

# Lake Hauto Club Annual Meeting Minutes

## September 14, 2014

Present: Kenneth Snyder, Jennifer Lavine, George Demetriades, Chester Gangaware, David DeMelfi  
Absent: Bob Davidovich, Jamie Kane, Scott Murphy, Cy Fulton  
Presiding: Ken Snyder

### Opening Remarks

K. Snyder introduced the board members that were present at the meeting.  
Lake Hauto Club Fish Raffle was drawn.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Louis Higgins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Jessica Hannis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Sue Baron
- 4<sup>th</sup> place – Maria Stano

### Approval of the 2012 annual meeting's minutes and dispense with the reading of.

Motion made to approve by Lorraine Drosdak, seconded by Pauline Edwards. Motion approved.

### Approval of the motion to destroy the ballots

Motion made by Pauline Edwards, seconded by Ermano Agosti. Motion approved.

### Treasurer's report – read by J. Lavine

Motion made by Laura Smith, seconded by Althea Higgins, to accept the Treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

### K. Snyder reported on the following:

#### a) Legal –

1. Griffiths' law suit is still in progress. She is suing Lake Hauto Club for \$4000.00. She put a pipe on our property and wants us to pay for it. K. Snyder feels that we will win but it is costing us. It has been surveyed twice and we could not install a new road and the legal costs. IT is costing us but we had to do it.
2. There have been a few gate issues but these are being taken care of with the cameras.
3. Still have the Egress and Regress not settled with Greenwood. They have the right to enter their property by our roads but we want them to pay something to maintain the roads. We started at \$1500.00 a year and now have recalculated it down to approximately \$800.00 and they still have not agreed.

### Committee Reports

#### a) Recreation – J. Lavine reported

1. Children's Halloween party will be October 25, 2014. Megan DeAngelo and Ashley Kovatch will be organizing the party.

#### b) Dam – C. Gangaware reported

1. We have applied for a drawdown permit of 2 feet. At the spillway, the blocks are shifting and we want to stabilize them with concrete. We will also caulk the expansion joints. IF we get the permit, we will start the draw down in October.

#### c) Water Quality – C. Gangaware reported

1. Some of the board met with Rush Township water commission. They are concerned about possible state regulations coming down to township levels. Storm water and runoff are their concerns.
2. Members are concerned about the plants in the lake. They are a result of the water run-off. We have had sewer leaks, mainly in the Tall Oaks section, and a large leak by the Tite's home on Lake Drive down to Crescent Beach.
3. Some members throwing chemicals into the lake to kill the lily pads. This will cause algae which will be harmful to the lake.

4. We have to control the chemicals and sewer leaks and the pipes going directly into the lake. Not sure what to do with the pressurized sewer system that we have in this section. When a leak occurs it pumps out at a higher rate than the gravity system.
5. Have issues coming up and may have to undo some things like the pipes into the lake. Need to not fertilize lawns. Need to encourage Rush Township to follow through when we do have leaks.

**d) Building Plans** – G. Demetriades reported

1. Had a meeting with Rush Township. Need to work with them so that the members do not get an approval from them before us. They have 30 days to get an approval from Rush Township. We need to get it to them faster incase variances are needed.

**e) Insurance** – Ken Snyder reported

1. After the large claims from the blow down a few years ago, the increase was very little to none. We acquired all new roofs. By subcontracting ourselves, we ended up with approximately \$36000.00 left over and that went into the new roads.

**c) Security** -

1. They wrapped up on labor Day. They did a pretty good job. There has been a little piggy backing at the gates.

**d) Buildings, grounds, beaches** –K. Snyder reported

1. This year we had 360 ton of sand at beaches.
2. Eastwood and Oakwood got new windows. Oakwood will be going in this Wednesday.
3. We expanded Dock B at Eastwood.
4. Will be replacing dock A & B at Eastwood this year.
5. Had a lot of bands and fireworks at the beaches this year.

