

Coon Lake Hills Association Board
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Opening: The regular meeting of the CLHA Board was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on October 15th at the Marion Township meeting room.

Present: Jay Burkhart, Jeff Telder, Lynne Lewandowski, Dawn Smith, Ross Huetteman, Mike McIsaac, & Dean Blanchard

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

SPECIAL MEMBER MEETING REGARDING ANNUAL DUES INCREASE: scheduled for **Thursday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m.** at Marion Township LOWER-Level meeting room.

- Presentation finalized by the Board
- Lynne reported that several ballots have been received via email and regular mail. Final count will take place at the meeting.

Current Business

1. **Treasurer Report:** Dawn reported the current balance in our account
2. **2024 Dues Collection:** Dawn reported that only 7 families have unpaid annual dues for this year.
3. **2024 CLHA Questionnaire Goals:**
 - a. **Maintaining Private Access to the Lake:** Nothing currently.
 - b. **Lake Appearance (lake clarity):**
 - i. **Lake Quality:** Keith has received the lake quality report and will be sending it out to membership soon. The Board also had requested that PFAS be tested since it has been a couple of years. Jay will follow up with Keith on that requested test.
 - ii. **Lake level-Dams:** Jeff spoke with the PEA Group and was awaiting their proposal which he should receive shortly.
 - iii. **Goose Busters:** The Board spoke to Chris Compton from Goose Busters regarding options for the future to decrease the geese population on the lake. This was raised as a concern by Members this year as they noticed an increase in the Goose population on the lake.
 - I. Chris reported that there aren't many options other than the egg destruction allowed by the State. Chris explained that there used to be a "Goose Round Up" in Michigan, but that has been discontinued by the state for the last 2-3 years. Chris indicated that 2 options open to home owners are to rope off their property in the early spring, and or to use a spray on the lawn to deter the geese. The spray is called Flight Control.

- c. **Boating Safety:** Nothing currently
 - d. **Fish Stocking:** The Board discussed the fish stocking and the types of fish being caught on the lake. A question was raised regarding whether our fish complement is balanced appropriately. A recommendation was made to see if there is a study/sampling that possibly Michigan State University water sciences department can perform to determine if our lake is balanced. Jeff will do some research and follow up.
4. **Beautification Committee**
- a. **Boat Launch-** Ross is waiting for a quote on additional rock for the boat launch. If approved, this work would take place in November.
5. **Association Activities:**
- a. **CLHA Calendar Event 2024:** Lynne reported that 16 calendars were sold at the Fall Festival. The goal for this fundraiser is to sell 50 calendars with LACASA being the benefactor.
 - b. **CLHA Fall Festival:** The Fall Festival was a HUGE success. It was attended by 41 adults and 1 child. The 50/50 raffle collected a total of \$175.00 with \$88.00 going to LACASA. A total of \$288.52 was spent on the activity. All comments received from Members were positive. The Board has approved a repeat of the activity for next year.
 - c. **CLHA Holiday Party/Adopt a Kid:** Lynne told the Board that the Activities Team is in full planning mode for our annual Holiday Party. A flyer was shared with the Board which will be emailed out to our members withing the next week. Everything will remain the same for the party. The deposit has been placed with the Elks Hall, and the caterer has been booked. Based on last year's collection for "Adopt a School Kid", the Activities Team is looking at adopting an additional 1 or 2 children. More information will be coming out.
 - d. **CLHA Annual Picnic:** Lynne indicated that an email was received from one of our members, Joni Hughes, who is involved with the Livingston County Literacy Coalition requesting that we consider the non-profit for our charity for next year's picnic. Lynne will contact Joni to get some additional information before a final decision is made.

New Business

1. **Boat Launch gate repair:** It was noted that our gate has sustained some damage from a member accident. After some discussion, Dawn will follow up with one of our members who might be able to repair the damage. More information will be coming.
2. **New Neighbors:** None currently.
3. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Next meeting's scheduled: November 19th @ 6:30 p.m. **Upper-Level Marion Township**

Respectfully Submitted
Lynne Lewandowski
Secretary, CLHA