

# Hess Lake Improvement Association

## MINUTES of Annual & Monthly Meeting: June 15, 2024

Location: Brooks Township Hall

### June Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

The meeting of the Hess Lake Improvement Association was called to order by President Roelofs at 9:57 AM on Saturday June 15, 2024 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
Betty Pennington	Zone 2
Janella Byrne	Zone 5

Also in attendance: **18 members**

### Organizational Items

#### APPROVAL OF JUNE 15, 2024 AGENDA

- **Motion** by Paul Dennis Secretary, supported by Betty Pennington Zone 2 Representative to approve the June Agenda; motion carried unanimously.

#### Approval of May 6, 2024 Minutes

- **Motion** by Nancy Calvi Treasurer to approve September 18 2023 Minutes, supported by Mark Breen Vice President; motion carried unanimously

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Report May 31, 2024 and misc. information reported by Nancy Calvi;

- \* 990M (postcard - May accepted)
- \* HLIA is on record as a 501(c)7 Social Organization
  - > 501(c)7 organizations maximum revenue on hand is \$50,000, as of June 15 we have revenue of approximately \$41,567
- \* Currently 225 members paid, 52 paid via PayPal, 79 members haven't renewed

**HLIA Treasurer May 31, 2024 report balances:**

#### Gerber Federal Credit Union

Checking Account:	\$ 14,313.11
Wildlife Fund:	\$ 4,088.09
General Fund:	\$ 4,088.09

Savings:	\$	5.04
24 Month CD - 1000:	\$	5,214.13
24 Month CD - !001:	\$	12,710.09

- **Motion** by Mark Breen Vice President, supported by Betty Pennington Zone Representative to approve the May 31, 2024 Treasurer Report; motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion on future financial expenditures to consider;
  - 2025 Goose round-up, Officer Liability insurance, PO Box, Membership Signs, Spring Newsletter & Payment return envelopes.
  - Possible Membership Directory ~ **Agenda item for July (Mary & Paul)**

### **Media Coordinator Report**

Mary Spicer reported that the Website has not been updated because of technical issues that are not getting resolved by our current web host. Mary asked that we consider investigating a new website host.

- **Motion** by Terry Roelofs President, supported by Nancy Calvi to investigate a new website host, including annual costs with potential new host; motion carried unanimously.

### **Hess Lake Board Report**

BART CALVI REPORTED

- \* WHEELER DRAIN IS AGAIN BEING STUDIED AND CONSUMERS ENERGY IS INVOLVED.
- \* DRAIN COMMISSIONER & BART RECENTLY TOOK AN 'EDUCATIONAL TOUR' OF WHEELER DRAIN (WATERSHED) SOUTH TO 120TH AVE.
- \* HLB STOCKED 8,500 BLUEGILL A COUPLE WEEKS AGO
- \* FUTURE PLANS TO INSTALL A 'BARRIER' BETWEEN BROOKS & HESS LAKES TO DETER FISH MIGRATION
- \* JUNE 20TH **4 NET CARP TRAPS** WILL BE PLACED IN HESS LAKE IN VARIOUS AREAS AND WILL REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL AUGUST 30TH. THE TRAPS WILL HAVE AUTOMATIC FEEDERS AND WILL BE RAISED APPROXIMATELY 3 TIMES BETWEEN LATE JUNE TO LATE AUGUST TO CATCH AND DISPOSE OF THE CARP.
- \* HLB NEXT MEETING IS JULY 16TH @ 6PM AND WILL BE HELD AT BROOKS TWP HALL
- > TERRY ROELOFS DISCUSSED THAT HILA CARP CAGES WERE NOT VERY SUCCESSFUL THIS YEAR BECAUSE THE CARP TENDED NOT TO APPROACH SEA WALLS / SHORE LINE, APPROXIMATELY ONLY 100 CARP WERE CAUGHT

### **Old Business**

- By Laws changes
  - Paul Dennis Secretary made the revisions to the By Laws per detailed discussion and review during June HLI meeting. Copies distributed and reviewed.

**Motion** by Terry Roelofs President, supported by Mark Breen Vice President to

approve revisions; motion carried unanimously.

