

Coon Lake Hills Association Board
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Opening: The regular meeting of the CLHA Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on March 4th at the Marion Township meeting room.

Present: Jay Burkhart, Jeff Telder, Lynne Lewandowski, Dawn Smith, Ross Huetteman & Cheryl Brunette

Excused: Dean Blanchard, Dawn Smith

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 2025 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

1. **Account Status/2025 Budget:** With Dawn being ill, Jay reported the current balance in our account.
2. **2024 Dues Collection/Lien status:** Dawn will report status at the next meeting.
3. **2025 Dues Collection:** It was noted that many members have already paid their dues. A reminder email is forthcoming for those who still have to pay. The final due date is April 15th to avoid any penalty.

Old Business:

1. **Gate repair at Boat Launch:** Ross reported that the gate at the boat launch has been repaired and ready for use in the Spring.
2. **Update on Lake Topics:**
 - a. **Private Access to the Lake:** Concerns have been voiced by membership regarding those that are ice fishing on our lake that are not part of the Coon Lake Hills Community. An email was sent out to all members to be aware of those that may be trespassing by just parking and walking on the lake to poach our fish. Further discussion will take place at our next Board meeting with next steps reviewed with all members in June at the Annual Meeting. The lake is in the process of thaw, so no further action will be taken this winter season.
 - b. **Lake Quality:**
 - i. **LakePro/Treatment update:** Jay reported that he and Keith Lewinski have had several conversations regarding current & past treatment of the lake including review of past treatment documentation and quality reports. The Lake Treatment Committee also met to further discuss the treatment along with various alternatives to chemical treatment. The Committee along with Keith will be preparing for the SAD renewal in the fall as well. A LakePro treatment schedule should be coming out soon.
 - ii. **"Balance" of Lake ecology:** Jeff reported that he had a conversation with a representative at the DNR to see if they would

come out and do a Fishery Study. They indicated that because our lake is Private and on the smaller side, they would not be able to do the study, however encouraged us to locate a company and have the study completed. Based on the information Jeff provided, they indicated that it sounded like our lake was in excellent condition. Cheryl indicated that she would do some checking as well to see what the cost might be to have such a study completed. More information to follow.

c. Lake Level:

- i. Dam Project:** Jeff will continue to investigate the best way to monitor the lake level. He will also develop and present an updated presentation on this topic for the annual meeting.

d. Lake Wildlife:

- i. Geese Discussion:** There have been concerns about the geese on the lake last year. Jay provided copies to all the Board members of the new law for Goose Management in the State of Michigan. Jay also spoke with the Lake Sherwood Association President regarding their difficulties with the geese and the round up they conducted along with e-coli testing. The Board discussed the possibility of testing for e-coli on our the lake. Further discussion will take place at our next meeting since there needs to be an understanding of the cost for this testing and process to follow.
- ii.** Lynne reported that Steve Pucket has submitted paper work for the 2025 Goose Nest & Egg Destruction process. Goose Busters will continue to handle this process with costs covered within the SAD.

e. Lake Safety:

- i. Boating Safety:** The Boat Launch Policy and Boating Safety Rules were both approved as written without any changes.

3. Beautification Committee: Nothing currently.

4. Association Activities:

- a. CLHA Map review:** Lynne updated the map and past it over to Cheryl who is working to get it updated and ready for distribution at our annual meeting in June.
- b. CLHA Spring Newsletter:** The newsletter will be sent out to all members by the middle of April.
- c. CLHA Annual Picnic:** Lynne requested that the Livingston County Literacy Coalition be the recipient of our donations from the annual picnic. The Board approved the request.
- d. CLHA 2025 Activity Dates:** Please mark your Calendar for these Board approved dates:
 - i.** CLHA Annual Picnic: Saturday, June 14, 2025
 - ii.** CLHA Fall Festival: Friday, September 19, 2025
 - iii.** CLHA Holiday Party: Friday, December 5, 2025 (pending hall confirmation)

New Business

1. **New Neighbors:** None currently.
2. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Board meetings scheduled: April 14, 2025- Upper meeting room

2025 Schedule:

May 13, 2025- Upper meeting room

June 5, 2025- **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** Upper meeting room

June 17, 2025- LOWER meeting room

Respectfully Submitted
Lynne Lewandowski
Secretary, CLHA