

# Hess Lake Improvement Association

**Meeting: August 8, 2022**

Location: Brooks Township Hall

## **MINUTES:**

### **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hess Lake Improvement Association was called to order by President Roelofs at 5:31 pm on Monday, August 8, 2022 at Brooks Township Hall.

### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Terry Roelofs	President / Zone 7 Rep
Mark Breen	Vice President / Zone 4 Rep
Nancy Calvi	Treasurer / Alternate
Paul Dennis	Secretary / Alternate
Larry Hohs	Zone 1
Betty Pennington	Zone 2
Grant Bryan	Zone 3 / HLB Rep
Janella Byrne	Zone 5
Pat Bertrand	Alternate
Chad Bishop	Alternare
Bart Calvi	Alternate / HLB Rep
Joseph Morrow	Alternate

### **Organizational Items**

#### **APPROVAL OF AUG. 8TH AGENDA / JULY MEETING MINUTES**

- **Motion** by Vice President Mark Breen, supported by Zone 2 Representative Betty Pennington to approve the August Agenda; motion carried unanimously.
- **Motion** by Treasurer Nancy Calvi, supported by Zone 1 Representative Larry Hohs, to approve July Minutes

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Nancy Calvi reviewed the current Treasurer's Report.

Checking Account Balance: **\$22,780.10**  
Wildlife Fund: **\$4,413.79**  
General Fund: **\$3,072.98**  
CD: **\$17,011.59**

- (3 additional Paid Memberships today): **total of 244 Association Members**
  - Discussion to include envelopes next year with Newsletter for Membership Dues. Paypal will remain as a payment option. Paid Membership in 2021 was **258.**
  - Discussion of items for **September meeting agenda**
    - "new ideas" to increase memberships
    - collection of emails
    - fundraisers

- Approval needed to pay \$347.00 to White Agency for insurance. Motion by Roelofs, supported by Breen to approve payment; motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** by Zone 2 Representative Betty Pennington, supported by Zone 5 Representative Janella Byrne to approve the Treasurer's Report as of August 8, 2022; Motion carried unanimously.

### **Hess Lake Board Report**

Grant Bryan discussed that Carp Solutions will begin mid to late August to begin their process of tagging / capturing Carp in the Lake. More specific details to be posted on the Hess Lake Facebook page prior to Carp Solutions starting.

Bart Calvi answered questions from membership attendees regarding our water condition & Progressive AE Aquatic plant survey in June; very little milfoil was found and no treatment was needed. Progressive AE is expected to complete another inspection (survey) in August.

### **WEB ADMINISTRATOR**

Mary Spicer was unable to attend this meeting, however updated By Laws will be posted on the website.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **CARP CAGES**

Terry Roelofs confirmed that materials needed to build 4 additional carp cages have been ordered. Terry also mentioned that he contacted the DNR regarding the massive amount of catfish 'die off', the DNR had no explanation.

There were additional comments from various association members regarding the catfish issue and possible causes such as extreme heat and shallow lake that catfish can't tolerate, and in other parts of the country similar occurrences have been documented where catfish are susceptible to a disease yet non harmful to other fish or humans.

#### **2023 Hess Lake Calendars**

Janella Byrne reported that the calendars have been ordered and we still have time to make any required changes of events, meetings, etc. that will be included (***printed on the month and day***) on the 2023 calendars.

250 calendars will be ordered and initial distribution possibly at the August 20th Association Membership picnic.

Discussed Zone reps will be expected to distribute calendars to members to reduce the costs associated with mailing. Additionally consideration and future discussion to attempt to collect email addresses of association members to effectively increase all communications.

#### **AUGUST GARAGE SALES**

Terry Roelofs has put signs out, Pat Bertrand placed advertisements in the local Hi Lites paper, Mary Spicer has also posted on Social Media.

