Coon Lake Hills Association Board
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Marion Twp & via Zoom

Opening: The regular meeting of the CLHA Board was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on May 8th at Marion Township meeting room & via Zoom.

Present: Jay Burkhart (Zoom), Lynne Lewandowski, Dawn Smith, Tom Vanderplas, & Dean Blanchard (Zoom)

Excused: Erin Zimlich, Mike McIsaac

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

Current Business

1. **Treasurer Report:** Dawn reported our current account balance.
   a. **2022 Annual Dues update:** currently 6 members are currently outstanding for their 2022 dues. After discussion with the Board, Dawn will validate that number against her records. Once validated and reported back next month, the Board will consider the next steps of placing liens on these homes. The members have received no less than 3 notices requesting their dues be paid.
   b. **2023 Annual Dues update:** Dawn reported that to date 79 members have paid a total of $3,633. **Many members tend to pay at the Annual Meeting which is scheduled for June 1st.** After that date, a final reminder will be sent to those outstanding members.
   c. **Electronic options to receive payments/pay bills:** Dawn checked with the Board bank to understand our possible electronic options. After reviewing the information, the Board determined that due to cost, the bank options would not be practical for our organization due to the various fees involved. No changes will be made at this time.

2. **Lake Quality Program**:
   a. **Lake Treatment (LakePro)-weed treatment**: Keith Lewinski is working with LakePro to have their representative at the CLHA Annual meeting to answer everyone's questions regarding the treatment of our lake. They are the experts who not only have a thorough understanding of our lake compositions, but also the DNR requirements for treatment.
   b. **Lake Level:**
      i. **Dam function/condition:** It has been identified that the dam on Coon Lake Road seems to be leaking. Further examination of the dam will take place in the late summer as the water levels go down. It is thought that some cement work and rocks should help the leaking subside. On the other hand, there was also some discussion on the high level of the lake which is likely seasonal. Note that the Coon Lake Dam might also need to be checked to see that water is passing through and not trapped. Note that the other dam into Coon Lake from Pardee Lake is controlled by Pardee

residents; at times the release of water from that lake can cause Coon Lake levels to temporarily rise.

    c. Runoff into the Lake:

        i. natural road runoff/lawn fertilizer -Keith addressed some of these concerns in his newsletter that was sent out. The Board is looking for member assistance to identify all the road runoff locations before action can be taken.

3. **Goosebusters update:** The company returned to the lake on May 5th and located 2 additional nests and retrieved 10 additional eggs. This years total is 8 nests & 39 eggs.

4. **Beautification Committee-** Ross reported that members had donated ornamental grass and flowering bushes that will be planted once the weather warms. Once these are planted then it will be determined if addition plantings are needed.

5. **Annual Meeting-** Lynne reported that the meeting dated has been set for **June 1, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Township UPPER meeting room**. The Board reviewed and approved the agenda for the meeting as well as the election ballot. Lynne will be sending out the notices to members approximately 2 weeks prior to the meeting. The Board hopes to see as many members as possible in attendance.

    a. Webinar Series: Lynne had located some webinar information from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regarding aquatic invasive species and boating hygiene that might be of interest to our members. The Board discussed and thought that some of this information can be provided at the annual meeting. The website will be provided as well as placed on our website for ease of access.

6. **Association Activities-Lynne**

    a. Annual CLHA Picnic -June 10, 2023; Lynne reported that the Activities Team is working to finalize the non-profit organization that will be in receipt of our monetary donation from the picnic. Notices will be sent out shortly regarding date, & location of the picnic along with the request for baskets for our annual raffle.

    b. Anchor's Away Thursday- June 22, July 27, & August 24, 2023. Lynne indicated that the Activities Team is going to give this activity another year on the lake. Last year we had no more than 2-3 boats that would tie together with those on the boats able to walk boat to boat or meet on one boat to visit and catch up with neighbors. This year we are hoping for more boats to tie together and more neighbors to join in and enjoy not only the Michigan weather, but our beautiful lake and neighborly company!

    c. Holiday Party- The Elks club was contacted to book for this Holiday Party. We are currently looking at Friday, December 8, 2023. We are waiting to hear if this date is available.

New Business

1. **New Neighbors**: none currently.
2. **Weed Cleanup of Individual Beaches**: Questions have been received regarding weeds around the shoreline and what options Members can use to "clean" up these weeds. The Board wanted to remind our members that there is a Lake Rake available to assist with that clean up. Further discussion will take place on other appropriate ways for individuals to clear out weeds around their beaches or docks.
3. **Boat Launch Gate**: A concern was brought up regarding the boat gate and the difficulty in locking it at times. The Board will discuss this further at its June meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting's scheduled:

- **June 1, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. CLHA Annual Meeting** @ Marion Township UPSTAIRS
- **June 6, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. CLHA Board Meeting** @ Marion Township UPSTAIRS
- June 10, 2023 CLHA Annual Picnic

Respectfully Submitted
Lynne Lewandowski
Secretary, CLHA