

Hidden Lake Association
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 30, 2020
Approved Minutes

OPENING

President Jay Cassella called to order the regular Monthly Board Meeting of the HiddenLake Association via zoom to order at 6:40 p.m. on November 30th, 2020.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

President, Jay Cassella
Recording Secretary, Lori-Ann Hoberman
Financial Secretary, Sheri Berger
Treasurer, Bob Kiehm
Board Member, Cindy Porriello
Board Member, Heather Edelson
Board Member, Victoria Nicholson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lloyd Pearson, Past President

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Jean Cassella
Barry Hoberman
Sandra Kiehm James
Nicholson
B.J. Chotiner
Celeste Benoit Anthony
Grandazzo
Eleanor Porriello
Nick Porriello
Alan Stokke
John Baulski
Charlene Baulski
MaryBeth Russo
Jill Carey

President, Jay Cassella opens tonight's zoom meeting by Introducing our Guest Speaker, Nick McMahon of The Pond & Lake Connection. Prior to our regularly scheduled meeting Nick McMahon will be answering questions that have been asked by our board & lake Committee Members regarding lake management & weed control. The Board will be voting on whether to lower the lake again in January to allow for a "DEEP FREEZE" of weeds as has been done every two years in our lake history. Welcome Nick McMahon to the Floor. Nick McMahon enlightened all of us on the procedures of Lake Draw down. The conclusion of which was determined that we need to gather further information so that we can properly manage the drawdown of the Lake.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President, Jay Cassella asked if everyone had received a copy of the Unapproved October 2020 Minutes and if everyone had taken the opportunity to read them. Everyone stated yes. President, Jay Cassella asked for a motion to approve these minutes. Treasurer, Bob Kiehm motioned to approve the October Minutes and Board Member, Victoria Nicholson seconds.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer, Bob Kiehm presented the Treasurer report for the month ending November 30, 2020. (Please see 11/30/2020 report attached).

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Recording Secretary, Sheri Berger reports the 2020 current tax collected	\$46,097.82
Taxes/Interest/Fees Collected	\$97.78
Total Collected	\$46,195.60
November Deposits	\$0.00

SEPTIC REPORT

Anthony Grandazzo reports that all septic systems for the 2020 year have been completed. The new list will not be presented until July 2021.

ROAD COMMITTEE

Culverts are completed & satisfactory.

LAKE REPORT

* Please see attached Lake Report

Bullets from guest speaker Nick McMahon of the Pond & Lake Connection ...Please see below:

- Two types of drawdown...
The first type of drawdown is for shoreline maintenance.
The second type of drawdown is to kill aquatic plants.
- Amphibians, reptiles, mollusks and mussels have the inability to move during a drawdown .
- Chemical treatment targeted-plants do not grow to maturity- less muck. When we drawdown and there is no freeze- no benefit.
- Biggest benefit to drawdown to get around docks and wheelbarrow and shovel to remove leaves.
- Small drawdowns 5'-10' are beneficial to rake things out.
- Aerators Nano Bubblers and Diffused Air Systems- One Nano Bubbler for 60 acres. \$50k-\$60k.
- The benefits are more food for aquatic life, degrades the muck, cost effective compared to dredging. Less fish kills, less algae and the list goes on.
- Diffused Air Systems lots of tubing and three compressors. More complicated.
- Nick from the Lake Connection does not recommend drawdowns.

Plants get killed around the lake. Nick believes that treatments are a better approach, safer for all and more targeted. Using treatments to target plants in the South Cove allows treatment without killing plants all around the lake.

Discussions on Sonar mapping -reading through the top layers of muck took place. Sunfish-need DEEP to electro fish, not what you're catching.

Dam repair was done with 3 years of drawdown and the weeds came back.

[*Please see the recorded minutes from Guest speaker, Nick McMahon of the Pond & Lake Connection on our Hidden Lake Web Page.](#)

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

No Report

AUDIT COMMITTEE

No Report

WEB REPORT

No Report

DAM REPORT

No Report

SPECIAL PROJECTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Association Member, David Chalifoux asks about the process of establishing a new Vice President in lieu of Dale Fiore stepping down from this post. President, Jay Cassella is sending an email to the association to establish who has interest.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Happy Holidays to All !

A motion was made by Board Member, Victoria Nicholson and seconded by Treasurer, Bob Kiehm. To adjourn the November 2020 meeting of the Hidden Lake Association.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was held on November 30, 2020 was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori-Ann Hoberman
Recording Secretary

