

Hess Lake Improvement Association

MINUTES of Meeting: August 19, 2024

Location: Brooks Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Hess Lake Improvement Association was called to order by President Brian Meyer at 6 PM on Monday August 19,, 2024 at Brooks Township Hall.

Members Present:

Brian Meyer	President
Mary Spicer	Vice President / Zone 6 Rep. / Media Coordinator
Nancy Calvi	Treasurer / Alternate Rep.
Paul Dennis	Secretary / Alternate Rep.
Larry Hohs	Zone 1 Rep.
Betty Pennington	Zone 2 Rep.
Grant Bryan	Zone 3/HLB Rep.
Mark Breen	Zone 4 Rep.
Katherin Farwell	Zone 5 Rep.
Dale Dozeman	Zone 7 Rep.

Also in attendance: 6 members

Organizational Items

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 19, 2024 AGENDA

- **Motion** by Paul Dennis Secretary, supported by Mark Breen Zone 4 Rep. to approve the August Agenda; motion carried unanimously.
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Approval of July 15,2024 Minutes

- **Motion** by Nancy Calvi Treasurer, supported by Betty Pennington Zone Zone 2 Rep., to approve July 15, 2024 Minutes; motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

HLIA Treasurer July 31,2024 report balances:

Gerber Federal Credit Union

Checking Account:	\$ 13,616.86
Wildlife Fund:	\$ 5,207.07
General Fund:	\$ 4,802.68
Savings: Interest	\$ 5.04
24 Month CD - 1000:	\$ 5,258.68
24 Month CD - !001:	\$ 12,816.21

Summary of Expenses 2023 vs. 2024 presented (on file secretary notes/documents)

Discussion that a sub committee be assigned to **define** future distributions of our General, Wildlife Funds.

* Sub Committee members: Brian Meyer, Dale Dozeman, Nancy Calvi

~ Paul Dennis suggested that Nancy not have to provide an additional report consisting of the current month's up to date report (i.e. report reflecting day prior to our monthly meeting dates). The data from this current report is always reflected on the Month Ending report at the next scheduled monthly meeting.

- **Motion** by Grant Bryan Zone 3 Rep., supported by Katherin Farwell Zone 5 Rep. to approve the July 31, 2024 Treasurer Report; motion carried unanimously.

Media Coordinator Report

Mary Spicer reported:

- 1) Website is up to date with Minutes, Treasurer Reports, etc.
- 2) Mary has received a quote from WIX (website builder) of \$432.00. Mary has determined that WIX is much easier and compatible. Mary will continue communication with WIX before requesting approval from our Leadership Team to switch website providers.

HESS LAKE BOARD REPORT

Grant Bryan reported:

- 1) Carp netting is completed. Total of 752 carp were removed via the netting process this summer. The DNR denied Carp Solutions & HLB request for a permit to also remove the Catfish that were netted during the Carp fish netting process. Denial based on the fact that Catfish are considered basic *game fish*. HLB's disappointment with the result of netting will be addressed at future meetings with Carp Solutions.
- 2) Recent invasive plant survey has determined that no additional treatment of Hess Lake is required for the remaining season.
- 3) Purple Loosestrife is being seen in various swamp / drainage areas adjacent to our lake. This flowering plant negatively affects wildlife, agriculture, birds, mammals, and fish. Awareness of this plant's detriments is crucial so that it never is transplanted near the lakeshore.

Old Business

- Membership Picnic
 - Nancy Calvi reported that **85** members were in attendance.
 - Established budget was \$500, actual expenditures were \$278.53
 - 50/50 profit \$35
- Buoy
 - Larry Hohns reported that the 4 Buoy's arrived and are currently stored at Brian Meyer's. HLI decal's will need to be placed on each buoy.
 - New buoy's will not be placed this year, but current will be removed by JNR Waterfront Services (and Brian Meyer) @ no charge.
 - JNR will install a new buoy's next (2025) season at no charge.
- Band Party - rescheduled for **September 21st**
 - **Location: 1556 Lockwood Ct starting @ 5 PM**

