

Hidden Lake Association
Regular Monthly Meeting
Zoom Meeting
March 1, 2021
APPROVED Minutes for February 2021

OPENING:

President Jay Cassella called the regular monthly board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021. via a zoom meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lloyd Pearson

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jill Carey
James Nicholson
Jean Cassella
John & Charlene Baulski
MaryBeth Russo
BJ Chotiner
Celeste Benoit
Brian Pollack
Alan Stokke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President, Jay Cassella asked recording secretary, Lori-Ann Hoberman to read the January 2021 unapproved minutes. President, Jay Cassella mentions that Board Member and Lake Committee Chairperson has some concerns regarding the inclusion of all notes concerning the list of the subject matter that the speaker from the Pond and Lake Committee had expounded upon. After much discussion regarding the need for committees to forward their respective reports to the secretary for all future minutes.

Bob Kiehm, Treasurer motions to accept the January 2021 minutes as read with the inclusion of the list of revisions that were sent out today by Victoria Nicholson, Lake Committee Chairperson. Vice President, Anthony Grandazzo seconds.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer, Bob Kiehm reports on the following (3)three Treasurer reports: December 2020, January 2021 and February 2021.

All Treasurer Reports may be seen as attachments to these minutes. The December Treasurer report was motioned for approval by Board Member, Cindy Porriello and seconded by Vice President, Anthony Grandazzo.

The January 2021 treasurer report was motioned for acceptance by board member, Victoria Nicholson and seconded by board member Cindy Porriello.

Finally, the February 2021 treasurer report was motioned for acceptance by board member, Cindy Porriello and seconded by Vice President, Anthony Grandazzo.

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT:

2020 Current Tax:	\$50,716.42
Total Current Tax Collected:	\$46,210.88
Back Taxes/Interest/Fees Collected:	\$114.72
Total Collected:	\$46,325.60
Deposits December 2020	\$60.00
Deposits January 2021	\$30.00
Deposits February 2021	\$40.00

SEPTIC REPORT:

None

ROAD COMMITTEE: We need a Road Committee * If some folks might step up and volunteer for this committee. President, Jay Cassella states that there have been a few complaints regarding snow and icy conditions on Lone Pine Trail and West Shore. President, Jay Cassella would like the BOG to consider placing sand buckets in both these areas.

LAKE REPORT:

Lake Committee chairperson, Victoria Nicholson reports on a vast amount of details discussed by the Lake Committee. Some of the Lake Committee's suggestions include ideas on changing some by-laws in the future, concerns about paddle boats and legal council on liability, concerns about beavers and tree damage as well as dangers from beaver damaged trees, beach signage, Lake gages, Bathymetric mapping, water testing, beach cleanup, volunteers, Beach blankets, A bubbler and stump removal were a few of the highlighted topics. The Lake Committee has been very busy and should be commended for all of their hard work. A lengthy discussion proceeded regarding removal of damaged trees on our beach. A motion was made by Vice President, Anthony Grandazzo to allocate \$3000 to cut down the (2) trees that are threatening to fall from beaver damage located on West Shore. Board Member Victoria Nicholson seconded. Please see the attached full Lake report submitted by the lake Committee.

BY-LAW COMMITTEE:

No Report

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

No Report

WEB REPORT:

Alan Stokke reports that the web page is current. Alan asks if anyone has any Drainage project photos that could be submitted for the web page. Alan mentions that committee reports can also be on the website if that is of interest.

Alan Stokke offers to place the recording of the entire presentation from the

Pond & Lake Committee. President, Jay Cassella states that this will all be discussed in New Business.

DAM REPORT:

None

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring cleanup- President, Jay Cassella has spoken to Bravo Landscaping to get pricing for the (3) beaches for this 2021 season, not mowing just cleaning. The culverts are done so there should be less cleaning & less costly. President, Jay Cassella is meeting for pricing on Friday. More to come.

A discussion about the bubbler was rendered solved as the owner of the bubbler is checking the angle of the bubbler and turning it down. This should solve that concern.

Another discussion surrounding water testing being done in a timely fashion to ensure the safety of swimming and water activities. The thought is to have results prior to July 4th. The verbiage in the bylaw does not seem adequate to allow for early testing at the beginning of our lake season usage. After much discussion it is plausible that at the Annual Meeting the BOG will suggest that this bylaw be corrected. Treasurer, Bob Kiehm said that by simply striking out the words stating the first two weeks in July, this would allow the BOG to do the water sampling earlier and without weather concerns by only allowing for this small window for sampling.

Conversations continued regarding committees submitting their respective reports to the recording secretary in a timely fashion. It is agreed.

Association member, Alan Stokke asked if the BOG would like him to place the recording of the speaker of the Pond & Lake Connection onto our website. President, Jay Cassella asks everyone present and it is agreed that President, Jay Cassella will forward Alan Stokke the transcript to be placed on the HLA Website.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Association Member James Nicholson would like to see that money is allocated to pay for the protection of the trees around the lake. Paying for tree removal is getting costly. James would like a discussion about ways that the Association might protect their individual trees. A discussion continued with various association members offering suggestions including wrapping the base of trees. Board member, Victoria Nicholson will be checking with an arborist to be sure that wrapping trees does not harm the trees. The direction of this conversation is to ask all association members for their personal ideas, thoughts and suggestions. James Nicholson would like an individual to take on this task. James believes that wire might be the answer. Board Member, Victoria Nicholson is sending pictures of Beaver damaged trees to Alan Stokke to be put up on the website with a warning for homeowners to protect their trees.

Congratulations to Anthony Grandazzo who is serving as our interim Vice President!

At 9 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Recording Secretary, Lori-Ann Hoberman and seconded by Board Member Victoria Nicholson

The regular monthly meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was held on February 22, 2021 was adjourned.

The next regular board meeting will be held March 29th, 2021. Time and Meeting place to be announced by President, Jay Cassella.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori-Ann Hoberman
Recording Secretary