

Sunday, September 08, 2023

Lake Hauto Club Annual Meeting: 2:00 PM Community Center

Agenda:

- **8 Board members present for meeting except absent was Bob Stewart**

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

Thanks to all the volunteers at the lake and it has been a privilege serving on the Board for the last 3 years and being the current President for the last 2 years. It has been a challenging year and I wish the new board success and best wishes for a successful future.

2. Amy York, Secretary

- a. Reading of the August 15, 2024 minutes. (This can be by-passed by a motion).

**MOTION: AY**

**SECOND: CT ALL IN FAVOR: AYE**

- b. **2024-08-09:** Motion to approve the August minutes

**MOTION: AY**

**SECOND: CT ALL IN FAVOR: AYE**

- c. Reading of the September 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes (This can be by-passed by a motion). **MOTION: AY**

**SECOND: CT**

**ALL IN FAVOR: AYE**

- d. **2024-08-09:** Motion to approve the September 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

**MOTION: AY**

**SECOND: RB ALL IN FAVOR: AYE**

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3. Craig Tiano, Treasurer:

a. Treasurer's report

b. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report

MOTION: AY

SECOND: RB

ALL IN FAVOR AYE

c. Motion to approve all bills received up to 09-08-24

MOTION: CT

SECOND: AY

ALL IN FAVOR AYE

d. Annual Financial Review

Financial Review, 2023 (with a bit of 2024 thrown in)

In 2023, we had a special assessment of \$269,000 which allowed us to pay off our previous road loan a year early, plus re-pave Oak Court and Hemlock, and put some money aside for dam repairs. We also used funds from our Capital Improvement Fund to pay for a proper drainage system for Oak Court.

2023 revenue, without the special assessment, was \$606,000. At the end of the year, we had \$50,000 in paving contingency funds from the special assessment not used in 2023, which we transferred to the 2024 budget to fund road paving in 2024. The dam repair funds from the special assessment, \$26,000, were moved forward on the books to 2024. About \$5,000 in leftover regular budget funds were moved to our money market "rainy day" fund.

In 2023, we calculated the Lake Hauto Inflation Index at 2.85%, to determine the 2024 dues and fees. To date, in 2024, we have received \$602,000 in revenue. We feel confident that we will achieve a final revenue figure substantially similar to that achieved in 2023 minus, of course, the special assessment funds.

2024 has been a challenging year so far. With the membership rejecting a special assessment for re-paving Great Oaks and Club Drive, we were forced to cut things from the budget, and used the \$50,000 from the prior year's paving contingency funds to augment the 2024 budget to re-pave these roads. The final cost of the re-paving of these two roads was \$325,000. At this time, we are on track to end the year with very, very little money left in the current year's budget.

Committee Updates:

4. Maintenance / Building, Grounds & Roads (Docks/Dam/Water Safety/Beaches/Buildings & Grounds/Beautification)"

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Ryan Barwis and Dave DeMelfi

**NOTHING NEW TO REPORT**

5. Sub-Committee:
  - a. Docks: Rick Harms

A complete listing of activities can be found in the monthly minutes for the year. Thanks to the many volunteers for the removal, installation and repair to the docks over the past year. This included significant effort with replacement of a number of bad floats, building of new docks, replacing lumber on a number of docks, and widening of slips to 10 feet. In addition the 3 swim docks were covered.

Over the course of the year additional maintenance was conducted as needed, particularly following rainstorms impacting the docks at zero beach and contact by individuals from LHC members.

- b. Beautification Committee: Amy Yorke (Liaison)

Thanks to all club members who supported the bake sale and raffle, it was a huge success, and could not have been done without all the volunteers and donations.

Amy Yorke thanked Marcia Evans for her Leadership and thanked all the beautification volunteers for all their hard work and effort for keeping the community looking beautiful.

Amy stated it has been a pleasure being the board Liaison for the last 3 years and wish them all the best for continued success.

Candy giveaway will be at the guard shack once again for halloween giving out treats for the children.

