HAMILTON LAKE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors

September 11, 2018

Cathy Wagenknecht called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following directors in attendance: Cathy Wagenknecht, Janet Albright, Linda Skelly, Dennis Germann, Jim Wagenknecht, Valerie Fetters, Ginny DeBrunner, Jayma Watkins, Jan Biddle, Tonya Peters, and Peggy Hayden. Eleven board members. Four guests were also in attendance: Mr. & Mrs. Hieber, and Mr. & Mrs. Justice.

Guest Speaker: Dennis Hieber, Regarding Goose Round-up. He is currently working with 3 lakes. He uses a pontoon trailer; the fenced trailer has an 80 geese capacity. The DNR says it is best to get the geese re-located at least 60 mile away. Usually he takes them to a Marion, Indiana location. The young geese call home where they learn to fly. Older geese call home where they are used to nesting. Best time to do a goose round-up is when they are molting; sometimes around Father’s Day, depends on the season. An application for a Trap & Relocate Sub Permit would need to be filed. After the event, a Trap & Relocate Sub Permit Report form would need to be completed. This is done through the Division of Fish & Wildlife. The cost for the goose round-up is determined on where the geese are transported to and how many trips are needed. For example: If taken to the Tri-County (Wawasee area), it would cost approximately $300. The lake association would be responsible for getting volunteers and 4 or 5 pontoons. Mr. Hieber keeps updated on what locations are accepting transports.

Minutes of the August Board Meeting were approved. A motion was made by Dennis Germann and second by Jayma Watkins. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Dennis. Dennis calculates that 860 lots (out of 1100) have paid weed spray. Weed spray income this month is $1,668.00 and y-t-d $89,430.00. Deposited another $33,606.00 from the Poker Run, y-t-d $44,881.00. Total y-t-d income is $192,612.00. Monthly expenses were for Poker Run T-shirts, Office Supplies, and Insurance. Total y-t-d expenses are $110,953.00. Bank Balance as of August 31, 2018 was $379,187.00. Cathy suggested that a count be done of the flags and stickers on hand. A motion to accept the treasurer’s report was made by Peggy Hayden and second by Tonya Peters. Motion carried.

Membership and Communication:

* Web-site: Rick Eckert will be back to the area in October. He will help us get the web-site back up and running good.

Wildlife Control: There is interest in doing a goose round-up. Contact Mr. Hieber in May.

Grievance and General Welfare:

* Michindoh Aquifer: Eleven counties were asked to attend a meeting in Bryan, Ohio. Seven showed up. The federal government is getting involved. Estimated cost to do a study is $100,000.00. There is potential funding of $30,000.00 from a matching grant. The study would take 12 to 16 months. There is a public meeting regarding the Michindoh Aquifer tomorrow, September 12 at the Fremont Library, at 6:30 p.m.
* Buoys: There is another lantern buoy that has a light out. Replaced 6 orange buoys. Ordered 12 more. Putting numbers on buoys, trying a decal.

Legislative and Council Coordination:

* Hamilton Town Council: Peggy. Topics/Discussions included fencing around recycling bins, graffiti at Ball Lake, auction of 2 Durango vehicles, Michindoh Aquipher, moving of Lane 150/new road, mobile home parks, bids for sidewalks, and bids for fire department door.
* Steuben County Lakes Council: Cheryl report, given by Cathy. Watercraft driving inside the buoys. Denny Zent was at the meeting. Campaign to get that ruling changed.
* 101 Lakes Trust: Janet. Meeting tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. “Reflections” was held on West Otter Lake, a dinner was catered by Suttons. It was a beautiful day.
* LED Sign Committee: Jan. Consensus vote is taken to determine what goes on sign.

Old Business:

* Poker Run: Tonya presented a detailed report for the 2018 Boat Poker Run and a yearly comparison report for all Boat Poker Runs. Bottom line for this year $36,894.00. Total for 8 years $166,299.00. A motion was made and approved to give Bill Wisner and Denny Johnson a Thank You and $50.00 each for supplying and help to put up and take down the tent used at the Poker Run.
* Summerfest: The day went good and the drawing for the Lilly Pad Raffle took place that evening.
* Boat Safety Class: Jan has tried contacting Jim Price and will continue to do so.

New Business:

* Black Creek Run-Off: Discussion took place concerning who removes things from the lake that come in from Black Creek and who is responsible for cut-off weeds that are hung up in beach areas. It was noted also that weeds are not to be put back in to the lake.
* Board of Directors: There currently is one open position. Re-assignments: Cheryl will move from District 4 to District 5 (taking Ron’s position); Cathy will move from District 2 to District 4 (Cheryl’s position). This leaves open position in District 2.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Germann and second by Peggy Hayden. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Secretary

Linda Skelly