

Coon Lake Hills Association Board
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Opening: The regular meeting of the CLHA Board was called to order at 6:32 p.m. on January 14th at the Marion Township meeting room.

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

Excused: Dean Blanchard, Jeff Telder

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November 2024 meeting were approved.

New Board Member: The Board welcomed Cheryl Brunette who will be finishing out Mike McIsaac's term on the Board as he has retired.

Treasurer's Report:

1. **Account Status/2025 Budget:** Dawn reported on our final balance for FY 2024. As of January 14, 2025, she also reported on the balance we have in our account. Jay reviewed with the Board the 2025 Budget which was presented to all members at the October 2024 Special Meeting.
2. **2024 Dues Collection/Lien status:** Dawn will continue to work on placing liens for those who have not paid their 2024 dues.
3. **2025 Dues Collection:** Dawn reported that 36 out of 107 families have already paid their 2025 dues; 12 via Venmo & 24 via check. Excellent start to this process. (The dues payments are not required of members until April 15, 2025 per the by-laws).
4. **Association accepting Monetary gifts:** Yes, the Association would be pleased to accept voluntary donations from any individual or their estate. Note though that the CLHA is NOT a 501c charity and donations are not tax deductible for the individual making the donation.

Old Business:

1. **Gate repair at Boat Launch:** Ross is investigating our options to replace the gate at our launch. He reached out to several companies and is waiting on their response. The Board is hoping to have the gate replaced prior to use in the spring. The individual who accidentally damaged the gate will pay for the gate repairs.
2. **2025 Priorities/Questionnaire discussion:** In the new year, the Board will continue to focus on the management of the Lake as our priority per the input from past member questionnaires. Key areas with this include: lake privacy, water quality, lake level, fish & wildlife, and safety on the lake.

The Board plans to refresh our future priorities starting with discussion at the June 2025 Annual Meeting of all members.

3. **Update on Lake Topics:**

a. Private Access to the Lake: Nothing currently.

b. Lake Quality:

i. LakePro/Treatment update: Jay will be following up with Keith Lewinski regarding the coming years treatments.

ii. “Balance” of Lake ecology: Jeff had begun to check with EAGLE & MSU on the possibility of a lake survey to better understand not only the treatment of the lake, but the types of fish we are stocking the lake with makes sense and complement each other. Cheryl also volunteered to do some checking with her contacts. Further discussion at our next meeting.

c. Lake Level:

i. Dam Project: Jeff had received a proposal from the PEA Group that was forwarded on to the Board for review. At this time, the Board is considering monitoring our Lake levels as one of the recommendations made by the company. Further discussion will take place at our next meeting with Jeff in attendance.

d. Lake Wildlife:

i. Fish Stocking update: The lake was stocked with fish on November 20, 2024. Crappie, Walleye, & perch were released into the lake.

ii. Geese Discussion: The Board received an email from a concerned member regarding the number of geese that were on the lake and in our yards during the fall season. Concerns were raised regarding possible e-coli in the lake as well the bird flu. The State of Michigan recently changed the laws governing the geese which now allows for round up & euthanasia of the bird by qualified companies. The Board had a lot of discussion regarding this topic and determined that we will follow up with Goose Busters to see what changes they have made to their offerings (we spoke to them prior to the law change). We will also investigate who can test the lake for e-coli levels and cost associated. Further follow up will be brought back to our next meeting.

e. Lake Safety:

i. Boating Safety: Lynne distributed the policies for Use of the Boat Launch & CLHA Boating Rules. Jay requested that the Board members review both policies, then bring any updates to our next meeting for final approval prior to our normal spring distribution to our Association Membership.

4. Beautification Committee:

- a. Boat Launch stone work:** Ross reported that the stone work was completed at the Boat Launch prior to the Holidays.

5. Association Activities:

- a. CLHA Holiday Party/Howell Children final report:** Lynne reported that we had a total of 45 members attend the party. We adopted 10 children and 3 moms and raised \$2,300.00 for their gifts.
- b. LACASA Calendar Fundraiser:** Lynne also reported that through the sale of the lake calendars, we were able to donate \$250.00 to LACASA. Dawn reported that we did receive a Thank you note from LACASA.
- c. 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)
- d. CLHA Map updates:** Cheryl volunteered to work with Lynne on getting the Map updated with new members names. We are hoping to have this ready for distribution at our Annual Member meeting in June.

New Business

1. **New Neighbors:** None currently.
2. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**Next Board meetings scheduled: February, 2025- No meeting
March, 4, 2025 – Upper meeting room**

2025 Schedule:

April 14, 2025- Upper meeting room

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