

Hidden Valley Lake

Property Owners Association

Board of Directors Meeting

July 23, 2009

APPROVED

Board of Directors Present: Robert Starks, Donna Lask, Jeff Fuell and Bill Blantz

Board of Directors Absent: Karen Shell

Community Manager Present: Bruce Keller

President Robert Starks called the July 23, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President's Report: Robert Starks

Please turn off your cell phones.

With sadness we report that our neighbor Gordon Brown passed away recently and also that Bob Wesselman of our Maintenance Department has lost his Mother. Please keep them and all of our loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

By now most of you have probably responded to our survey. If you have not responded, please do so as soon as possible. The HVL POA Board is very interested to know what are your preferences for our community.

One of the ways that we are facilitating your feedback is through the meetings that were in the past known as the Coordinating Council. Reinstating the coordinating council concept has been advocated by many people, several of whom regularly attend these Board meetings. However we have hoped for additional attendance and input. For that reason the meetings have been renamed and re-characterized as the Coordinating Council/Team Meeting. The idea is to include all committee members and also for the first time, the general public in order for you to be better informed and for you to provide your comments. The items listed on the current survey are from this recent team meeting.

My personal belief is that our number one priority should be the safety and preservation of our existing community. To me, this means properly maintained roads, playgrounds, security personnel, lakes, dams and all existing amenities. All of our existing and future amenities must be properly maintained in order to preserve the value of the community.

One issue that I foresee as an immediate problem is our roads. Based on the past few year's budgets, each road will only be resurfaced with 1" of paving in about 15 years or more. I am seeing deterioration on roads resurfaced in the past few years. Good roads are critical to our community and our home values. I request that our budget planning for 2010 please reflect an adequate increase in funding for our roads. It seems to many people that the heavily loaded Rumpke trucks are partly responsible for some of this deterioration and we are investigating to see if there are any viable alternatives to the current heavy truck process.

Another issue is that our existing playground equipment has been found to be out dated and I fully support moving quickly to make the play grounds safe for our children. Some of our community shelters are also badly in need of repairs.

New amenities will hopefully add value to our community and will hopefully be designed with low maintenance in mind. But before we embark on new amenities we need to address current deficiencies.

In closing, I would like to repeat a quote from a great leader. "It is amazing what can be accomplished when no one cares who may get the credit".

Thank you.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Lask

Revenues for the month of June were \$2965 less than budget. Swim income was under by \$1832 and boat registration by \$645. However Year to date both exceed budget and this was just a timing issue with fees having been collected in previous months. Total year to date revenues exceed budget by \$2833. June total expenses were \$440 less than budget resulting in a net income of (\$24,845) which is \$2526 less than budget. There were no unusual items in the month. Year to date net income is (\$22,975) which is better than budget by \$25,148.

Secretary's Report: Jeff Fuell

Motion to approve the June 25, 2009 Board of Directors Minutes. Motion made by Donna Lask and seconded by Bill Blantz. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Manager's Report: Bruce Keller

Earl Wilhelm and his hard working volunteers have been working hard on the 5th Annual Hidden Valley Lake Drug Awareness Day which will be held on August 15, 2009 at 12 noon in Willie's parking lot.

We will have several information booths from different organizations throughout Dearborn County including Dearborn County Citizens Against Substance Abuse (CASA), Dearborn County Special Crimes Unit, and Lawrenceburg Elks Lodge. Dearborn County Prosecutor Aaron Negengard will be on hand as a special guest speaker. We will also have a special K-9 demonstration from the local police departments. Along with the other organizations, the POA has obtained information pamphlets and some videos to hand out as well.

This year's event will feature a prize giveaway at no charge to everyone in attendance. To qualify for the prize drawings, everyone in attendance must visit the various booths and have a special card stamped which can then be taken to the POA booth to enter the drawing for fabulous prizes worth over \$1,100.00. The POA has purchased a boy's and girl's bike for the grand prize drawing. In addition, we have also received donations for tickets from the Cincinnati Reds, Cincinnati Cyclones, Indianapolis Indians, Newport Aquarium, Perfect North Slopes as well as numerous donations from other local businesses.

Willie's has generously offered to provide food and drinks for the event as well. We will have fun activities for the children including face painting, an inflatable jumper and much more! We hope to see everyone there!

Also, we have purchased a line striper and will begin striping roads shortly after the roads are paved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Garden Club Report: Kathy Schneider

Some time ago Kathy had obtained a grant from Dearborn County for a free Rain Garden, which was to be installed at her home, but the lot was not suitable. Recently Dave Patterson suggested putting it near his home by the marina. Kathy contacted Jennifer Hughes and received a \$1500 grant from Dearborn County for a Rain Garden. Rick and his men will complete the work for us. It will be a water retention area where the water seeps through a filtration system and back into the lake. We will be planting a Butterfly Garden and deer resistant plants as well. Bruce has been wonderful and cooperative. I would also like to thank Bayer and Becker for their drawings.

Streets and Drainage Committee Report: John Getzendanner

We will begin paving on Thursday July 30th and it will take three days. Alpine Drive will be shut down to through traffic. Only residents along that area being paved will be allowed. The office will make signs for roads being paved. A resident asked which roads are being paved. John stated Alpine from Schmarr to Cravenhurst along with Hampton, Hartford, Hanover, Hanby and Montclair. Another resident asked about slips or cracks in the roads. John stated that a slip is a major event and there was one about 25 years ago on Alpine near VRUC. It took about a month to repair it. Cracks occur from stress of traffic.

