

MINUTES FROM THE COON LAKE HILLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING  
April 27, 2017

Board Members in Attendance: Mike McIsaac, Marilyn McGowan, Todd Cunningham

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Mike McIsaac encouraged members to reference the bulletin boards to review the thank you note received from the Livingston County VA for the money donated from the picnic and to consider attending the May 20th performance by Mario Messina at the Howell Theater.

Board members Todd Cunningham, Randy Metz and Collette Anderson have resigned their positions. Marcia Tomasko, Deb Peven and Marianne Blaszcak will fill those slots. Board members Lois McDoniel and Victor Lewandowski were unable to attend the meeting but will continue to be board members.

Motion was passed to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2016 meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. Beginning balance (4/1/16) was \$19,383.75. After expenditures and dues collection, the current balance is \$20,593.98. The annual audit of books will be completed within 30 days.

Pete from Lake Pro (the company chosen by the SAD) presented findings regarding water quality of the lake. Although it was deemed to have "great quality", the phosphorus level was high last spring but returned to normal by summer. He added that the quality appears a bit better at the south end (when compared to the north end of the lake) and stated that the wetlands are natural filters. It was requested that Lake Pro test the water in the canal; Pete agreed to comply.

The lily pads in the higher traffic area near the south end of the lake are treated at a cost of \$800.

Monthly treatments are made from May to August to aggressively reduce algae and curly leaf pondweed. Lake Pro will be inserting white plastic stakes on the beaches of lots without trees to inform residents of the treatments/safeguards unless otherwise requested by homeowners. Residents who have mature trees will continue to have the yellow posting stapled to the trunk. Pete's slide presentation included many maps of the lake depicting vegetation areas. Another map illustrating the different conditions of the lake bottom - solid to mucky - could be available.

Member Don Walsh expressed concerns about the water quality at the west side of the lake, near the canal. He also shared the Fish Stocking Report: the lake has been stocked yearly since 2012 with perch, rainbow trout, walleye, feed minnows and more recently, crappie. Funds from the board and from individual homeowners have financed this endeavour. Don urged fishermen to donate money to continue the high quality of fish planting. The Board will continue to support with funds up to \$1,000.00 annually.

Marilyn McGowan shared that the yearly goose control/egg round up is underway with Rick Keough in charge. Permits have been issued and three members attended official training from the DNR to complete this task. The findings will be reported when available.

President Mike McIsaac proposed the formation of new committees:

SIGNAGE: signs indicating that Coon Lake is a private lake, trespassers will be prosecuted.

This committee will determine verbiage and placement of signs.  
Committee members: Dave Blaszcak, Mel VanNocker

LIGHTING: lighting at the Rurik, Southwoods and Westhill street entrances from Coon Lake Road to increase safety/visibility  
Committee members: Veronica Chont, Mary Lemons and Mary Mclsaac

GARAGE SALE: tabled at this time

Revised by-laws (previously sent out for review/approval to all members) were discussed and approved by the necessary 3:1 margin. Concerns were raised about raising the operating costs from \$4,000 to \$10,000. The proposed increase was initiated to cover possible dredging costs and equipment, and for any legal fees that could be incurred. After discussion, the board agreed to revert back to the \$4,000 amount that was agreed upon for the 2007 bylaws. The final draft of the bylaws will be posted on three designated locations including websites and email.

Clarifications/Concerns about the enforcing of mobile homes and multiple vehicles parked on residential property were discussed.

Options and safeguards for future fireworks were discussed since the member who provided the display in the past has moved.

Member Mike Poole has requested that he be allowed to build a fence on his property to protect his home and dogs. He will write a letter to the board with details. It is expected that this will be approved on a one-time basis because of extenuating circumstances with the understanding that the fence will be removed if these circumstances change.

Members have requested that names and email addresses of board members be disseminated to all members. This information will be made available asap.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm