

Coon Lake Hills Association Board
Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Opening: The regular meeting of the CLHA Board was called to order at 6:40 p.m. on June 6th at the Marion Township meeting room.

Present: Mike McIsaac, Tom Vanderplas, Lynne Lewandowski, Dean Blanchard (Zoom), Jay Burkhart, Dawn Smith, Jeff Telder, & Ross Huettelman

Excused: Erin Zimlich

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

New Board Members: Introduction, Welcome, Positions, Meeting Date/Time & Communication methods.

Mike welcomed the returning members of the Board as well as those new to the Board. A Thank You was expressed to both Tom Vanderplas & Erin Zimlich who both will be leaving the Board after today's meeting.

Mike then explained that the various positions on the Board must be chosen among the Board members. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, & Trustee. These positions will be held from June, 2023 thru June, 2024. The following are the positions that will be held for the next year:

Mike McIsaac-President; Jay Burkhart-Vice President; Lynne Lewandowski-Secretary; Dawn Smith-Treasurer; Dean Blanchard-Trustee; Ross Huettelman-Trustee; & Jeff Telder-Trustee.

Meeting dates will be scheduled on Tuesday's at 6:30 p.m. Communication for the Board is primarily via email, however, there are times when text messages are sent.

Annual Meeting Re-Cap:

1. **Attendance:** Lynne reported that approximately 24 families (including the Board members) attended the Annual Meeting this year.
2. **Minutes of the meeting:** Lynne requested that the minutes of the Annual Meeting be approved by the Board and then emailed out to everyone vs. a "recap" that was done last year. Final membership approval will take place at next year's Annual Meeting. Board agreed with the suggestion.
3. **Boat gate open/combo lock:** The Board discussed leaving the boat gate open for a period of time to allow those members with their own trailers the ability to launch their boats without needing to get a key. The Board's conclusion after much discussion is that this option is not feasible currently.

Current Business

1. **Treasurer Report:** Dawn reported the current amount we have in our account.
 - a. **Annual Dues 2022:** A listing of outstanding accounts was reviewed by the Board. Since several attempts have been made to remind members of their outstanding bills, the Board approved moving forward with placing liens on the outstanding accounts.
 - b. **Annual Dues 2023:** 83 Families have paid their dues thus far with 25 Families still outstanding. The Board reviewed the outstanding list of members and requested that a second reminder letter be sent out.

2. **Lake Quality Program:**
 - a. **Lake Treatment (LakePro):** Following the discussion with Lake Pro at the Annual meeting, the board further discussed the use of copper sulfate to treat the lake. Also, there was follow-up discussion regarding occasional “cloudy” conditions in the lake water as some members mentioned during annual meeting. Hearing members concerns, the Board will be asking Keith Lewinski to check on the cost for the substitute for copper sulfate and consider using that substitute in future treatments. The Board also received several names of individuals that are interested in serving on the Lake Treatment Committee along with Keith Lewinski & Mike McIsaac. Those names will be sent on to Keith for inclusion in his meetings.
 - b. **Lake level-Dams:** Once the water levels reduce, the dam will be examined to see what fixes may be required.
 - c. **Runoff in the lake:** Based on the volunteers received at the Annual Meeting, Mike McIsaac will follow up with Bruce Pfister, Don Walsh, & Keith Lewinski on this project.

3. **Beautification Committee:** Concerns regarding the gate denting the new sign at the Boat launch was raised at the Annual Meeting. The Board discussed the concern and asked Ross to see what type of “bumper” can be attached to the sign.

4. **Association Activities:**
 - a. Lynne reported that the Annual CLHA Picnic will be this Saturday, June 10th at Rurik Park beginning at 2:00 p.m.
 - b. The “Anchors Away Thursday” will be held on June 22nd @ 6:30p.m. back in the South end of the lake “swim zone”. We are hoping that this year this event has more success, with more members coming onto the lake and just enjoying the Lake and the company of your neighbors.
 - c. The Holiday Party is being scheduled for December 8, 2023 at the Howell Elks Lodge. Further information will be forthcoming.

New Business

1. **New Neighbors:** No one new currently.
2. **Boat Launch Gate:** Dean raised a concern regarding the weight of the gate and how when unlocking the gate, it can injure someone. The Board discussed options to make it easier to use. Ross will follow up on some possible solutions to make it easier to open.
3. **New Street Signs:** Mike indicated that there are some street signs (Southwoods) that need to be replaced as well as the addition of “dead end” signs on a couple of the lake roads. Mike will follow up with what is needed and contact Steve Puckett who ordered other street signs for the Coon Lake Community.
4. **Placement of “No Wake” Buoy:** Mike reported that he has the “no wake” buoy that disappeared a couple of years ago. The Board discussed where it should be placed so it’s visible to everyone. Mike will work with Ross and others to get that placed in the water quickly.
5. **Website & Map updates:** Lynne reported that she is working with Laura Deierlein to get our website up to date. Laura indicated that the software is not the easiest to work with, however she is doing her best. Lynne also indicated that she is working to try to get our lake maps updated.
6. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Next meeting’s scheduled:

- July 11, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. at Lynne’s home (4154 Rurik)
- August 15, @ 6:30 p.m. Location TBD

Respectfully Submitted
Lynne Lewandowski
Secretary, CLHA