Parks and Recreation Committee Report: George Lortz

No report.

Judicial Panel Report: Emmy Myers

No report.

Lakes Committee Report: Bruce Keller

Dave Ryberg reported from the Fish and Game Club that the Kids Fishing Derby was coming up and indeed at this point is finished and went well.

Paul Rolfes reported that he has been getting complaints about noise on the lake and that noise ordinances needed to be put in place and enforced. We need to be careful of what rules we put in place and use more common sense and common courtesy.

Gerry Young presented an expanded lake statistics report which shows that our lake is in normal range. If you would be interested in seeing Gerry's full report, call the office and we will make arrangements.

Crystal Lake – The installation/improvement of the road down to the dam to facilitate Aquatic Control's access is complete. The lake has been covered with a layer of whitish substance that has been identified as residual from the recent treatment to kill duckweed. It will dissipate in a short period of time.

Fee Changes for Boat Registration & Docks – Gerry Young presented his excellent analysis of present and proposed fees and costs related to boat registration and dock rental. The full analysis will be available at the POA Office if anyone wants to see it.

Dock Assignment Procedures – Eric Fox presented his analysis of how dock requests are currently handled and what happens under various combinations of situations. The committee felt that the way it is currently being handled by the office staff is a good way and should be continued with one minor modification. That is if a person turns down a dock two years in a row, then their name goes to the bottom of the list. We need to be sure that everyone who is on the list or who wants a dock fully understands the process. The process needs to be written out very clearly and either added to the rule book or put on the web site. Once it is prepared, it should probably be put in the Echoes, too.

Zebra Mussels – Dave brought up information on Zebra Mussels and the damage they can cause and what we might consider as possible preventative steps. This also will be discussed more at future meetings. Please clean your boats before putting them into our lake.

Stickers - The committee discussed the sticker situation and decided to proceed with the second reading.

Request a motion to re-institute the rule requiring that all residents and property owners vehicles must have a current, valid HVL registration sticker attached to the inside of the lower corner of the drivers side on the windshield. This would apply to all vehicles that are required to have a state license or registration.

Donna Lask said she discussed this with Dave Patterson and it will be postponed.

Architectural Committee Report: Bill Minnery

No report.

Political Action/Future Planning Committee Report: George Lortz

No report.

Civic Club Committee Report: Robin Harrison

Luau had good attendance and I thank all who volunteered including Willie's. Fourth of July bike parade was a success and we served slushies on the beach. We are giving away two scholarships this year. The Talent Show at the beach is August 8th. I am pleased to announce that Robyn Stuhan is our new vice-chair.

Finance Committee Report: John Reiniger

Request a motion placing Jeff King on the Finance Committee. Motion made by Donna Lask and seconded by Bill Blantz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the June 2009 Financial Reports by Donna Lask and seconded by Bill Blantz. Motion passed unanimously.

Safety, Security & Elections Committee Report: Bob Sypniewski

Second reading of Golf Cart Policy.

There has been a revision taking some wording out. A golf cart is a motor vehicle. There will be a \$5.00 yearly fee and proof of insurance must be provided. Any rule can always be changed but this is a good start to establish guidelines.

Robert Starks stated that the policy has changed somewhat. Nothing added but some items deleted since they were covered elsewhere in the handbook. There was a lot of discussion among residents.

A quick vote of available Safety, Security & Elections Committee members, enough for a quorum, agreed that this should be a final reading as nothing was added; items were only removed from the document.

By unanimous vote of members present, the S, S & E Committee recommends to the POA Board that the following Golf Cart Vehicle Policy be considered for inclusion in the HVL POA Handbook. Motion by Jeff Fuell and seconded by Bill Blantz. Motion passed unanimously. Motion amended to be effective January 1st.

Agreement and Release of Liability for Golf Carts in Hidden Valley

I _____ acknowledge that my use of Hidden Valley Lake streets, roadways and/or parking areas for my golf cart is at my risk. I agree that I will follow the HVL Community rules, outlined in section 19 of our Hidden Valley Lake Property Owners Association Handbook, concerning motorized vehicles. Furthermore I understand that Hidden Valley Lake Property Owners Association bares no liability for accidents or incidents associated with my golf cart.

I also agree to abide by the following rule:

1. I will register my cart by April 30th each year, for a \$5 fee, with the Hidden Valley Lake Property Owners Association office. I will show proof of insurance for my cart at the time of registration. The registration sticker will then be placed on the left rear bumper of my cart.

I have read this Release of Liability Agreement. I fully understand its terms and sign it voluntarily and without inducement. I understand that any cost to Hidden Valley Lake Property Owners Association, related to accidents or incidents involving my cart, will be added to my account and will be paid by me.

Golf Cart Owner:

Lot Number:

Date:

Hidden Valley Lake Employee:

Date:

Bob Sypniewski wanted everyone to know that their committee is in favor of stickers for vehicles and he will get with Dave Patterson. Also, regarding the Drug Awareness Day, coming up on August 15th, many thanks to Earl and Bruce for their efforts.

Old Business:

New Business:

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Fuell and seconded by Donna Lask. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 8:20 pm

Minutes Prepared by Gloria Weber