

**Hess Lake Improvement Association**  
**Minutes of the ANNUAL Meeting**  
June 18, 2022  
Brooks Township Meeting Room

**Call to Order/Welcome**

The annual meeting of the Hess Lake Improvement Association was called to order by President Terry Roelofs at 10:02am on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Brooks Township Hall.

**Roll Call**

Members Present:	Terry Roelofs	President / Zone 7 Rep
	Mark Breen	Vice-President/ Zone 4 Rep
	Mary Spicer	Secretary / Zone 6 Rep
	Nancy Calvi	Treasurer / Alternate
	John Van Dam	Zone 1 Rep
	Janella Byrne	Zone 5 Rep
	Betty Pennington	Zone 2 Rep
	Grant Bryan	Zone 3 Rep
	Pat Bertrand	Alternate
	Bart Calvi	Alternate
	Chad Bishop	Alternate
	Joseph Morrow	Alternate

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** by President Roelofs, supported by Member Breen, to approve the Annual meeting Agenda; motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by President Roelofs, supported by Member Breen to approve the minutes of the annual HLIA meeting of June 19, 2021; Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurers Report**

Member Calvi discussed the current Treasurers Report.

Checking Account Balance: \$21,744.62

Wild Life Fund: \$2,233.22

General Fund : \$1,507.35

CD: \$17,011.59

Member Calvi presented paying payments that are due annually, without needing a motion to do so, but will present the payments during discussion of the treasurer report.

Motion by President Roelofs, supported by Member Pennington to approve the Treasurers Report as of June 18, 2022 and approving Member Calvi's request; Motion carried unanimously.

## **Election of Zone Representatives**

The following Zone terms were up, and they will remain with the same Representatives.

Zone 2 –Betty Pennington

Zone 4 – Mark Breen

## **Alternates for 2022-2023:**

Bart Calvi

Nancy Calvi

Chad Bishop

Ken Russell

Joseph Morrow

Larry Hohns

Pat Bertrand

Paul Dennis

## **Bylaws**

The HLIA Bylaws were reviewed and updated as discussed by the HLIA Bylaw Committee. The updated Bylaws will be posted on the website [www.hesslake.com](http://www.hesslake.com).

## **Calendars**

Member Byrne is working on the 2023 Calendar. All paying Members will receive one free 2023 calendar. Pictures for the calendar must be submitted by July 24, 2022.

## **Website – [www.hesslake.com](http://www.hesslake.com)**

Member Spicer and Member Calvi updated the website with an updated look, completed updates as needed, and added online payment available to residents to make membership payments.

## **Hess Lake Board Report**

Member Bryan and Member Calvi discussed projects happening with the Hess Lake Board:

The HLB applied for a fisheries improvement grant from the state of Michigan. While we made the first cut, ultimately were not awarded the grant. At this point, we don't know why we were rejected, but we are hoping to understand that soon.

The board approved the hiring of a company called Carp Solutions to perform a more rigorous survey of our carp population. We know the carp are a big problem, but we don't really know the extent of the problem. This survey will give us a more exact definition of the issue and help us work toward a solution. The surveying will consist of tagging a number of carp and tracking them electronically. They then use a mathematical model to give a detailed estimate of the total population. Also, Carp Solutions will be capturing a number of carp using a unique method of baiting and netting combined with an electronic trigger that activates the nets. This whole process will be ongoing this summer and we will be updating everyone with the activity on the lake. For those interested, there are YouTube videos online that demonstrate some of their processes.

The Hess Lake Board also approved a thorough study of the banks of Wheeler Drain to try to determine the worst areas of erosion and define possible solutions.

A number of other issues were discussed (next page)

**SEAWALLS** ♦ It was noted by the drain commissioner that EGLE (formerly DEQ) is not issuing any permits for seawalls, except those that meet "natural shoreline" requirements. We also discussed the proposed presentation from MSU extension at the HLIA meeting in June and agreed that would be a great educational tool.

**FARM DRAINAGE** ♦ A question was asked about the large farm drainage project off Willow Rd. The drain commissioner stated that the project had been started without a permit, but other than that, the work being done was legal.

**WEED CONTROL** ♦ A lake weed survey will be done in late May by Progressive A&E. The results of that survey will determine what weed control applications will be done for the year. The goal is to do as little herbicide application as possible.

**EDUCATION** ♦ The drain commissioner's office will be mailing an informational packet later this spring to all Hess Lake taxpayers with info on the many things we can do to protect/improve our lake.

As for specific dates as to when all of these items will occur, please stay tuned.

The next HLB meeting: July 12th @ 9:30am - Drain Commission Office in White Cloud.

### **Carp**

President Roelofs updated that 28 Carp were brought in for the Carp Shoot and approximately 200 from using Carp cages.

President Roelofs discussed creating more cage, since they have proven to trap carp.

Motion by Member Breen to allow \$250.00 in funds to create additional carp cages, supported by Member Van Dam; Motion carried unanimously.

### **Boat Parade**

July 4<sup>th</sup> @ Noon

Theme: Choose your own

Contact: Nancy Calvi

### **2022 Dates to Remember**

July 3	Ring of Fire @ 10pm
July 4	Boat Parade @ Noon
July 11	HLIA Monthly Meeting
August 11-13	Hess Lake Yard Sales
August 8	HLIA Monthly Meeting
September 12	HLIA Monthly Meeting

### **Communications from the Public**

President Roelofs addressed questions asked by guests and answered accordingly.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by President Roelofs supported by Member Breen to adjourn the meeting at 10:58am

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Mary Spicer, Secretary