## **AUGUST 20TH MEMEBRSHIP PICINIC**

**15** MEMBERS CONFIRMED THAT THEY WILL BE ATTENDING AND **17** INDICATED 'INTERESTED'

PAUL DENNIS WILL CONTACT MARY SPICER TO REQUEST PICINIC INFORMATION BE POSTED AGAIN ON WEBSITE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **CHANGE OF BANKING INSTITUTION**

NANCY CALVI ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO MOVE FUNDS TO GERBER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION. THIS WILL ALLOW FOR A DEBIT CARD AND SEPARATED CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AS WELL AS SUB-ACCOUNTS FOR THE WILDLIFE & GENERAL FUND. OUR CD WILL ALSO BE MOVED TO GERBER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION.

**MOTION** TO APPROVE BY VICE PRESIDENT MARK BREEN SUPPORTED BY ZONE 2 REPRESENTATIVE BETTY PENNINGTON, UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

- **DONATION REQUEST FOR POKER RUN FIREWORKS**

THE SPECIFIC REQUEST WAS REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND VOTED ON VERBALLY BY EACH MEMBER PRESENT. THE REQUEST WAS DENIED WITH ONLY ONE MEMBER (JANELLA BYRNE) VOTING TO APPROVE.

- **SECRETARY POSITION**

CURRENT SECRETARY MARY SPICER ON JULY 26TH SENT AN EMAIL TO TERRY ROELOFS (THIS EMAIL WAS PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED FOR LEADERSHIP TEAM REVIEW) INDICATING THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO RELINGUISH CURRENT SECRETARY DUTIES AND CONTINUE ON WITH HER RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, NEWSLETTERS, AND OTHER GENERAL SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS. PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS INDICATED THAT PAUL DENNIS, CURRENT ALTERNATE ZONE REPRESENTATIVE WAS WILLING TO TAKE OVER SECRETARY RESPONSIBILITIES.

PAUL DENNIS CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS WILLING TO TAKE THE POSITION OF SECRETARY.

**MOTION** TO APPROVE BY ZONE 2 REPRESENTATIVE BETTY PENNINGTON SUPPORTED BY VICE PRESIDENT MARK BREEN, UNANIMOUS APPROVAL.

- **HLIA MEETING DATE/TIME PROPOSED CHANGE**

DISCUSSION ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE OUR MONTHLY MEETING DATE TO THE 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH. CURRENTLY OUR MEETINGS ARE FOLLOWED BY BROOKS TOWNSHIP BOARD, THIS RESTRICTS/LIMITS OUR TIME FRAME TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS, ETC.

THE LEADERSHIP TEAM AGREED TO MOVE MEETINGS TO THE 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 19TH. MEETINGS WILL STILL BE HELD AT BROOKS TOWNSHIP AND START TIME OF 5:30 PM WILL REMAIN.

- **MEET & GREET**

ZONE 5 REPRESENTATIVE JANELLA BYRNE DISCUSSED FUTURE ORGANIZED '**MEET & GREET**' YOUR HLIA LEADERSHIP TEAM AND NEW OR CURRENT LAKE RESIDENTS . OUR FIRST **MEET & GREET** WILL BE HELD ON **SATURDAY MAY 27, 2023**, WHICH IS MEMEORIAL WEEKEND, FOR JUST A COUPLE HOURS. THE TIME AND DETAILS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT OUR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 19TH. INITIAL IDEAS TO CONSIDER ARE HAVING A FOOD TRUCK ON SITE, AND POSSIBLE T-SHIRT (FUNDRAISING) SALE. THE INTENT IS TO INCREASE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AS WELL AS INCREASING COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE HESS LAKE COMMUNITY.

- **GUEST SPEAKER**

ALAN CLINE (BROOKS LAKE - SPOKESPERSON) WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND AS SCHEDULED.

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NO ADDITIONAL

- **To Do**

~ **TERRY ROELOFS TO DROP OFF GARAGE SALE SIGNS FOR REPAIR TO JANELLA BYRNE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by President Roelofs, supported by Member Breen to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm.

**Upcoming 2022 Events**

August 11-13th Hess Lake Yard Sales

August 20<sup>th</sup> HLIA Membership Picnic

September 19th HLIA Monthly Meeting