

HACKERT LAKE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
JULY 25, 2015

Meeting convened: 5:05 p.m.

Meeting held at home of Ed and Lou McCarthy.

As recorded on sign-up sheet: 24 members in attendance

President John Ochs thanked Ed and Lou for opening their home for the purpose of our meeting and welcomed all in attendance. John also introduced officers and board members and reminded everyone of our Hackertlake.org website.

Secretary Linda Ochs stated that the minutes from the July 19, 2014 annual meeting have been on our website for the last year and suggested those minutes be accepted by acclamation. Linda offered if there was objection, she would read the minutes aloud. She offered a hard copy to anyone who might wish to have one. Laura Hamilton asked for a hard copy since she doesn't have a computer.

Ed McCarthy made motion that minutes be accepted by acclamation.

Joyce Grassa seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sandi Steckel reported we currently have 69 paid members and a balance of \$4351.56 in our checking account.

*Sandi will be selling her lake home and moving into the city of Ludington in the near future. She has been our treasurer since 1997, and has offered to continue as our treasurer if there is no objection. President John Ochs thanked her for her dedicated service and unless there was objection to Sandi remaining as treasurer, she would currently remain in that position. There was no objection.

Lou McCarthy maintains our website. She reported on its status and reminded all that if anyone has information/pictures/announcements, please contact her.

Election of officers.

John Ochs suggested that the current officers be reelected by acclamation. Bob Haupt made motion that those in favor indicate by a show of hands. Cathy Iteen seconded. Motion carried. There was no objection and nobody came forward and expressed a desire to be an officer.

Lake Improvement Board.

The June 9th meeting was cancelled due to lack of business and was rescheduled for October 5, 2015. Hackert Lake adopted a plan with EnviroScience. This plan was active for a 9- year period. The plan included the planting of weevils to combat the Eurasian Water Milfoil and the monitoring of results. It is of the opinion of our lake representatives and this Board, that the weevils produced positive results.

Riparians were assessed through their taxes for implementation of this plan and there is currently a balance of \$12,000 in this account, which is monitored by the Lake Improvement Board. John Ochs and Rick Ruba, Hackert Lake residents and members of the LIB, are cognizant of the importance of not spending this money foolishly or for any unnecessary purpose.

We remain connected to WSCC for the purpose of water quality monitoring. Dr. Mike McKinney, Professor of Biology) oversees this project and the annual charge is \$500.

Comments from Lake residents:

Jerry Barchette and Joyce Grassa both reported that in the cottage owned by Ray Janish (1524 W. Chilberg Rd.) there is a barking dog inside the house. This is a rental property. It appears the dog is left for very long periods of time and it doesn't look like anyone is home. They are concerned for the dog and animal brutality.

There were several complaints about a dog owned by Kevin and Linda Hearn (1463 N. Cedar Lane). The dog is left to run with no leash and is very aggressive. John Ochs will make contact with the owners and possibly

call animal control to lodge complaint.

Several complaints about the excessive use of fireworks. All seem to understand that it is part of 4th of July celebrating, but too many days prior to and following the 4th seems excessive. John Ochs had called Sheriff and spoke with deputy Steve Hansen. Apparently there is no law on the books at this time. He suggested that residents should call with complaint and their department will respond.

Ron and Sue Bailey (1361 N. Cedar Ln) who are snowbirds, thanked fellow riparians for helping them contact the proper sources to correct a water problem at their cottage which occurred last winter during their absence. Ron also explained how the Drain Commissioners office and the Road Commission are going back and forth regarding whose responsibility it is to remedy their problem. The Baileys are still working at repairing the problem.

Bob Haupt spoke about the safety of the stairs which lead to the Lake from the Chilberg subdivision. His concern is whether Hackert Lake Association would be liable if someone was accidentally injured while using the stairs.

Mary Reeds Mortensen was the winner of the framed picture of a beautiful Hackert Lake sunset.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ochs, Secretary

*Delicious potluck meal was enjoyed by all following our meeting.