

**Coon Lake Hills Association Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Opening:** The regular meeting of the CLHA Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on June 16th at the Marion Township meeting room.

**Present:** Mike McIsaac, Tom Vanderplas, Lynne Lewandowski, Dean Blanchard, Erin Zimlich, Marilyn McGowan, Steve Puckett, Jay Burkhart, Dawn Smith

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

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

Mike welcomes the returning members of the Board as well as those new to the Board. A Thank You was expressed to both Marilyn McGowan and Steve Puckett who both will be leaving the Board after today's meeting. Marilyn has served many years on the Board and has a wealth of knowledge regarding the CLHA Community; she will be truly missed! Steve has also been an asset to the Board helping with many projects on the lake including setting new signs and marking rocks with buoys. Thank you Both for your Service!!!

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, 2022 thru May, 2023. The following are the positions that will be held for the next year:

**Mike McIsaac-President; Jay Burkhart-Vice President; Lynne Lewandowski-Secretary; Dean Blanchard-Treasurer; Tom Vanderplas, Erin Zimlich, & Dawn Smith Trustees**

The Trustees were asked to support the other Board positions as much as possible since some of the Board members are still working and may need extra help.

Meeting dates will be scheduled with Marion Township, either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Lynne will follow up with the Township to schedule the meetings.

**Annual Meeting Re-Cap:**

1. **Minutes of the meeting:** Lynne requested that a "recap" of the meeting be completed and sent out to membership since the office minutes won't be approved until the next annual meeting in 2023. Members that couldn't attend the meeting are wondering the outcomes. The Board approved the request.
2. **Bylaws- next steps:** After much discussion, the Board has decided to take a step back and relook at the current 2017 Bylaws that we are operating under. They are looking at possibly some of the Bylaw updates that created concerns for some members such as: voting requirements, Enforcement, Rental & the

definitions. The Board also discussed the possibility of a line-item vote since some of the updates were required by legal and or for the good of the Association. More to come.

3. **Bylaws Voting:** Some Board members expressed concerned regarding how some of the votes were “bundled” and were brought to the meeting. Per the Bylaws, individual member votes are to be either mailed to the Secretary through the Post Office, emailed to our official email box or personally brought to the annual meeting.
  - a. There were several statements made at the Annual Meeting that were inaccurate, leading the Board to be concerned that these statements may have swayed members votes.
  - b. Just to clarify for all members: The Board DID NOT authorize a \$7,000 payment for the attorney that reviewed the bylaws. If you review the 2017 Bylaws (Article IV Management, Section 2) you will see that the Board cannot go over a \$4,000 annual expenditure without Membership approval. Since the Attorney was doing this work for us without charge since the family resides on the lake, the Board did authorize a \$400 gift card as a thank you for the work that was completed.
4. **Beautification Committee:** Dawn & Marilyn will be following up with the other members of the committee that were identified at the Annual Meeting to see who might be interested in chairing the committee.
  - a. *Dawn will report back on who will be leading this group.*
5. **Additional Info received at the meeting:** The Board noted that many of the Members are very concerned/interested on how each of us can keep our lake pristine. Many wanted additional information regarding Zebra Mussels, the use of grass or weed fertilizer and the general ecology of the lake. The Board will continue to discuss the best way to disseminate all of this information to Membership.

### **Current Business**

1. **Treasurer Report:** Dean reported that our account balance is the same as was reported last month by Marilyn. No checks have been written or money received.
  - a. **Ideas for funds:** The Beautification Committee will come back with their ideas and requests. It was also discussed that our Dam needs some cement work in order to keep it operational. All requests will be reviewed.
  - b. **Signage for Boat Ramp:** The NEW No Wake signs approved for purchase by the Board have been received and are in the process of being installed. The Board is trying to keep our swimmers safe, but it’s becoming more difficult if boaters and wave runner operators don’t adhere to the signs. The Board will continue to install additional “NO Wake” signs as appropriate.

2. **Lake Treatment Updates:** Mike requested that Keith Lewinski attend our next meeting and report out to the Board regarding Lake Pro's findings and answer any questions the Board might have regarding our Lake Treatment.
  - a. *Lynne will send an invite to Keith requesting his attendance at our next meeting.*
  - b. **Goose Busters:** Steve has committed to continue to be the liaison for the goose process; requesting the permit and working with the company in the early spring.
  
3. **Association Activities:**
  - a. Lynne reported that the Annual CLHA Picnic will be June 18<sup>th</sup> at Rurik Park beginning at 2:00 p.m. Email reminders were sent out to all Membership. Many baskets have been received for the raffle along with other fun games planned. Our Non-Profit Charity this year will be the Howell Library. Everyone is looking to re-connecting and socializing with neighbors they may not have seen due to COVID.
  - b. The first "Anchors Away Thursday" will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30p.m. We are hoping everyone will come into the swim zone to tie up together and just enjoy the Lake and the company of your neighbors.
  - c. Other activities are being discussed for not only the summer, but into the fall as well. More to come.

### **New Business**

1. **New Neighbors:** No one new at this time.
  
2. **Rurik Park Discussion:** It was brought up that some members had questions regarding the number of docks on Rurik Park. The Board discussed the issue, but feels that further discussion may be warranted if only to educate those new to the Board, but also our Membership. This will remain on the agenda for further discussion.
  
3. **Boating Rules & the Key Ramp Policy:** Both documents were presented to the Board for approval for 2022. Some minor changes were made to each document. Once updated they will be sent out to the Membership.
  
4. **Spring Newsletter:** The CLHA newsletters are running a bit behind, so the Spring will be combined with the Summer.
  
5. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

**Next meeting's scheduled:** The Board meeting schedule will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at Marion Township LOWER-LEVEL Meeting room at 6:30 p.m.:

- July 14, 2022
- August 11, 2022
- September 8, 2022
- October 13, 2022
- November 17, 2022 Scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday due to availability.
- January 12, 2023
- February 9, 2023
- March 9, 2023
- April 13, 2023
- May 11, 2023
- June 8, 2023

Respectfully Submitted  
Lynne Lewandowski  
Secretary, CLHA