

Safety, Security and Elections Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2010

Meeting called to order by Chairman Larry Rohling at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Linda Conley, Becky Lortz, Jim Plunkett, Vella Reiman, Larry Rohling, Bonnie Starks and Bob Sypniewski.

Members Absent: Ginny Boyer.

Board Liaison Present: Jeff Fuell.

Guests Present: Bonnie Carter (Lots 1370, 1371), Kevin Gick (Bright Fire Department), Community Manager Bruce Keller, Greg Mathena (Bright Fire Department), Paul Rolfes (Lake Patrol and Lot 1652), Jean Skiff (Lot 1509) and HVL Deputy Earl Wilhelm.

Minutes: presented by: Secretary Becky Lortz. Corrections required: Addition of “Bright” to “IN-qualified Life Squad members” in HVL Deputy Jim Fanning’s report about the Bright Life Squad given during the Community Manager’s Report on July 1, 2010.

Motion to accept by: N/A. Seconded by: N/A.

Vote count: N/A.

Treasurers Report: N/A

Guest Issues:

- Report from Bright Fire Department, Life Squad and EMS – Chief Kevin Gick and Assistant Chief Greg Mathena thanked us for inviting them to our meeting. They discussed transportation issues with us and gave us an overview of the EMS members’ responsibilities. Bright is one of the few EMS crews in Dearborn County who will take a patient to hospitals other than Dearborn County Hospital. There are hospitals they can and do go to and hospitals they do not go to. They are a basic unit - a transport unit. Depending on the problem presented, they want to get the patient to the most convenient hospital so that the patient can be stabilized. The EMS person assumes liability until the hospital is reached. Upon transfer, the nurse and then the doctor, assume responsibility. The doctor can then arrange for transportation to another hospital. Chief Gick also discussed the budget available to fund these EMS services. We had questions for him and decided that we would like to meet with them again. No return date was set for that meeting.
- Report from Deer Task Force – Bonnie Carter (Lots 1370 and 1371) presented the final report from the Deer Task Force. The Task Force members requested that the report be made a part of our August minutes (see attached). Community Manager Bruce Keller will also talk with Moe Manion about providing a link on the HVL website to “Current Events” so the entire report can be viewed there. A hard copy is also available from the file of the S,S&E minutes (8/5/2010).

Community Manager's Report: (see attached)

- Golf Cart Information Concerning the Golf Course – Bruce met with Hidden Valley Golf Course management to discuss golf carts leaving their course and driving on HVL roads. They told him their course-owned carts are not allowed to leave their property. Only residents with property adjoining the golf course can use their own carts. Currently only one privately-owned golf cart is being used on their course that is owned by a non-HVL person. Bruce asked them to have any non-HVL persons who bring their own carts to the course and wish to drive on our HVL roads call the POA office first.
- Railroad Ties at the Beach – The ties have been installed. He apologized for the task taking so long. In the future jobs for our maintenance crew will be coded as Emergency, Urgent and Routine. This installation would have been classified as Emergency and completed sooner.
- Signs – The signs are here and should be installed by the end of August. It has been quite a busy summer for our maintenance crew.
- Paths – Once again there is concern about our HVL residents following pedestrian rules when walking on our streets. Now that the walking paths are being paved in the 77 acres, people are being encouraged to use them.
- Cats – We are having trouble again with feral cats. Our deputies will be getting some traps, setting them and taking the cats to the animal shelter after they have been captured.

Deputy's/Lake Patrol's Report:

