

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Lake Hauto Club Annual Meeting: 1:00 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
SEE ATTACHMENT

2. Amy York, Secretary

- a. Reading of the August 17, 2023 minutes. (This can be by-passed by a motion).

MOTION: MM SECOND CT ALL IN FAVOR

- b. **2023-10-09:** Motion to approve the August minutes

MOTION: MM SECOND: CT ALL IN FAVOR

3. Craig Tiano, Treasurer:

- a. Treasurer's report
ON WEBSITE
- b. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report
MOTION: RB SECOND :BS ALL IN FAVOR
- c. Motion to approve all bills received up to 09-10-23
MOTION: CT SECOND: RB ALL IN FAVOR

d. Annual Financial Review

SEE ATTACHED

- i. The importance of the budget process, and why it matters. The results of the 2022 budget process & how it was used in budgeting 2023

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ii. The use and purpose of our Capital Improvement Fund

iii. The use and purpose of our Reserve Fund

Committee Updates:

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

RAY D AND THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO THE ENTIRE MAINTENANCE STAFF FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO ASSISTED MAINTENANCE IN ANY AND EVERY WAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. MAINTENANCE WORKS VERY HARD AND DOES A EXCELLENT JOB IN ALL ASPECTS. SPECIAL THANKS TO FRANK SMELL AS MANAGER OF MAINTENANCE FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE LAKE AND WILL BE VERY HARD TO REPLACE. ALSO THANKS TO GRETCHEN IN THE OFFICE WHO DOES A EXCELLENT JOB ALL YEAR LONG.

5. Sub-Committee:

- a. Docks: Craig Tiano

WILL BE REMOVING DOCK IN ABOUT A MONTH, AND WILL BE DOING REPAIRS AT ZERO BEACH ON DO A AND ANY OTHER DOCS THAT NEED NEW BOARDS OR REPAIRS

- b. Building, Grounds, & Roads: Ryan Barwis and Bob Stewartz

THANKS TO ALL WITH THE ASSESSMENT TO GET OUR LARGE ROAD PROJECT COMPLETED AND UNDER BUDGET, WE ARE LOOKING AT REPLACING THE WALKING BRIDGES IN THE FUTURE AND SPECIAL THANKS TO FRANK SMELL ALSO FOR HIS DEDICATION AND ASSISTING WITH ALL THE ROADS, HE IS VERY DEDICATED AND HARD TO REPLACE. THE BOARD IS VERY DISAPPOINTED THE ASSESSMENT DID NOT PASS FOR FUTURE ROADS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF.

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c. Beautification Committee: Amy Yorke (Liaison)

CANDY BAR GIVEAWAY AT THE GUARD SHACK TRICK OR TREAT
NIGHT, VETERANS DAY PROGRAM NOV 11TH AT THE MEMORIAL
AND THE HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST IN DEC DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

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

CONTRACT APPROVED FOR RYAN SMITH TO REPLACE CAMERAS AND
AND MOVE TOWER

e. Permits: Chair: Steve Daderko and Ray Doyle

FEW PENDING, STEVE REMINDED PEOPLE ASKING FOR PERMITS DRAWING
MUST BE SUBMITTED AND SURVEYED IF NEEDED

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

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

SEE ATTACHED

h. Fishing Club: Brady Forte (Liaison)

NOTHING TO REPORT

New Business:

Motion:

Rule A3: All users of Lake Hauto roads are required to follow traffic control signs (Stop, Yield, Detour, etc.)

MOTION: MM SECOND: RB ALL IN FAVOR

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Voting Results: Jay O'Neill, Judge of Elections, will present the results of the recent election and referendums. SEE ATTACHMENT

Welcoming New Members:

NONE

Open Discussion

**THE BOARD IS VERY DISAPPOINTED THE ASSESSMENT DID NOT PASS.
THE MEMBERS HAVE SPOKEN. BOARD WILL BE REVIEWING WHAT NEEDS
TO BE CUT AND MONEY SAVED, ROADS WILL BE CONSIDERED WHEN FUNDS ARE
AVAILABLE**

MOTION TO ADJOURN : RB SECOND: BS ALL IN FAVOR

President's Remarks - Annual Meeting

Welcome everyone to Lake Hauto's Annual Meeting.

This year we have several members leaving:

- Ray Doyle has served his term as head of maintenance which included overseeing the docks, dam, water safety, beaches, buildings and grounds and beautification of our community and has also helped out with permits and security. Thank you Ray for your years of service to Lake Hauto.
- Steve Daderko has served his term as head of the Dam/Water/Safety Committee and has been a main point of contact in getting the EAP completed. Steve also served as President of the Board and Head of Permits. Thank you Steve for your years of service to Lake Hauto..
- Brady Forte will also be leaving after many years of service on the Board of Directors and after serving his second consecutive term. Brady has served as Vice President, Head of Security, the Liaison to the Fish Club and Co-Chair to the Recreation Committee. Thank you Brady for your years of service.

Thank you all for your service on the Lake Hauto Board of Directors and everything you have done for the community during your time serving.

Ryan Barwis, Amy Yorke and myself have served 2 years and have 1 year remaining

Bob Stewartz and Craig Tiano are on their second consecutive terms and have 2 years remaining in their current term.

