

# Hess Lake Improvement Association

## MINUTES of Meeting: June 12, 2023

Location: Brooks Township Hall

### CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

The regular monthly meeting of the Hess Lake Improvement Association was called to order by President Roelofs at 5:29 pm on Monday, June 12, 2023 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
Mary Spicer	Media Coordinator / Zone 6 Rep
Larry Hohs	Zone 1
Betty Pennington	Zone 2
Grant Bryan	Zone 3 / HLB Rep
Janella Byrne	Zone 5

Also in attendance:

Pat Bertrand	Alternate
Bart Calvi	Alternate / HLB Rep
Brent Prusinski	Alternate

\*\* additional 6 attendees

**Meeting called to order @5:29 PM**

### Organizational Items

CALL TO ORDER - INTRODUCTION OF ORGANIZATIONAL TEAM

### APPROVAL OF JUNE 12TH MEETING AGENDA

- **MOTION** BY BETTY PENNINGTON, ZONE 2 REPRESENTATIVE, SUPPORTED BY NANCY CALVI, TREASURER, TO APPROVE JUNE 12TH MEETING AGENDA; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### APPROVAL OF MAY 15, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

- **Motion** by Nancy Calvi, Treasurer, supported Betty Pennington, Zone 2 representative, to approve the May 15th meeting Minutes; motion carried unanimously.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Nancy Calvi reviewed the May 31st, 2023 Treasurer's Report and June 12th, 2023 Treasurer's Report

### MAY 31st Gerber Federal Credit Union

Checking Account:	\$7,813.93
Wildlife Fund:	\$4,628.01
General Fund:	\$3,269.32
Savings Account:	\$ 165.03

### **Independent Bank**

CD: \$17,097.42  
Checking Account: \$2,085.51

- Also Nancy provided Treasurer Report thru June 12, 2023 and balances as follows;

### **Gerber Federal Credit Union**

Checking Account: \$13,955.03  
Wildlife Fund: \$ 3,874.01  
General Fund: \$ 3,840.31  
Savings: \$ 5.03

### **Independent Bank**

CD: \$17,097.42  
Checking: \$ 2,085.51

Nancy

- discussed / reviewed the Treasurer report.
  - currently 226 paid members (\$6793.87) / 50 individuals did pay via PayPal
  - current additional:
    - Wildlife Fund \$1016.76
    - General Fund \$642.62
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- Independent Bank - the current CD will mature on July 24, 2023. Discussion about moving \$17,000 + to a 24 mo. CD @ Gerber FCU because interest rate quoted is 5.10%. Also discussed including the Checking account balance @ Independent Bank be transferred and included in CD @ Gerber FCU.
  - Team discussed remaining projected expenses for this year and **determined that a more in-depth review & discussion pertaining to amount to transfer into CD @ Gerber FCU be on July 17th Meeting ~ Agenda**
- 501(c)(7) - question from some HLIA members pertaining to deducting on their personal tax filing, HLIA annual membership dues.
  - Confirmed that IRS does not allow this deduction
- Dues - there have been a few HLIA members that paid only \$25 for their dues (last year's cost). Discussed that it is up to the Zone Representative to contact these specific members and remind them that 2023 membership cost is \$30.00

**Motion** by Terry Roelofs President, supported by Mark Breen Vice President, to approve the Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2023; Motion carried unanimously.

### **HESS LAKE BOARD REPORT**

Grant Bryan

- reported that a Weed Control treatment related to milfoil weeds was completed on May 31st for approximately 7 acres of the lake.
- Confirmed that Bluegills were stocked into Hess Lake prior to Memorial Day

- Progressive AE reports that many of the in-land lakes can expect a significant 'fish die-off'. This is normal when climate conditions that we are experiencing (extreme heat, minimal rain, low water levels, etc.)
- Property on 104th & M37 was 'exchanged/sold' and will not be developed so as to remain a natural drainage area
- HLB will have their next meeting
  - July 11th 6PM @ Brooks Township Hall
    - Residents will be receiving a letter prior to this meeting regarding important information that will be voted on (no tax increase is being proposed) and residents will be encouraged to attend this meeting.