- Final PDF will be sent to Mary Spicer for website placement
- Meet & Greet
  - Paul Dennis reported and distributed the itemized worksheet that Larry Hohns completed.
    - Leadership team discussed the success of the event; estimated that 125 members attended vs. 100 last year, and costs were slightly less.
  - Janella Byrne reported that orders/purchase of products at the Meet & Greet varied. **\$72.16** was donated to HLIA derived from profits of the merchandise.
- Buoy
  - Paul Dennis reported that Larry Hohns ordered the buoys on May 13th. Product is backordered and approximate release date is June 28th.
- HLIA Sign @ public Boat Ramp
  - Terry Roelofs discussed the background / reasons for contracting with Vital Signs for replacing the previous sign.
    - Since the new sign has been installed there have been various repairs required, and still not satisfactory.
    - Recent invoice from Vital Signs of repair costs seems excessive and was not itemized.
      - Mark Breen will notify via Certified letter
      - Vital Signs that payment of recent invoice is being withheld until an itemized material / labor costs invoice is provided.

## **HLIA ANNUAL MEETING**

### **APPROVAL OF 2024 HLIA ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

- **Motion** by Paul Dennis Secretary, supported by Betty Pennington Zone 2 Representative to approve the 2024 Annual Meeting Agenda; motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of 2023 HLIA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

- **Motion** by Mary Spicer Media Coordinator to approve June 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes, supported by Mark Breen Vice President; motion carried unanimously

### **ELECTION OF ZONE REPRESENTATIVES - 3 YEAR TERM (MEMBERSHIP ELECTION)**

- ZONE 5: KATHERIN FARWELL
- ZONE 6: MARY SPICER
- ZONE 7: DALE DOZEMAN
  - ALL ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY

### **ALTERNATE ZONE REPRESENTATIVES - 1 YEAR TERM (LEADERSHIP TEAM ELECTION)**

**\* 8 ALTERNATE ZONE REPRESENTATIVES**

BART CALVI, NANCY CALVI, PAUL DENNIS, JOHN EICHLER, BRIAN MEYER

### **OPEN OFFICER POSITIONS:**

**PRESIDENT - 3 YR TERM**

**VICE PRESIDENT - 3 YR TERM**

\* ZONE/ ALTERNATE ZONE REPRESENTATIVES INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT PAUL DENNIS (SECRETARY)

OFFICER ELECTION IS DONE BY THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP TEAM ON JULY 15, 2024 (MONTHLY MTG.)

**CALENDAR REVIEW OF REMAINING 2024 EVENTS**

- BAND PARTY - JUNE 22 @ TERRY ROELOFS / SHAWN WIGENT PROPERTIES
- CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT JUNE 22
  - CURRENTLY 13 TEAMS (MAX. 20) / COST SAME AS 2023
  - DOUBLE ELIMINATION
  - FOOD TO PARTICIPANTS: HOT DOGS, CHIPS, WATER
  - 50/50 RAFFLE
    - MOTION BY PAUL DENNIS SECRETARY, SUPPORTED BY MARK BREEN TO APPROVE RENTAL OF 3 PORTABLE BATHROOMS TO BE USED AT CORN HOLE & BAND PARTY LOCATIONS; motion carried unanimously.
- Boat Parade/Ring of Fire - July 4th
  - Boat Parade sign up by 10AM on July 4th (contact Nancy Calvi)
    - Parade begins @ Noon (meet at 'swimming area)
    - Prize donations being collected by Den Ketelaar
  - Ring of Fire begins at dusk 10 PM
    - Flares available at All American North Country Party Store
- Membership Picnic
  - July 20th 12- 2PM @ Hess Lake Dr & Clearwater
- August Garage Sales
  - August 8,9,10
- Misc:
  - Motion by Terry Roloefs, supported by Betty Pennington to approve purchase of a \$60 gift card to Northern Trails for Shawn Wigent in appreciation of allowing HLIA events on his Clearwater property: motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

Jerry Swenoski commented that geese are again a problem on certain properties. Recommends a *High Power Green Laser Pointer* available on Amazon for \$23. This is recommended as a Bird / Geese deterrent.

Garage Sales **days & hours**: many public comments given in regards to Garage Sale begin on Thursdays (prefer Friday start date), and advertised hours of 8 AM - 5 PM (prefer 9 AM - 4PM). **Mary Spicer will post a 'Survey' on the Hess Lake website page pertaining to these concerns**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 11:30 AM**

**\*\* PUBLIC/MEMBERS SIGN-IN LOG SHEET ON FILE (SECRETARY NOTEBOOK), ALONG WITH DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO JUNE 15, 2024 MEETING.**