NEW BUSINESS

- **2025 Meeting Dates**
 - Sub committee (Brian M., Mary S., Nancy C., Larry H., Paul D.) proposed *Monthly Meetings* to be held on the **2nd Thursday** of each month @ 6PM.
 - **Motion** by Betty Pennington Zone 2 Rep., supported by Katherin Farwell Zone 5 Rep. to implement change 2025 Monthly Meeting's to 2nd Thursday's of each month, and continue with meeting start time of 6 PM. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 2025 Monthly Meeting **6 PM** (Brooks Twp. Hall)
 - **May 8**
 - **June 12**
 - **June 14 Annual Meeting 9 - 11 AM**
 - **July 10**
 - **August 14**
 - **September 11**
- **2025 Event Dates**
 - Sub committee (Brian M., Mary S., Nancy C., Larry H., Paul D.) proposed the following *Event* dates;
 - **Meet & Greet ~ May 24 9 - 11 AM** (location TBD)
 - **Yard Sales ~ June 6 - 7 / August 8 - 9**
 - Based on recent survey results the Garage Sales will be promoted/posted for Thursday & Friday.
 - **Corn Hole / Band Party ~ June 21**
 - **Boat Parade / Ring of Fire ~ July 4th**
 - **Membership Picnic ~ August 16** (location TBD)
 - **Motion** by Grant Bryan Zone 3 Rep., supported by Betty Penningto Zone 2 Rep. to implement change 2025 Event dates / times. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Booking of Band for 2025**
 - Brian M. will discuss with the band (Sept. 21st) at the 'Band Party' if they're interested in setting a date for next year.
- **New Membership Payment Envelopes**
 - Quoted by Vital Signs \$251.70 for 1000 envelopes.
 - Discussion on changes required on the envelopes before ordering. Sub committee will be responsible to determine changes (ie. General / Wildlife Fund, annual membership fee, memorial donation, etc.).
- **Garage Sale / Information Signs**
 - Discussion on replacement of current signs. Determined most cost effective would be a Plastic A- Frame style sign. Brian M. distributed a flier of a plastic frame by ULINE.
 - Nancy Calvi to contact Vital Signs to inquire on a plastic A-Frame sign
 - Brian - obtaining a quote from ULINE. Nancy to obtain quote from Vital Signs
- **Goose Roundup**
 - Mark Breen will continue to be responsible for obtaining permit(s), and training additional workers.
 - **Motion by** Larry Hohns Zone 1 Rep., supported by Grant B. Zone 3 Rep. that HLIA would allocate cost(s) of 2025 Goose Round-Up permit be paid from our Wildlife Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Welcome Packet for new membership**
 - Discussion on various details to be included in any new 'packets'. Determined to move this discussion to the September 16, 2024 meeting.
 - Include ***Membership Directory*** discussion

Public Comments:

Jerry Swendrowski requested that HLIA consider reinstating the **Neighborhood Watch** program. Many of the signs are still in place around the lake and there have been residents that have inquired about the Neighborhood Watch program. Jerry indicated that he has contacted a few individuals that would assist him in reinstating this program.

The HLIA Leadership Team has asked Jerry to move forward with coordinating an effort to get this program started again. Jerry will report back at our September meeting.

John Eichler communicated that the HLIA Leadership Team reviewed the *By Laws* pertaining to **'voting rights'** related to household members. Currently we do have two members from the same household as Leadership Team members that are eligible voting members.

Reference:

Article II

Membership

1. The membership shall consist of those persons owning property on, or having easement for legal access to, Hess Lake in Newaygo County, Michigan and who elect to become members of the association by payment of an annual membership fee. A husband and wife, and members of the immediate family and all joint owners of real estate may be deemed members upon payment of the fees. Each of the joint owners shall have all privileges of membership and "member" as used herein shall apply to all, except that only one joint owner, who may be designated in each case by all of the joint owners, or either the husband or wife, as the case may be, may have the right to vote, and for voting purposes, the term "member" shall apply to him or her only.

Items for September 16th Agenda:

- * Membership Signs (color, order quantity)
- * T-Shirts
- * Additional Buoy purchase
- * Envelopes
- * By- Laws Article II ~ voting eligibility

MOTION: BY BRIAN MEYER PRESIDENT TO ADJOURN, SUPPORTED BY MARY SPICER VICE PRESIDENT; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:26 PM

**** PUBLIC/MEMBERS SIGN-IN LOG SHEET ON FILE (SECRETARY NOTEBOOK), ALONG WITH DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO AUGUST 19, 2024 MEETING.**