### **Media Coordinator Report**

Mary Spicer discussed that she will be posting on the website, Facebook, etc. the request that anyone fishing please **'Catch & Release'** bluegill. Additional postings to continue regarding up-coming events scheduled.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **MEET & GREET EVENT**
  - LARRY HOHS PROVIDED A COST BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES PERTAINING TO THE EVENT.
    - ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE OF **100** (INCLUSIVE OF HLIA LEADERSHIP TEAM)
    - REPORT ON FILE AND TOTAL COST WAS **\$237.34**
  - EVENT NOT ONLY WELL ATTENDED BUT MEMBERS FELT IT WAS VERY ORGANIZED
  - FUTURE MEETING AGENDA WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS ON CONTINUING WITH THIS EVENT AS WELL AS ALTERNATE LOCATION POSSIBILITIES.
- **CARP CAGES**
  - TERRY ROELOFS REPORTED THAT **14 CAGES** WERE PLACED AND BEING MAINTAINED PER DNR PERMITS. CURRENTLY IT APPEARS THAT THE CARP HAVE CONTINUED TO MOVE TO LOCATIONS OUTSIDE OF CAGE PLACEMENTS AND APPROXIMATELY **100** CARP HAVE BEEN TRAPPED. APPROXIMATELY **200** WERE TRAPPED LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME, THIS REDUCTION IS POSSIBLE DUE TO CURRENT CLIMATE CHANGES THIS YEAR, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF WATER TEMP. AND LOWER LEVEL.
  - **CAGES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE REMOVED ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 21ST.** VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUESTED TO ASSIST IN REMOVING CAGES AND PLACE IN STORAGE ON THE **21ST.** ***VOLUNTEERS WILL MEET AT PROPERTY ON HESS LAKE DR & CLEARWATER @ 10AM.***

***~ ALSO DISCUSSION WITH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF THE GARAGE SALE EVENT THAT TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 8TH THRU 10TH***

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY JUNE 17TH 10AM - NOON @ BROOKS TOWNSHIP HALL**
  - **PRIOR TO MEETING ~ ELECTIONS FOR ZONE REP'S / ALTERNATES TO BE POSTED ON WEBSITE**
  - UPCOMING EVENTS: **JUNE 24TH**
    - **BAND PARTY** CONFIRMED: COST \$1500 FOR BAND
    - **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**: COSTS APPROX. \$100 MOST WILL BE OFFSET VIA ENTRY FEES AND DONATIONS (FEES /DONATIONS CAN BE PAID ONSITE VIA VENMO. HOT DOGS, CHIPS, WATER TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CONTESTANTS. STILL NEED ADDITIONAL TEAM REGISTRATIONS.

- ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC IN PLANNING PROCESS.
  - EXPECTING 100 + MEMBERS TO ATTEND
  - BRENT PRUSINSKI HAS VOLUNTEERED TO ORGANIZE MEAL MENU
    - COST REDUCTION COMPARED TO 2022 PICNIC EXPECTED FOR MEAL COSTS AS WE WILL BE PROVIDING PORK SANDWICHES THIS YEAR (2022 HAMBURGER AND HOT DOGS PROVIDED)
- 2024 CALENDARS
  - UNLIKELY THAT 2024 CALENDARS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED @ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC BECAUSE SPECIFIC DATES FOR 2024 HLIA MEETINGS & EVENTS HAVEN'T BEEN CONFIRMED. GOAL IS TO HAVE PRINTED AND READY BY OUR AUGUST 21ST MEETING.

**~ FINAL DISCUSSION PERTAINING TO TOPICS FOR JULY 17TH MEETING AGENDA**

- 2025 CALENDARS - COSTS AND DISTRIBUTION
- BOATING SAFETY CLASS
- HLIA MEMBERSHIP SIGNS

- PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** BY TERRY ROELOFS PRESIDENT TO ADJOURN, SUPPORTED BY MARK BREEN VICE PRESIDENT; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 5:25 PM**

**\*\* PUBLIC/MEMBERS SIGN-IN LOG SHEET ON FILE (SECRETARY NOTEBOOK), ALONG WITH DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THIS EVENING'S MEETING.**