

Hess Lake Improvement Association

MINUTES of Meeting: May 6, 2024

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 6 pm on Monday, May 6, 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
Larry Hohs	Zone 1
Betty Pennington	Zone 2
Grant Bryan	Zone 3 / HLB Rep
Janella Byrne	Zone 5

Also in attendance:

Bart Calvi	Pat Roelofs
Katherin Farwell	Dave Miedema
Brent Prusinski	Gary Novosad
Brian Meyer	Peg Novosad
Ken DeLaaat	L. DeLaat
Dale Dozeman	Mary Ketelaar
Den Ketelaar	Carol Eizhler
John Eizhler	Jerry Reynolds

Organizational Items

APPROVAL OF MAY 6, 2024 AGENDA

- **Motion** by Paul Dennis Secretary, supported by Nancy Calvi Treasurer to approve the May Agenda; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of September 18, 2023 Minutes

- **Motion** by Nancy Calvi Treasurer to approve September 18 2023 Minutes, supported by Betty Pennington Zone Representative; motion carried unanimously

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Report April 30, 2024 / Summary of Expenses 2023 - were distributed and discussed by Nancy Cavi.

~ noted that as of May 6th, 2024 there are 81 members that have paid their 2024 membership dues. 26 of these members paid via PayPal.

HLIA Treasurer April 30,2024 report balances:

Gerber Federal Credit Union

Checking Account:	\$ 8,570.54
Wildlife Fund:	\$ 4,031.31
General Fund:	\$ 4,087.74
Savings:	\$ 5.04
24 Month CD - 1000:	\$ 5,193.14
24 Month CD - !001:	\$ 12,656.50

- **Motion** by Larry Hohs Zone Representative, supported by Betty Pennington Zone Representative to approve the April 30,2024 Treasurer Report; motion carried unanimously.

HESS LAKE BOARD REPORT

GRANT BRYAN REPORTED HLB'S FIRST MEETING IS TOMORROW (MAY 7, 2024).

- 1) LAST YEAR (2023) CARP SOLUTIONS 'TAGGED' 50 CARP. OF THE 50, 32 WERE EITHER 24 OR 25 YEARS, 9 WERE 23 YEARS OR YOUNGER WITH 0 UNDER 4 YEARS, 9 WERE OLDER THAN 25 WITH THE OLDEST BEING 29. THE FULL REPORT FROM CARP SOLUTIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THE BOARD'S WEBSITE (SEE ITEM 4 BELOW FOR WEBSITE ADDRESS).
- 2) MARCH OF THIS YEAR (2024) 11 OF THE TAGGED CARP WERE FOUND NEAR THE WHEELER DRAIN.
- 3) THE FIRM CONTRACTED FOR DELIVERY AND STOCKING OF BLUEGILL EARLIER THIS YEAR WAS UNABLE TO DELIVER BECAUSE OF A TRACTOR/TRAILER ROLLOVER ACCIDENT.
- 4) HLB NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS: HESSLAKEIMPROVEMENTBOARD.ORG

Media Coordinator Report

Mary Spicer reported that the Newsletter did get published and mailed earlier then in past years. All 2024 HLIA Events are posted on Facebook.

Old Business

- Membership Signs & Decals:
 - Nancy reported that all Zone Rep's at this meeting have received the 2024 Membership signs and decals.
 - 600 decals were purchased, after distribution of one each to our paying members, the remaining decals will be sold at the Meet & Greet and other events for \$3 each.
 - Only 8 2024 Membership signs remain as extra. Additional will be purchased if necessary.

- Meet & Greet
 - Breakfast food (Larry Hohs)
 - 50/50 raffle (Mark Breen)
 - Zone reps to bring table/chairs: HLIA paid members will receive their signs and decals.
 - Fundraising (Janella Byrne) will have a display of Hess Lake apparel and other items. 50% of the profit on orders placed during the Meet & Greet will be donated back to HLIA (10% of profit on future orders will be donated back to HLIA).

- HLIA Sign @ public Boat Ramp
 - New sign installed last fall. Repairs were required after this winter and Brent Prusinski completed necessary repairs. As requested, the DNR has removed the tree that was blocking the sign.

- 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
 - Discussion and decision to move forward with revisions to our Bylaws that any leadership team member missing 2 meetings to be terminated.
 - Discussion and decision to move forward with revisions to our ByLaws revision to include our 501c7 Social Organization exemption from Federal Tax.
 - Paul Dennis (Secretary) responsible for making the revisions.

NEW BUSINESS

- GARAGE SALES
 - CONFIRMED THAT GARAGE SALES WILL AGAIN BE PROMOTED WITH SIGNAGE AROUND LAKE
 - CURRENT SIGNS WILL NEED TO BE REPLACED SOON AND REPLACEMENT COST OPTIONS TO BE INVESTIGATED.
 - NANCY CALVI BROUGHT ATTENTION TO LAST YEARS ADVERTISING COSTS OF **\$176.00**
 - HLIA WILL CONTINUE WITH ADVERTISING THE GARAGE SALES FOR 2024
- CARP CAGES (TERRY R.)
 - INSTALLATION WILL BE DONE ON THURSDAY MAY 9TH @ 9AM
 - VOLUNTEERS: TERRY R., BART C., LARRY H., BRENT P., DEN K., PAUL D.
- BAND PARTY (TERRY R.)
 - JUNE 22ND CONFIRMED

- **CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT (NANCY C.)**
 - LIMITED TO 20 TEAMS / COST SAME AS 2023
 - FOOD TO PARTICIPANTS: HOT DOGS, CHIPS, WATER
 - 50/50 RAFFLE
- **COMMUNITY BUSINESSES ADVERTISING (PAUL D.)**
 - POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO OFFSET COSTS TO HLIA FOR PRINTING A DIRECTORY THAT WOULD INCLUDE MEMBERS, LAKE RULES, EVENTS, ETC.
 - FUTURE MEETING/AGENDA DISCUSSION TO ESTABLISHING COMMITTEE TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE
- **BUOYS**
 - PERMIT (REVOCABLE) ISSUED 7/21/2000
 - PERMIT FOR **4 LOCATIONS, 2 BUOYS PER LOCATION**
 - DISCUSSION PERTAINING TO ANY MAINTENANCE, REPLACEMENT, LOCATIONS, ETC.
 - * **MOTION** BY PAUL DENNIS (SECRETARY) TO BECOME COMPLIANT WITH DNR REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO OUR CURRENT PERMIT, SUPPORTED BY MARK BREEN (VICE PRESIDENT). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- **BOATER SAFETY CLASS (PAUL D.)**
 - DNR ONLY WILL ISSUE CERTIFICATION VIA A CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR. THE CURRENT INSTRUCTOR IN NEWAYGO CO. IS DYLAN WIMMER (DETECTIVE SERGEANT W/ NEWAYGO SHERIFF'S OFFICE).
 - PAUL D. WILL CONTACT DYLAN TO ESTABLISH THE DATE AND LOCATION OF BOATER SAFETY CLASS.
- **MISC.**
 - DISCUSSION IN REFERENCE TO OFFICER ELECTIONS AT REGULAR JUNE 2024 MEETING.
 - OFFICER CANDIDATES CAN INCLUDE CURRENT ZONE ALTERNATES.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - **NONE**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: BY TERRY ROELOFS PRESIDENT TO ADJOURN, SUPPORTED BY JANELLA BYRNE ZONE REPRESENTATIVE; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7 PM

**** PUBLIC/MEMBERS SIGN-IN LOG SHEET ON FILE (SECRETARY NOTEBOOK), ALONG WITH DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO MAY 6, 2024 MEETING.**