

Horsehead Lake Association Meeting
Meeting Minutes March 9, 2024 10:00 am
Martiny Township Hall

ROLL CALL

Terry Bakewell	Present	Jerry Devenbaugh	Excused	Mike Munsell	Present
Karen Bakewell	Present	Charlie Foster	Excused	Donna Rutter	Excused
Kathy Battle	Present	Dave Haywood	Present	Tracey Thelen	Excused
Dan Carpenter	Present	Fred Kuebler	Excused	Dom Theodore	Present
Bruce Costen	Present	Paul Mercieca	Present	Jade Wilson	Present

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order and the Board welcomed the following guests, Jen Lokers, Larry Harrington, Debbie Hill, Jesse Fuller, Al Charles, Cheryl Haywood and Jackie Humphrey. There were no public comments

REVIEW OF MINUTES AND TRESURY REPORT

- 1. Meeting Minutes:** The November minutes were revised slightly. Motion to approve by Jade, Seconded by Dom – unanimous.
- 2. November Treasurer Report:** One big expense was postage of newsletter of \$653.20. That will be reimbursed by Lakeside. Motion to approve Bruce, Seconded Terry – Unanimous
- 3. Year End Audit Recap:** The 2023 HHL financial audit was reviewed and a motion by Dave to approve, seconded by Dan – Unanimous
- 4. January 24 – February 29 Treasurer Report:** One miscellaneous expense of \$225 to Mi Corp (water testing) Motion to Approve by Dom, Seconded by Dave – Unanimous
- 5. 2024 Lake Association Budget:** The 2024 annual budget was reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Paul and seconded by Bruce – Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Lake Ecology / Fish Management:

- Terry and Bruce will survey some areas where *Evasive Weed Species* are known to be located and see how they made it through the mild winter.
- The phosphorus tests have arrived and Terry will test the water ASAP.
- Ice out this year was on February 29th
- Dave had a resident ask why there is no pike size limit on the lake. The regulations were set by the D.N.R. The D.N.R. has now extended the no size limit to other lakes.
- The D.N.R is now looking at testing Bluegill size slotting limits.
- Fish Study – The last lake / fish study was done in 2000.
- A motion was made by Don to develop a plan to have a Lake / Fish survey done on the lake. The plan would include how we fund having a professional company conduct the survey in 2025. The plan was seconded by Dave – Unanimous
- Terry and Dan will attend the MLSA conference on April 26-27 in Muskegon
- Wake Boat State Legislator bill: Bill 5532 is now in legislation. This bill would limit wake boats to at least 500ft from shore and in waters deeper than 20 feet. Lake residents can contact our house of representative Tom Kunse at 517-373-7317 or through email at tomkunse@house.mi.gov with their thoughts on the bill.

2. **Community Outreach Items for Newcomer Flyer:** No news to report. Jade would welcome new ideas to reach residents.
3. **Membership:** YTD, we have 21 members. We expect the total membership numbers for 2024 to be similar to 2023.
4. **Communication/Newsletter:** Mike brought up an option to print our newsletter in color. He will continue to look at what it would cost compared to our current B&W version. Cathy and Cheryl Haywood will also look at ways to cut cost of printing and mailing. This will be tabled until the April meeting.
5. **Lake Water Levels:** No update- levels are still at winter water levels.
6. **Goose Nest and Egg Destruction permit:** Application has arrived and Mike will complete it. Any lake resident can participate in the program. Residents that participated last year do not have to re-apply.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **H.H.L Bi-Law Review:** Bruce would like to review the H.H.L Bylaw's in April. One focus would be on meeting dates. He recommended we eliminate the November meeting as most lake activities are completed in September and many members are not available in November
2. **New Design of the HHL Logo:** Tabled
3. **Adjourn:** Dave motioned to Adjourn, Kathy Seconded – Unanimous
4. **Dates for 2024 Events:** Dom need dates for the upcoming 2024 lake events.

Upcoming 2024 HLA Board Meetings- 10:00AM Martiny Township Hall
 Conference call number; 605-475-3220 Code 867983#

April 13

May 11

June 8 Martiny Township Hall not available

July 13

August 10 - Annual meeting at Martiny Township Pavilion

Election of Board Members with these terms expiring in 2024:

Terry Bakewell, Jerry Devenbaugh, Fred Kuebler, Mike Munsell, Dom Theodore

Election of Officers with these current officers

President Mike Munsell, Vice President Dom Theodore, Secretary Dan Carpenter,
 Treasurer Karen Bakewell

September 14

October 12

November 9

No Meetings scheduled for December, January 2025, and February 2025

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