**e) Roads** – K. Snyder reported

1. Did the road from the contract plus the oil surcharge.

**f) Fish** – C. Gangaware reported

1. Had 2 major stockings at Birch Pools. One was for the Children’s Fishing Derby and the other was for the first day of fishing.
2. Put warm water fish in the lake such as crappies and bass. This is the kind of fish that we naturally have. This is getting in new genetics in the fish pool.
3. Also put in \$10000.00 worth of shiners. These are feeder fish for the bass.

**g) Docks** -

1. Westwood has a new extension.
2. Dock D at Crescent was recently damaged and will have to be repaired.

**h) Special Projects** – J. Lavine reported

1. K. Snyder thanked Jennifer Lavine for painting the library
2. The Beautification Committee will be having a Fudge Sale.

**President’s Remark**

1. This year we re-decked B & C docks at Crescent
2. The fishing dock at Crescent Beach was reconfigured into an “L” shape.
3. We knocked the wasp nests off the docks. Also sprayed It is 80 to 90% improved. Garbage cans also were using garbage bags with bug repellent and that helped keep the bugs away.
4. Oakwood parking lot was angled to have water runoff properly and not towards the beach.
5. Eastwood has been reconfigured. The back end is almost done.
6. Boat ramp is half done at Eastwood. Will be completed when water gets lowered.
7. At Zero Beach we now understand where the water runoff is occurring. Hope to have it completed by next season.
8. All gates and beaches are covered with cameras. Almost all damage to the gates has been paid for by the violators. All docks and beaches are covered with cameras. There are also 6 cameras at West gate and 4 cameras at the East gate. We have enough cameras.

**Election results** –

58% of the membership voted.  
 John Murphy 251.5  
 George Makovec 144.5  
 Chester Gangaware 212.5

Jamie Kane            138  
David DeMelfi        220.5

John Murphy, Chester Gangaware and David DeMelfi won the three year terms.

### **Members Discussion**

1. Sue Nelson questioned what is being done about the CoGen burning tires. K. Snyder said that the Lake has sent a letter from our attorney. This is the best we can do. C. Gangaware has done research and been to their meetings. His concern is the zinc and sulfur running into the Lehigh River. Not burning that much but they are throwing waste which ends in the river. This is downstream and downwind of us most of the time. Discussion held.
2. Sue Nelson concerned about the club spending \$30000.00 for a pavilion at Zero Beach. Thinks the board should be using the money where it is needed. K. Snyder said that the new roads were paid for with cash and no loans. K. Snyder said that the board does a very good job of prioritizing. Ms. Nelson also asked for better sand. Discussion held. D. DeMelfi said that initially the money for the pavilion was to go to Crescent but now wants it to go to Zero Beach. Discussion held.
3. Loraine Drosdak expressed her opinion that any new building should not be permitted to have lawns. Also should not permit lawn care companies in. C. Gangaware said that we cannot prevent them from coming in.
4. Renae DeMelfi said that it was great to have the bands at the different beaches. Fireworks on 8/30 were fantastic. Thanks to G. Demetriades for raking the beaches. She is in favor of a pavilion at Zero Beach.
5. Effie Benek questioned if we are enforcing the 1`0 ft. at the waterfront. K. Snyder said that we are enforcing it.
6. Laura Smith asked for crushed stone on all the paths but especially the one between Oakwood and Westwood.
7. G. Demetriades and C. Gangaware talked about water quality over the years. Nutrients loading in the lake that causes plant growth. The additional nutrients are caused by sewerage leaks and lawn chemicals. Pipes do not filter water. Better to run over ground. Discussion held.
8. Sue Nelson asked for a “no wake” buoy off the Oakwood dock.
9. Dan Smith asked about the pH level in the lake. C. Gangaware said that we have a higher pH lever now.

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Renee DeMelfi, seconded by Laura Smith, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kim Thomas  
Secretary