

**LAKE HAUTO CLUB
ANNUAL MEETING
September 10, 2006 – 2:00 P.M.**

Present: K. Snyder, R. Brightman, M. Infante, J. Totani, J. Wink
Excused: H. Tokosh, N. Seifert
Absent: J. Mikovich
Presiding: K. Snyder

1. Opening Remarks by the President

K. Snyder said that we have settled the Watkins lawsuit and the Tentylo lawsuit. The east entrance lawsuit is still pending the judge's ruling. Mr. Snyder discussed the recent assessment request. He cited the previous board's spending of \$230,095 on legal fees during 2003 – 2005 and this was one of the primary reasons for needing the assessment. He also cited the \$50,000 spent on Oak Court and \$50,000 spent on Great Oaks Drive. He mentioned that the club's truck is eleven years old and has 125,000 miles on it.

Mr. Snyder continued saying that something definitely must be done concerning the lake weeds. He announced that leaf pickup by Nesquehoning has been terminated.

2. Ballot Destruction

Motion was made by Phil Mylecraine, seconded by Jim Law to destroy the ballots in sixty days. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Annual Meeting Minutes

Read by R. Brightman.

4. Treasurers Report

Read by R. Brightman.

6. Committee Reports

- a) Recreation – N. Seifert (via letter read by J. Totani): The Easter Egg Hunt was a success; the Fish Derby was well attended and many thanks to Howard Tokosh and his helpers. Thanks also to Becky Sincavage for her work on the summer recreation activities and swim lessons. Thanks also to Christine Homcha for her work on the annual "Run Around the Lake" 5 kilometer race / fun walk which raised \$1775 for the American Cancer Society.
- b) Building Plans – J. Wink said that twelve permits were issued totaling \$6450 in fees.

A member made a comments concerning how dirty the lake water was, the numerous jellyfish in the lake, the foam against the dam breast and the debris that can be seen at the southeast corner of the lake. Another member said that about 15 years ago lake jellyfish were sent to Penn State for analysis. The report returned said that jellyfish in a lake indicates the water is clean.

- c) Water Quality – J. Wink said well has been tested twice and is OK to drink from. He said the lake has had fourteen tests and is safe for swimming. Will post the results at the beach bulleting boards in the future.
- d) Insurance. K. Snyder said we will be reviewing all insurance policies the make sure we are properly covered.

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- e) Dam Safety – K. Snyder said all vegetation has been removed from the dam and it is ready for its annual inspection. He and H. Tokosh met with a representative of the Army Corps of Engineers to determine what needs to be done to the dam wetlands area to bring the area back into compliance.
- f) Buildings, Grounds & Maintenance. K. Snyder said that the Oakwood restroom renovation is complete. Eastwood restroom renovation will begin if the assessment passes. The Crescent restrooms needed some repair. The Eastwood restroom will be locked for the season shortly and the other two restrooms at the end of the month. This is due to the continuing desecration inside. The significant rain event in June forced maintenance to repair considerable road washout and drainage pipe cleaning. We are in the process of replacing smaller pipes with larger ones wherever possible. The east entrance has been paved and will last 20 years.
- g) Docks – All boats must be removed from club docks by October 1.
- h) Communications – R. Brightman stated that the club's website was restarted this year as was the club newsletter. He also reviewed the progress to date on the proposed new bylaws and expressed hope they will be sent to the members for their vote by the end of the month.
- i) Security – K. Snyder said that our first significant security effort was not perfect but it was successful in quieting down the lake. The board learned a great deal and security next year should be improved.
- j) Audit - K. Snyder said that H. Tokosh was not present but he believes there is a final audit meeting next week.

K. Snyder announced that he wished to thank the following people for their volunteer service to the club: Lee Gackenbach for keeping the ball field mowed; Jim Law for all of his welding, painting, snow removal preparations and general equipment repairs; all of the volunteers who helped with the numerous stuffing/mailings this year; Joe Pilla and Chuck Joseph for installing new basketball backboards and poles; all of the beach patrollers who checked beach tags this summer and lastly George Demetriades for his constant beach sand grooming.

7. Member Discussion

- Phil Mylecraine commented that the yellow line down Lake Drive is considerably faded and needs to be repainted. Also that the leaf compost area off Route 54 needs to be bulldozed.
- A member complained of the noise ATV's create at the third beach walking path.
- A member complained of the animals allowed to roam in the recreation areas.
- Marilyn Amodea announced that starting on September 21st, the community center will be open every Thursday from 12:30 to 4:00 P.M. for various social activities such as card games, arts & crafts, etc. She also said a bookcase has been obtained for a lending library at the club office. If anyone has books or another book case these would be greatly appreciated. She also said that coming soon would be social field trips.
- A member asked if the club's maintenance people could do leaf pickup.

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7. Election Results

K. Snyder announced the board of directors election results:

Jonathan Wink - 310
Bernard Sharpe - 324
William Schmidt - 167
Jane Pietruch - 316
Gail Deppen - 337.5

Bernard Sharpe, Jane Pietruch and Gail Deppen will take the open three-year board positions and Jon Wink will continue to fill the board vacancy.

Adjournment:

Motion made by R. Brightman, seconded by J. Totani to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Richard Brightman
Treasurer, Lake Hauto Club