

HLIA Meeting Minutes for May 2017

Attendance:

President: Danya Vander Lugt

Vice President: Renee Finkbeiner

Treasurer: Ramona Deters

Zone Reps:

Jason Stefans

Denny Brown

Betty Pennington

Ben Lester

Katie Lipner

Pat Bertrand

Terry Roelofs

Karla Fettig

Guests:

Jamie & Troy DeWard

Mr. Pennington

I. Call to Order and Introductions

II. Organizational Items

1. Approval of April 10, 2017 Minutes

Approval motioned by Ramona

Second by Renee

Motion passed

2. Treasurer's Report

Ramona indicated there is no change from April.

Motion to approve by Ben

Second by Betty

Ramona shared bill for Domain for the next 3 years, she already paid on credit card.

Asked for motion to have reimbursement.

Ben made motion

Renee second

Motion passed

3. HLB Report

- Renee reported the DEQ has not given any decision if Hess Lake can have another aerator. They discussed Wheeler Drain to see if the holding ponds were working and doing the job they were meant to do. They are checking into a report from 1995 regarding the hold ponds and getting some answers.
- The DEQ is going to let HLB use muck pellets this year .
- Renee was to meet with Eric Allen (from MSU) at 10:0 am on Tuesday, May 9 to discuss Wheeler Drain, Carp, and numerous other questions. She will Report at the June meeting.
- Terry R: resident on the lake felt the pellets were working because they could see a difference from last year.
- Discussion: No one can be sure and even though things look good now, we have no boat traffic yet, so the muck is settled down. Everyone agreed measuring the depth of muck is difficult and we know it is more than 12 feet.

4. Carp Roundup Report

- Ben Lester provided and passed around a signup sheet for the collection, counting and recording of carp. Collection time is to be 7:00-8:00PM. Dates are identified on the signup sheet. A copy of the sign up sheet is required.
- Discussion: Renee Finkbeiner commented that volunteers should go to the collection area in pairs for safety.
- Question: Troy DeWard is there any limitations to the types of collection methods?
- Answer: Ben Lester - netting is permitted, indeed, any method other than shooting with a firearm is acceptable.

5. Goose Nesting Activity Update

Denny Brown indicated that some nests had been reported. Most nests have natural predators. Geese will not return to a lake if they do not initially fly off from the lake.

6. Spring Newsletter

Ramona Deters has sent the Spring Newsletter to the printer, the finished product is scheduled to be completed the week of May 15th. Mailing labels continues to be a labor intensive issue. A label program needs to be researched and sourced.

Discussion:

Question: Ben Lester asked if the calendar of events is still opened since dates for boat washing have been identified and waiting for approval from the DNA.

Boat washing dates and times:

June 24 9:00-2:00

July 1 10:00-4:00 (statewide washing)

July 29. 10:00-2:00

Aug 26 - 10:00-2:00

Volunteers will be sought by Ben Lester.

Answer: Ramona Deters recommended posting dates to web site in the President's Blog and Hess Lake road sign.

Renee motioned to approve dates

Katie L. second

Motion approved

7. Discussion on Replacements for Secretary, Zone 1 and 2

Representatives

Diane and Ben are leaving the board which vacates the positions of Secretary and Zone 1 and 2 Representatives. Jason and Del are in Zone 1 - Danya will follow up to confirm availability. Pat Roelofs is the current Zone 6a rep, that is very active, volunteered to take over Zone 3. That move would leave the trailer park open. Jamie DeWard volunteered as a board alternate.

Karla volunteered to assume the roll of Secretary until official vote.

Ben made motion

Ramona second

Motion passed

8. Road Sign Update Ideas

Memorial Day walk, Carp Roundup, and Leadership team meetings need to be posted.

Danya will assume the responsibility for updating the sign.

If the sign needs repainting, Katie Lipner remind Rich Bosowski.

9. Flares Update

Ramona reported the price of flairs did not go up in cost from last year - \$65.56 per box. Shipping costs are additional.

Ordered 52/54 cases last year and we ran out of flairs. However, there have been previous years with leftover flairs, that were saved and sold later.

Ramona motioned that an order be placed for 62 cases

Denny second

Motion passed

Discussion followed as to where and who would store leftovers. Flairs to be shipped to Rich. Katie will ask Rich if he will accept shipment. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

III. Unscheduled Business

1. Katie proposed it would be better to set the calendar for the following year at the October meeting. Discussion: fall Newsletter goes out prior to October Meeting.

Motion by Katie

Second by Ben

Approved

2. Troy inquired about planting native water plants. Trying to bring good plant back. Ben responded that plantings are good at the shoreline but bad in the water.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45