Dave Demelfi has served 1 year and has 2 years remaining in his current term.

This past year the Board of Directors have faced a few challenges:

With the draining of Greenwood Dam - we faced some issues with the quality of our water, dealing with sediment coming into our Lake during heavy rains. We met with the Conservations authorities to come up with a solution to resolve the issues with muddy water. In order to regain some water flow, help in resolving the muddy water issues and to protect Lake Drive from washout, we put in a diverter channel. Unfortunately at this time we do not have any update as to what is happening now with Greenwood, as their testing and DEP review is supposed to happen later this month.

LHC has been named in the Lawsuit for the Estate of Rene Figueroa who was the young boy who drowned on July 8, 2022. This is an ongoing lawsuit and the Board cannot discuss the particulars of the lawsuit at this time.

With the Ken Snyder donation for Eastwood Beach - the bathrooms are going to be remodeled and a deposit has been made to Country Tile. Work is going to be starting on September 11, 2023

All in all I think it has been a great year at Lake Hauto Club and it has been a pleasure serving as President this past year. Thank You!

Financial Summary

We use the past two years to determine the budget for future years by category. Committee chairs are held to their budget. If they need more money, they need to appeal to the other committee chairs to get some money from them. This is a marked change from the past, when the budget process consisted of adding the CPI to the previous year's budget, and then allowing the committee chairs to spend whatever they wanted. Because of this process, we don't have a "use it or lose it" mentality, so we're putting a little away at the end of each year. Last year, income was up, which allowed us about \$30k in surplus to be moved to Reserves, plus about 1% of the total budget.

The Capital Reserve account is restricted, by law, to new capital items. Last year we raided most of it to pay for the Oak Court Drainage system, which had never existed before.

The regular Reserve account is our rainy-day fund. We use this to pay for items like roofs and other repairs as they come up. We planned to use some of it to pay for the Great Oaks paving project in 2024, but the special assessment, which was to pay for \$200k of that project didn't pass, so we won't be doing that in 2024.

Craig Triano

Recreation

We had a lot of very successful events this past year: The Children's Halloween and Christmas Parties, the Easter Egg Hunt, a Paint and Sip, Food Truck nights at the beach, Fireworks, Bands and DJ's at the Beach. For our annual picnic this year we added Ax Throwing and a Petting Zoo.

I would like to thank the volunteers who have helped me this past year from helping to plan the events, to decorating, including the tedious tasks like filling the plastic Easter eggs and hiding them, to breaking it all down again. If it wasn't for your help and hard work we would not be able to pull these events together. I would also like to thank everyone for their generous donations whether it was a bag of candy, juice boxes, chips, baked goods or a monetary donation - it all helps the same in the end. THANK YOU ALL!

I would also like to thank Jen Levine for taking on the tasks of making the schedule and overseeing the lifeguards.

Now onto planning the Halloween Party which is scheduled for October 14, 2023
We will need volunteers to help with set up and break down and donations of food, drinks and snacks.

2023 Lake Hauto Club – Election

Submitted by: Jay O'Neill, Judge of Elections
September 9, 2023

All ballots received by the Nesquehoning Post Office by 9:00am Saturday September 9th were secured in the ballot box by Gretchen and me, then brought to the Community Center. Counting began at 10:00am. There were ballots from approximately 300 owners representing about 380 lots. Counting took 3 ½ hours, finishing at 1:30pm. On behalf of all the membership, I thank the volunteers for their time and integrity. I encourage more members to volunteer and help improve the process.

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.

There were about two anomalies (such as both yes and no checked). One envelope contained a ballot from last year!

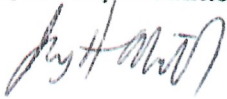
The candidates in order of the most to least votes are:

Candidate	#votes
Joan Demetriades	276
Rick Harms	246
Jennifer Barwis	244

There were several write-in candidates, all with two or fewer votes. They are (1 vote unless noted): Brian Bonner, Wally Breiner, Hayley Daubert, Ray Doyle, Glenn Fritzinger, Paul Gedbaw, Janene Holter(1.5), Caroline Jenson, Dave Keck(2), Joe Kmetz, John Kwienski, Jim Mikovich, John Mikovich(2), Mike Nase, Joe Pilla, Bill Reichenbach, Scott Robb(2), Brian Tirpak, Joe Totani(2).

Ballot Question #1 received **140** NO votes and **208** YES votes. Passed.
Ballot Question #2 received **154** NO votes and **190** YES votes. Passed.
Ballot Question #3 received **173** NO votes and **176** YES votes. Passed.
Ballot Question #4 received **209** NO votes and **142** YES votes. Failed.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay O'Neill

The following people were in attendance at the counting:

- Gretchen Yulanavage (LHC office employee, counting)
- Diane O'Neill (volunteer, counting)
- Renee DeMelfi (volunteer, counting)
- Steve Lukach (volunteer, opening envelopes)
- Dave DeMelfi (volunteer, cutting envelopes and observing)
- George Demetriades (observer for Joan)
- Jay O'Neill (Judge of Elections, reading ballots)