Coon Lake Hills Association Board Meeting Minutes September 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Opening: The regular meeting of the CLHA Board was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on September 16th at the Marion Township meeting room.

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

Excused: Brandon Barefield

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 19, 2025 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- 1. **Account Status:** Dawn reported on the current balance in our account. Dawn also reported that most of our spending takes place at the end of the calendar year with the Fall Festival, Holiday Party, and Fish Stocking. She will be moving \$5,000 into our bank savings account as a beginning to our emergency fund.
- 2. **Annual 2025 Dues:** Dawn reported that out of 106 families, 4 have outstanding dues for 2025. A Huge THANK YOU to Dawn for all her hard work with dues collection.
- 3. **Lien status:** Dawn reported that after continued investigation, there are only 2 households that will have continued liens on their homes based on non-payment of their dues. All others that were on the list have been reconciled.
- 4. **Other financial items:** A request for \$2,000 was received for fish stocking of the lake. Jay held a vote of the Board to move ahead with funding this process. The vote was unanimous supported.

Old Business:

1. Update on Lake Topics:

a. Private Access to the Lake

i. Ice Fishing identification: Lynne reported that stickers for the ice fishing buckets will be purchased upon Board approval. The sticker will display wording and picture of fish so it is not easily replicated. Board approved and requested we complete this process as soon as possible. Ross has already ordered the buckets & Lynne will order the stickers and complete the process.

b. Lake Quality:

i. LakePro/Treatment update: Jay talked with Keith who reported that all lake treatments have been completed for the year. Tigris will do the quality survey and report back later this fall.

ii. **"Balance" of Lake ecology:** The Board had further discussion regarding the fish management study provided by Tigris. It was thought that this might be a worthwhile study conducted to validate the types of fish used to stock the lake. This process conducted once every few years could validate not only our treatments, but fish types surviving in the lake.

c. Lake Wildlife:

- *i.* Geese Discussion: Steve Puckett provided a listing of companies that he contacted regarding the geese on the lake. Some did not come out to our location, while others were more commercial. For now, we will continue with Goosebusters in the spring. There was further discussion regarding the "eagle" kites that are used at other lakes to ward off the geese. The possibility of purchasing a couple of these kites to see how they work might be an option. Further investigation will continue.
- d. Lake Safety: Nothing further currently.
- 2. **Insurance Policy Review**: Cheryl spoke to the new owner of our insurance company trying to validate the different areas of our policy. We also received our updated policy for the 2025-26 year which had a slight increase over the previous year. The new agent will be coming out for an on-site visit to review the area and make any recommendations for the future. Cheryl will work to get this visit scheduled.
- 3. **Beautification Committee**: Ross continues to report that the boat launch area is being maintained through the Fall timeframe. Appropriate cleanup will be done as needed.

4. Association Activities:

- **a. CLHA Fall Festival-** Lynne reported that our Fall Festival will be on Friday at Rurik Park. The Activities Team is excited to coordinate the activity, and even though it sounds like it will be on the warmer side, we still plan on having a bonfire! LCLC (Livingston County Literacy Coalition) is our charity for this year; with this event completing our donations to that charity. We hope to see everyone there!
- b. CLHA Holiday Party: Friday, December 5, 2025
 - i. The Elk's Club has been booked which is the same location as last year's party.
 - ii. C & C catering has also been booked for the event which is the same caterer as last year.
 - iii. Howell Schools have also been contacted regarding "adopting" children for our family holiday giving project.

New Business

1. **New Neighbors:** CLHA would like to Welcome Jeff House & Jonathan Shettler to the Coon Lake Hills neighborhood (Saum's home).

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next Board meeting scheduled: Tuesday, October 14th @ 6:30 p.m. Marion Township

Future meetings: Tuesday, November 18th @ 6:30 p.m. Marion Township

Respectfully Submitted Lynne Lewandowski Secretary, CLHA