

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Lake Hauto Club Meeting: 7:00 PM Community Center

**Agenda:**

1. Maria Matsago, President
  - a. Calling the meeting to order.
  - b. **Note:** Meeting is being recorded.
  - c. Pledge of Allegiance
  - d. Welcome & Updates.
    - Thank you to all our volunteers at the lake. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please call the office or reach out to maintenance.
  - e. President's Remarks

The board will not take action on anonymous complaints, they must be signed , disrespect to office staff will also not be tolerated,
2. Amy York, Secretary
  - a. Reading of the January 19, 2023 minutes. (This can be by-passed by a motion).

Motion to bypass reading of Jan minutes by CT, second by RB, all in favor
  - b. **2023-16-02:** Motion to approve the January minutes.

Motion AY, second CT, all in favor
3. Craig Tiano, Treasurer
  - a. Treasurer's report
  - b. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve AY, second RB all in favor
  - c. Motion to approve all bills received up to 02-16-23

Motion to approve CT, second RB all in favor

**Committee Updates:**

4. Maintenance (Docks/Dam/Water Safety/Beaches/Building & Grounds/Beautification):  
Ray Doyle and Dave DeMelfi

lowered storm drain in north side great oaks island  
installed 2b stone along great oaks by south island  
had fire extinguishers inspected and serviced  
patched holes in gym walls and painted them  
painted barbells and racks  
installed 2 new led lights and ceiling fan lights  
cold patched numerous pot holes on great oaks, hemlock and oak ct  
replaced faulty gearbox on west entrance gate

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kept storm drains and laterals open  
cleaned debris off roads  
installed new floor in the gym

5. Sub-Committee:

a. Docks: Craig Tiano

nothing new to report as of now

b. Dam/Water/Safety: Steve Daderko

finished up emergency action plan

marcia evans asked about fire hydrants, SD stated a engineering study is being done and will after study is done

c. Building, Grounds, & Roads: Ryan Barwis and Bob Stewart

Oak Ct and Hemlock going out for bid, for next meeting

Minor drainage at Crescent and Oak Court to be done

d. Beautification Committee: Amy Yorke (Liaison)

raffle for hand made custom designed Lake Hauto Quilt, Quilt displayed in the office, and tickets can be purchased, there also or any beautification member

Pysanky workshop will be held March 25, the morning session is filled, but still

9 openings for the afternoon session. Cost is \$30 and can sign up in the office

e. Security: (Gates/Cameras/Other): Chair: Brady Forte

Gates, cameras, security working well and no current issues

f. Permits: Chair: Steve Daderko and Ray Doyle

1 permit is pending for a deck modification

g. Recreation: (LH Events/Summer Entertainment/Lifeguards/Fish):

Chair: Maria Matsago, Co-Chair: Amy Yorke and Brady Forte

- The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 1, 2023 @ 1:00 pm. There will be a sign up sheet in the office. It will be \$5.00 to sign up. We will be asking for donations and

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volunteers to help. I know we will need donations of candy to fill the eggs, watch your emails for more donation requests after we have our meeting.

- There will be a meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 @ 6:00 pm at the Community Center to begin organizing the Easter Egg Hunt. Anyone who is interested in volunteering to help is welcome to attend.
- Unfortunately, due to lack of interest the Mommy and Me Paint and Sip has been canceled.

**h. Fishing Club: Brady Forte (Liaison)**

Feb 25 2nd annual chili and boilo contest will be held at 1pm, donations for prizes and snacks would be appreciated and can contact the office. Kids fishing derby will be May 13th 9 to 12 senior fish night will be June 1st from 5 to 8 pm at birch pools  
.Smoker raffle tickets are on sale in the office or from any fish club member

April 1st tag trout contest will be going on, we are looking for donations to sponsor tagged fish from \$25 to \$200 donations

**New Business:**

**Voting results of the By Law Referendum**

- The ballot question for the ByLaw change passed with a vote of 245.5 Yes and 76.5 No. The official report will be attached to these minutes and the revised By Laws are on the website see below:
- 2023 Lake Hauto Club – Bylaws Change
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- Submitted by: Jay O'Neill, Judge of Elections
- January 28, 2023
- All ballots received by the Nesquehoning Post Office by 9:30am Saturday January 28th were secured and
- brought to the LHC Community Center for counting that began at 10:00am.
- The vote on the question passed with these results:
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- Selection #votes
- Yes 245.5
- No 76.5
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- There were approximately 322 ballots. Partially sorting the envelopes

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- and lot count took about 60 minutes. Opening ballot envelopes and separating into yes and no piles took
- about 20 minutes. Counting several times took only 10 minutes. The electric envelope opener was very
- useful.
- There were about a dozen envelopes with no vote, some containing dues payment. There was one duplicate,
- that we discarded, from a member that requested it because the original was assumed to be lost.
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- I confirm that the election process was followed to the best of the abilities of everyone involved and
- according to the Bylaws and Rules of Lake Hauto Club.
- The following people were in attendance at the counting:
- Gretchen Yulanavage (LHC office employee)
- Marcia Evans (volunteer)
- Diane O'Neill (volunteer)
- Renee DeMelfi (volunteer)
- Dave DeMelfi (Board Member)
- Jay O'Neill (Judge of Elections)
- The ballots were picked up at the Post Office and secured by Gretchen and Jay.
- Dave DeMelfi's assistance in running the envelopes through the electric opener, along with sufficient
- volunteers, made the process go very smoothly and was complete in 95 minutes. I think it was good for
- Dave to see the process and I was happy to have his assistance. He was not involved in the actual counting.
- On behalf of the membership, I thank the volunteers for their time and integrity.
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- Respectfully submitted,
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- Jay O'Neill
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**Welcoming New Members:**

**None**

**Open Discussion**

**Steve Lucash stated Oakwood beach can use a new backboard for basketball court and also 2 tees have not been planted yet and may have to wait until Oct due to no Frost**

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**Marcia Evans would like the oiling of the geese to be reconsidered, and she feels harassment is not enough, she states they are resident geese and will come back unless oiling, treatment and destroying of nest is not done, per agent winter lehigh valley would be the group to cover our area.**

**Per Steve Daderko, per all our testing last year of the water, water quality was good, and no bacteria from the geese. and also land owners need to contact us if there is geese on their property**

**Per the Board stated by Ryan B, We want a exact quote on billing with hours and what is done, not a estimate, Marcia will contact Lehigh Valley to request this information**

**Per Craig T, harassment needs to be done, pyrotechnic guns have been purchased by the club and other members. Frank and maintenance can be contacted if geese our seen.**

**Diane Stockmal stated she is appreciative of the email sent out to members to volunteer to do harassment, she states something needs to be done now, people are going to get sick and this needs to get under control now**

**Per Steve D, private funding is acceptable and fundraising and donations to help pay for this. Community money to pursue this without knowing if it will work, without a detailed quote and contract is not acceptable, the board needs more than a estimate, to help contain cost.**

**Tom Damico suggests Gretchen call other communities like ours to see if they had issues with geese, and how they handled it**

**Marcia Evans offered to call other communities**

**Steve Lucash asked if repairing a driveway needs a permit, per Steve, D, it does not if just a repair**

**MM made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by RB all in favor**