

Hess Lake Improvement Association

MINUTES of Meeting: July 15, 2024

Location: Brooks Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Hess Lake Improvement Association was called to order by President Roelofs at 6 PM on Monday July 15, 2024 at Brooks Township Hall.

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.
Katherin Farwell	Zone 5
Dale Dozeman	Zone 7

Also in attendance: **11 members**

Organizational Items

APPROVAL OF JULY 15, 2024 AGENDA

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

Approval of June 15, 2024 Minutes

- **Motion** by Larry Hohs Zone 1 rep., supported by Mark Breen vice President, to approve June 15, 2024 Minutes; motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Report June 30, 2024 and misc. information reported by Nancy Calvi;

- * Correction - currently 252 members paid, 56 members paid via PayPal
- * Paid bills: White Agency (Insurance) \$337.00 & Michigan Corp. \$20.00
- * \$375 cancellation fee paid to Sonimanic Band (cancellation due to weather)

HLIA Treasurer June 30, 2024 report balances:

Gerber Federal Credit Union

Checking Account:	\$ 13,601.59
Wildlife Fund:	\$ 5,080.77
General Fund:	\$ 4,648.45

Savings:	\$	5.04
24 Month CD - 1000:	\$	5,236.50
24 Month CD - !001:	\$	12,762.17

- **Motion** by Betty Pennington Zone 2 rep., supported by Mark Breen Vice President to approve the June 30, 2024 Treasurer Report; motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion on future financial expenditures to consider;
 - Envelopes for membership payment.
 - Moved this to August agenda because of possible annual dues increase in 2025

Media Coordinator Report

Mary Spicer reported that the Website has been updated. Creating 'Photo Albums', and request for quotes on new website development. Suggested that we create a committee to begin the process of determining 2025 dates for meetings, events, etc. in preparation for inclusion of the upcoming Fall Newsletter.

2025 HLIA Schedule Committee members:

Brian Meyer, Larry Hohs, Mary Spicer, Nancy & Bart Calvi, Paul Dennis

HESS LAKE BOARD REPORT

GRANT BRYAN REPORTED

* NEXT HLB MEETING IS JULY 23RD, 6PM BROOKS TOWNSHIP HALL.

* CARP SOLUTIONS HAS PLACED 4 NETS

> FIRST 'LIFT' IS JULY 16

> 2 ADDITIONAL 'LIFTS' TO BE DONE BY AUGUST 30TH

Old Business

- Corn Hole
 - Nancy C. reported that 19 teams registered
 - Revenue via registration \$215, \$26 via Hot Dog Donations
 - Expenses: misc. items \$104, Prizes \$115
 - Porta Potty rental fee included w/ Band on the Lake
- Boat Parade
 - Nancy C. reported that 17 boats registered.
 - Prizes divided thru 1st to 5th place
 - Den Ketelaar did a fantastic job obtaining prize donations from many vendors. Thanks You's will be mailed out!
- Carp Cages
 - Terry R. reported all cages have been removed. Approximately 90 carp caught.
 - Permits for cage placement must be done each year, and reports are required to be completed and returned to DNR.
- Buoys
 - Larry Hohs reported that Overtons has received inventory, our order should arrive soon. Cost of order is \$827.96

- **HLIA Sign @ public Boat Ramp**
 - Mark B. & Paul D. reported that the sign has finally been repaired, however our payment on invoice #05272024 being held because of cost justification. Paul will be sending out a Certified Letter to Vital Signs / Richard Besiegel requesting line by line itemized costs of products supplied and labor cost for the project.
- **Boater Safety Class**
 - Paul D. reported the Boater Safety Class was on June 28th @ Brooks Twp. Hall. There were 26 registered and all completed the class and immediately received their certificates of completion.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Garage Sales**
 - Website Survey: Mary reported she tallied 110 survey responses and 58% voted that we post only Friday, Saturday and hours.
 - Signs (roadside): Mary will get signs placed prior to beginning sale dates of: August 8,9,10
- **MEMBERSHIP PICNIC**
 - NANCY C. LISTED INVENTORY OF ITEMS FROM LAST YEAR THAT WILL BE USED FOR THIS YEARS PICNIC
 - CONSENSUS TO PROVIDE HOT DOGS & BRAT'S
 - REQUEST TO LEADERSHIP TEAM TO BRING TABLES & TAILGATE TENTS
 - BRIAN M. & PAUL D. WILL PROVIDE THE GRILLS
 - WEBSITE POSTING WILL REMIND ATTENDEES TO BRING THEIR OWN LAWN CHAIRS
 - **Motion** by Betty Pennington Zone 2 rep., supported by Paul Dennis to approve \$500 maximum expenditure for food and additional items for the 2024 Membership Picnic.
- **Election of Officers**

The newly elected officers had no opposition and the Leadership Team unanimously approved;

President: Brian Meyer

Vice President: Mary Spicer

> **Items for August 19th Agenda**

- 1) New Envelopes for 2025/2026 order
 - 1a) Determine annual membership costs printed on envelopes
- 2) Book Band for 2025
 - 2a) Date / Location
- 3) Meeting & Event Dates for 2025
- 4) Garage Sales
 - 4a) Dates / Times
 - 4b) New Garage Sales Signs
- 5) Goose Roundup: application 2025
- 6) Zone Representatives / Alternates
 - 6a) votes if there are 2 house members??
- 7) Future Welcome Packets for new residents

Public Comments:

Jerry Swendrowski asked if our Leadership Team would approach the township(s) on the subject of road improvements. Other than the 'northern side' (88th) have been widened and resurfaced with no other road improvements. Appears that the township(s) claim there are zero dollars available for road improvement. The Leadership Team or an officer should initiate conversation with the township(s) board and have officers and members attend their meetings and get this subject on their agendas.

Roger DeKuiper suggested that our leadership team draft a letter (similarities to a petition) in reference to supporting road improvement, and ask members attending the Membership Picnic to sign in support.

Jerry Swendrowski also expressed concern over the increase of geese on our lake, and asked if we still have a permit to catch the geese.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:14 PM

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