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Veterans Day program will be held on Sunday November 10th at Crescent beach memorial, any veterans interested in speaking should contact the office.

d. Security: (Gates/Cameras/Other): Chair: Joan Demetriades

Incident at Crescent beach with a individual , state police notified and is handling this.

e. Permits: Chair: Craig Tiano

All permits received have been processed

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

Chair: Jen Barwis, Co-Chair: Maria Matsago

Summer entertainment went very well, thanks to the generous donations of our members. We had a few new bands this summer that were well liked, as well as Friday evening entertainment and food trucks, which were also well received. We are looking for a way to prevent the food trucks from not showing up in the future.

As far as the children's events go, it was a bit challenging with budget cuts, and we found that fundraising seems to be the best way to continue to make these events possible, along with member donations.

Thank you to all of the volunteers on recreation who help make these events possible.

h. Fishing Club: Rick Harms (Liaison)

A complete listing of activities can be found in the monthly minutes. Thanks to the many volunteers to the LHC Fish Club for their time, contributions and efforts to make this a highly successful year.

Highlighted events for the year included the following:

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Chili-Boilo Contest

Kids fishing Derby

Senior Fishing Contest

Seafood Fund raiser

5th annual bass tournament

Lobster Night

Annual Poker Run- It was a huge success with a record participation of 190 participants

Stocking: Donations and fundraising supported fall and spring stockings of baitfish and trout. The club thanked all the donors for their support.

**New Business:**

**Please wait until the Open discussion part of the meeting for any questions or comments.**

**Welcoming New Members:**

Timothy Timmerman

Jeremy and Cathy Wells

**Voting Results:**

Jay O'Neill, Judge of Elections, will present the results of the election and referendums.

Submitted by: Jay O'Neill, Judge of Elections

September 7, 2024

All ballots received by the Nesquehoning Post Office by 9:30am Saturday September 7th 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 430 lots (64%). Counting took about 3 hours. On behalf of all the

membership, I thank the volunteers for their time and integrity. I encourage more members to volunteer.

I affirm that the election process was followed to the best of the abilities of everyone involved and according

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to the Bylaws and Rules of Lake Hauto Club.

There were only a couple voting anomalies (both yes and no checked, all four candidates checked). Three

ballots were disqualified because they were received in the office and remain unopened. One envelope

contained last year's ballot.

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

Candidate #votes

Brady Forte 294

Ron Kazacavage 267.5

Jen Saylor 256

Howard Miller 251

There were seven write-in candidates, all with 1.5 or fewer votes. They are Liz Lebo, Glenn Fritzingler,

Micheal Hunt, Haily Fort., Paul Gedbaw, Scott Rob, and Jane Deruff.

The Ballot Question failed with 216.5 NO and 207.5 YES votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay O'Neill

The following people were in attendance at the counting:

Gretchen Yulanavage (LHC office employee, counting)

Nancy Gedbaw (volunteer, counting)

Renee DeMelfi (volunteer, counting)

Steve Lukach (volunteer, announcing)

Dave DeMelfi (volunteer)

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Jay O'Neill (Judge of Elections)

### **Open Discussion**

**Craig Triano sent a heartfelt thank you to Ryan B, Marie M and Amy Y for serving on the board for their time and dedication.**

**Karen Thomas also thanked the 3 board members leaving their term.**

**Ray Doyle stated he was very disappointed the raising of dues did not pass, and he also thanked Amy, Maria and Ryan for their time on the board and their dedication.**

**Sue Nelson questioned the change to the Rule 6 C change regarding rafts, Craig T said he will review the raft verbiage.**

**Kim Thomas stated she is confused and thought annual meeting was a review of the year, CT states have not done it that way in over 4 years.**

**Craig also stated to respond to a member regarding rainy day funds is the community reserve on the treasurer's report.**

**Sue Nelson question the \$3.00 increase to ice price., board responded that they are working on a alternative.**

**Charlie Sincavage stated his main concern is protection of the members investment. He stated several sections of new shoulders washed out. RB states he is aware of Acorn.**

**Charles Breslin stood to speak and was told he cannot speak at meetings due to not paying full dues and was told twice as he attempted to speak that he cannot speak at meetings, he then left.the importance of the increase, several board members responded that they do this all the time**

**Sue Nelson suggested 300 increases might be too much for some people. Can another way to pay it be looked at instead of paying all at once, or a payment plan or something. Board will consider it.**

**Sue Nelson asked if bylaw committee will be active for the new year. CT stated yes**

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**Motion to Adjourn: CT**

**Second: RB**

**All in favor: AYE**