

Hess Lake Improvement Association

MINUTES of Meeting: September 18, 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 5:30 pm on Monday, August 21, 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
Katherin Farwell	Alternate
Brent Prusinski	Alternate
Brian Meyer	Alternate
Dale Dozeman	Alternate

** additional 3 attendees

Organizational Items

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 AGENDA

- **Motion** by Nancy Calvi Treasurer, supported by Betty Pennington Zone 2 Representative to approve the September Agenda; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of August 21, 2023 Minutes

- **Motion** by Mark Breen Vice President to approve August 21, 2023 Minutes, supported by Nancy Calvi Treasurer; motion carried unanimously

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nancy Calvi reported that our 990N tax report has been filed and approved. Also in review of the current Treasurer Report thru 9/18/2023 our actual membership this year is 273.

Treasurer Report - August 31, 2023 / Summary of Treasure Expenses 2022 - 2023 / Treasurer Report to September 18, 2023 was distributed to all in attendance.

HLIA Treasurer September 18, 2023 report balances:

Gerber Federal Credit Union

Checking Account:	\$ 11,537.41
Wildlife Fund:	\$ 4,028.56
General Fund:	\$ 4,084.99
Savings:	\$ 5.04
24 Month CD - 1000:	\$ 5,023.93
24 Month CD - !001:	\$ 12,244.16

- **Motion** by Larry Hohs Zone 1 Representative, supported by Betty Pennington Zone 2 Representative to approve the August 2023 & September 18, 2023 Treasurer Report; motion carried unanimously.

Hess Lake Board Report

GRANT BRYAN REPORTED THAT THE HLB HAD THEIR LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12,2023.

CARP SOLUTIONS WILL BE ON THE LAKE DURING THE FIRST OR SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER CONDUCTING A SURVEY.

THE HLB BOARD APPROVED A BLUEGILL 'STOCKING' OF 10,000 FISH IN THE SPRING OF 2024. POSSIBLE SAME AMOUNT IN FALL OF 2024. THE PLANTING WILL BE DONE IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

AQUATIC SURVEY COMPLETED AND NO MORE TREATMENTS THIS YEAR, ONLY ONE TREATMENT IN 2023 AND DONE IN A SPECIFIC AREA.

HLB SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2024: MAY 7 @ 9:30 AM WHITE CLOUD COUNTY OFFICE

JULY 23 @ 6:00 PM BROOKS TWP. OFFICE

SEPTEMBER 17 @ 9:30 AM WHITE CLOUD OFFICE

HLB WEBSITE IS [HESSLAKEIMPROVEMENTBOARD.ORG](https://www.hesslakeimprovementboard.org) > VIDEO AVAILABLE PERTAINING TO 'WATERSHED FACTS & SHALLOW LAKES'

Media Coordinator Report

Mary Spicer reported that she has completed / updated the contact list.

HLB will include a link to our website soon.

Our 2024 Meeting Dates/Times will soon get posted

Old Business

- Membership Signs
 - 2025 Design approved
 - **Motion** by Paul Dennis Secretary, and supported by Betty Pennington Zone 2 Representative to approve purchase of 2025 Membership Signs via Vital Signs ; motion carried unanimously.

- Decals (Stickers)
 - Design approved
 - **Motion** by Grant Bryan Zone 3 Representative, and supported by Betty Pennington Zone 2 Representative to approve purchase of 2025 Decals via Vital Signs ; motion carried unanimously.
 - 600 to be purchased @ \$1.50 each. One decal with Membership sign @ no charge. Intend to sell Decal's @ Meet & Greet Event, Corn Hole Tournament, etc. Selling price will be our cost of \$1.50

- Fundraising 2024
 - Janella Byrne will have her 'Farm Market' stand @ our Meet & Greet Event. Apparel will be included.

- 2025 Calendars
 - Discussion on cost escalation and low demand. Decision to discontinue providing Hess Lake Calendars in 2025.
 - Our website will have a 'drop down box' with past pictures provided for calendars as well as future (appropriate) pictures provided by residents

- Fall Newsletter
 - The Fall Newsletter will be digital
 - include reminder that grass clippings & leaves are not to be disposed into the lake

- By Laws review
 - Attendance Requirement
 - Discussed referencing within By Laws that any leadership team member missing 2 meetings to be terminated. Further discussion on this at future meetings.
 - Discussed our 501c7 Organization does allows for Tax Exemption (non-profit) on our purchases

NEW BUSINESS

- **GARAGE SALES**
 - **CONFIRMED THAT GARAGE SALES WILL AGAIN BE PROMOTED WITH SIGNAGE AROUND LAKE**
 - **NO ADDITIONAL PAID ADVERTISING BY HLIA IN 2024**
 - **DATES OF SALES: JUNE 6,7,8 AND AUGUST 8,9,10**
- **BUOYS**
 - **PERMIT (REVOCABLE) ISSUED 7/21/2000 FOR 8 BUOYS**
 - **DISCUSSION PERTAINING TO ANY MAINTENANCE, REPLACEMENT, LOCATIONS, ETC.**
- **GENERAL DISCUSSION**
 - **TERM LIMITS FOR OFFICERS > CONCERNS THAT OFFICERS NOT WANTING TO BE RE-ELECTED POTENTIALLY COULD DECIMATE POSITIONS ON THE LEADERSHIP TEAM**
 - **SUB COMMITTEE WILL MEET TO DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND CHANGES TO TERM LIMITS. THE COMMITTEE WILL INCLUDE KATHERIN FARWELL, BRIAN MEYER, LARRY HOHS, AND PAUL DENNIS. THE COMMITTEE WILL REPORT AT EITHER MAY OR JUNE 2024 HLIA MEETING.**
 - **NAVY CALVI MENTIONED THAT THERESE RIDDERING IS MORE THAN WILLING TO REPAIR, UPDATE, OUR SIGN AT THE PUBLIC LAUNCH SITE. NANCY WILL GET A QUOTE ON COSTS FROM HER TO COMPLETE UPDATES.**
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - **KATHERIN FARWELL ASKED GRANT BRYAN (HLB REP.) WHO IS PAYING THE \$46,000 COST OF STUDIES BY CARP SOLUTIONS.**
 - **GRANT DID CONFIRM THAT HLB PAYS FOR THESE STUDIES AND THAT MONEY IS DERIVED FROM RESIDENT TAX ASSESSMENT.**
 - **KATHERIN ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE FALL NEWSLETTER INCLUDES INFORMATION ON VOTING FOR ZONE REPRESENTATIVES.**
 - **MARY SPICER WILL INCLUDE THE NEED FOR ZONE REP'S AND PROCEDURE ON VOTE FOR ZONE REP. AND ALTERNATE ZONE REP.**
 - **PAT ROELOFF ASKED IF A MEMBER WANTS A PRINTED VERSION OF THE NEWS LETTERS HOW CAN THEY OBTAIN IT.**
 - **MARY SPICER CONFIRMED THAT EITHER THE ZONE REP. BRINGS TO HER ATTENTION THE MEMBERS NAME AND ADDRESS AND SHE WILL PROVIDE A PRINTED VERSION.**
 - **PHYLLIS SANO EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING HLIA LIABILITY IN REGARDS TO THE BUOY'S**
 - **LARRY HOHS WILL INVESTIGATE ANY POSSIBLE HLIA LIABILITY RELATED TO 'US' PLACING THE BUOY'S.**

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:53 PM

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