**June, 2017 Minutes**

HAMILTON LAKE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors

June 13, 2017

Janet Albright called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.  The following members were present: Janet Albright, Dave Castor, Ginny DeBrunner, Peggy Hayden, Dennis Germann, Linda Skelly, Jim Wagenknecht, Val Fetters, and Ron Abraham.  Nine in attendance.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as e-mailed.  A motion was made by Val Fetters and a second by Peggy Hayden.  Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Per his calculations, Dennis estimates that 708 lots have paid weed spray.  LARE Grant of $35,000.00 has been received.  This arrived in June and will appear on the June Financial Report.  The financial report ending 5/31/17 was presented.  The bank balance as of 5/31/17 was $218,658.00.  A motion to approve the report was made by Dave Castor and second by Ron Abraham.  Motion carried.  The HLA financial status was reviewed.

Membership and Communication:  We need “Supporting Member” HL decals for distribution.  After discussion, a motion was made to award all businesses including the Chamber who pay weed spray a membership flag.  The motion was made by Dave Castor and second by Dennis Germann.  Motion carried.

Wildlife: Committee continues to monitor.  Research into a goose round-up continues.

Weed Spray: Dennis Germann and Scott Banfield were on the lake today.  Scott is very pleased.  The Curly-leaf Pondweed is down and the milfoil results take about 6 weeks after treatment.

Grievance and General Welfare: Buoys are in good shape.

Legislative and Council Coordination:

1 Hamilton Town Council: Jim Wagenknecht will attend the next meeting. .

2 Steuben County Lakes Council: Jim shared test results of the water samples taken in May.

3 101 Lakes Trust: Janet said the trust is looking into doing “Reflections” this year on Ball Lake; however, this has not been confirmed.

Old Business:

1 Directors: Keep thinking.  Still in need of 2 Directors for District #2 and 1 Director for District #4.

2 Annual Meeting: June 17, 2017.  Went over an agenda and who’s doing what.  Scott Bandfield will be present.  Hope to have paddle board raffle tickets.  Board members should arrive at 8:00 a.m.

3 There was discussion regarding questions for the DNR and the process to get answers.

4 Website: Trine University will assist in the website project.

Next board meeting will be July 11.  A motion to adjourn was made by Peggy Hayden and second by Ron Abraham.  Motion carried.  Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**Pete Hippensteel book, Steuben County Lakes**

It is with great pleasure that the Steuben County Lakes Council is sponsoring Pete Hippensteel’s book called “Steuben County Lakes – 200 Years of change to our lakes from 1816 to 2016.” Pete worked on a Power Point presentation regarding the lakes and we encouraged him to put it in print. He spent many hours adding to the presentation, changing the presentation, improving the presentation until he finally came up with a beautiful presentation we hope you will all have a chance to read. The book is mostly in photographs which lead you from the early days of lake formation up to today. You will read in it about early settlers developing dams to provide lumber and grain mills. You will read about the cement making by dredging the marl from the shorelines of many of our lakes. You will discover how railroads were built to get people to the hotels on many of the lakes. You will be able to review the agriculture process and its use of drainage which changed many of our lakes over the 200 years. There is much more you can discover if you have the opportunity to read his material. The book is at the printers and will be ready for distribution in about two weeks. The Lakes Council Board voted at the June Board meeting to order a first printing of 100 books. We wish to use this as an educational outlet and will be providing the books as a gift to various county folks such as the local libraries and schools etc. The rest of the books will be offered for sale at cost at the SCLC Annual Meeting in August. Hope you will watch for this opportunity and enjoy reading this really neat publication. Wanted you all to know about this upcoming publication