he could not get funds from the state just for his lake.

Vicky Kennedy suggests holding an executive board meeting with John to get questions answered.

Board will schedule a meeting with John so they can have more information before October meeting as well as may contact IL Lake Management for a second opinion.

### **Treasurers Report** (Trisha Steele)

Audit committee met 9/17 and one of the recommendations is to discontinue the Foundation and combine with the Association. What is the benefit of a Foundation? Charity write offs and grants can be sought. Cost of having a Foundation is minimal? Must file a tax return. HLPOA needs to locate origination paperwork. If not able to locate, it should be online as non-profit filed with the state. This item to be tabled until further research done.

Motion to discontinue using the Old National Bank as the depository for the Highland Lake Property Association, discontinuing all banking activity at this bank and to transfer all banking business and funds from the Old National Bank account to the State Bank of the Lakes account to be transferred from Old National to State Bank of the Lakes. Roll call vote unanimous Aye

State Bank of the Lakes has a great community room and hopefully monthly meetings will be moved to that location.

Get ideas to Trisha for "wish list" for budget by the end of September. She will compile for discussion in October. Adopt a budget by November.

Copy of budget will be sent with the dues letter.

Pat: the letter should include the bad financial state the Association is in and also include what we would have if all residents paid dues. Dues are not just for the benefit of those living on the lake. We cannot improve the access lanes or upgrade the parks without funds.

Andy: Zoom account should have more than one person with access to receive the recovery email since the Meeting ID is not working (invalid meeting ID)

Kathy de Grogh would like the board to have a policy to agree that there is approval of incidental expenses that do not need to wait for board approval under a certain amount. Receipts still required.

### **Community** (Kathy de Grogh)

Kathy is very excited to announce that she has a committee co-chair: Debbie Hall

Debbie has been instrumental in working to revive carp fest, picked up the picnic, and got Hartnett assessed by Open Lands.

Request to find out who has been cutting the grass outside the fence of Hartnett along Washington as much appreciated.

Committee is looking for someone to help write grant requests.

Linda reports that the problem with last month's report of speeding boat was resolved. Owner was not aware of rules.

Linda contacted Atlas Piers as there were free wooden piers. Unfortunately these are in very bad condition but company owner said to contact him again in about a month and he will see what he can do as many owners that have their piers removed replace with new and ask him to dispose of them. May be able to donate to our Non-profit. We are looking for four complete two section piers.

George Wisdom to talk to his neighbors as far as any plans they had devised for access lanes.

David would like ideas for recognizing past officers. Kathy suggests this should be a Committee of the Whole or responsibility of the complete Board. Maybe a coffee or something before the annual meeting.

**Communications:** Pat reports that he and David Oswald met re website. They went through it and are still working on it. Are trying to figure out how to update; freshen pictures. Lucian and George Wisdom to help.

**Rules and Regs:** (Pat Herendeen)

Has gone through website and found a lot of details including Marilyn and Linda's details from prior years.

Ron asked for past Association information for his researching mandatory dues for Association. Historical boxes are stored at Linda's office and they will establish a date, place and time to go through.

Meeting adjourned 8:22