- Incidents Report for July 2010 – HVL Deputy Earl Wilhelm distributed this month's report (see attached). He pointed out that vandalism (Criminal Mischief) continues to be a problem. Mail boxes and cars are being damaged and houses are being "egged." He encouraged us to remind all HVL residents to call Dispatch to report any suspicious behavior or activity.
- Block Watch Program – Earl and S,S&E member Linda Conley are also working on getting a "Block Watch" program active in HVL. Watch for further information about the program in the Echoes. Larry thanked them both for their interest in and work on this project.
- Drug Awareness Day – Earl updated us about this event occurring in HVL on Saturday, 8/7/10. The 5K Walk-Run will start at 9:00 AM with other activities beginning at 10:00 AM. Door prizes worth over \$3,000.00 will be awarded that day plus Willie's will be providing lunch. Larry thanked Earl for all his efforts in organizing this event. He assured Earl that our committee would be there to help on 8/7/10.
- Lake Patrol Safety Issues – Paul Rolfes (Lake Patrol; Lot 1652) updated us on progress concerned with increasing the Lake Patrol's on the job effectiveness since our June S,S&E meeting. The yellow light is on the Lake Patrol boat as well as a remote control switch for changing the lights at the beach and Willie's if/when the need arises (i.e. – too much boat traffic – change the light from green to yellow). He thanked us for our support when these requests were made. He also shared his concern that 6 citations were issued last month and 5 of those citations were issued to people who were not the actual boat owners but friends of the owners. The cited people did not know our HVL lake rules. The boat owners were not on board when the boats were stopped. Our committee discussed this situation and everyone was very concerned about the rules being ignored and therefore the safety of many people being compromised. We have two suggestions for additional rules to help maintain the safety on the lake 1) Allow only the boat owner or members of the immediate family to drive the boat. If another person is given permission by the owner to drive the boat then the boat owner or a member of the boat owner's immediate family must be on board when the boat is out on the water. – 2) A second ticket to a boat owner in a season will cause loss of lake privileges for 30 days (our suggestion for length of suspension of privileges). If the owner receives a third ticket in a season, the owner and the boat are off the lake for the rest of the year. Larry will discuss these suggestions with Lakes Chairman Dave Patterson. Then Larry will present our concerns and suggestions at the next Lakes Committee meeting. Jeff Fuell (POA Board Liaison) added that the Lakes Committee is evaluating and updating the

laminated Lakes Rules cards used in past years. New updated cards will be ready to be distributed in March 2011 when HVL boat registration begins.

Current/Active Business:

- Review Priority List – Larry asked for opinions on what remains to be discussed from past S,S&E meetings. To address the apathy/lack of interest we have discussed, we agreed we can attend POA Board meetings to encourage participation in HVL activities. To address the problem of speeding on HVL streets and roads, we can request that the speed dummy can be used around HVL to remind residents to slow down. Bruce will check with Bill Black again to see if an Emergency Evacuation plan has been written for HVL. If not, perhaps we can help make such a plan a reality.
- Re-position Lake Buoys Report – Bruce said the maintenance crew had worked on the buoy situation. He asked for feedback and Becky said there was still additional work needed. Bruce will discuss the situation with Dave Patterson. Becky said she and George are available to advise on buoy placement.
- Golf Carts – Jim Plunkett said they have not had a meeting with Judicial representatives since the brief discussion they had with Emmy Meyers at which time no changes were suggested regarding vehicle fines (cars, golf carts, etc.). Larry then presented a problem he was aware of. Recently a golf cart was being driven recklessly at the athletic (sports) complex and a child was almost hit. Some Athletic Club members asked S,S&E to address this issue before a bad accident happened. We discussed the fact that we had written the Golf Cart Vehicle Rules policy and presented it to the HVL POA Board. In 3) of XIX.L. it states “No person shall operate any type of golf cart on or across the dam, beach, sports complex or hiking trails.” By unanimous vote/acclamation we asked Larry to recommend that the POA Board have a second reading of the Golf Cart Vehicle Rules separately from the other rules revisions/suggestions submitted by the Safety, Security and Elections Committee. He will present this recommendation at the August 26 POA Board meeting. Hopefully this will help address the problem at the athletic (sports) complex. With regard to a guest tag policy for non-HVL owned golf carts, Bruce’s discussion with Hidden Valley Golf Course management may have taken care of the issue.
- Block Watch Report – Linda is working with Deputy Earl Wilhelm to establish this program in HVL. Several residents came to an informational meeting prior to S,S&E tonight. There will be additional publicity in the Echoes and at the Drug Awareness Day event. She will keep us advised of progress.
- Committee Visit Report – Bonnie Starks is also a member of the Finance Committee so she will keep us advised of any needed interaction with that group. Larry will talk with Dave Patterson and also attend the August Lakes Committee meeting. Vella Reiman would attend if Larry cannot.
- Reckless Driving – Larry reminded us that if we observe reckless driving occurring in HVL to call the deputies and report the erratic behavior.

New Business:

- Deer Cull Safety Issues – Bruce asked that our committee review the materials we received from Bonnie Carter and additional information he gave us. E-mail any questions and/or suggestions to Larry, Jeff Fuell or Bruce by Monday (8/9). The POA Board is requesting input from us regarding safety issues involved with the deer cull. Larry will update us as needed.
- Reminder School Starts August 17 – Larry reminded us about children being out and about early on weekday mornings waiting for school busses. We also asked Bruce to send letters to each school district (District Superintendents or Transportation Directors) reminding them of speed limits within HVL. Each official will need to remind their school bus drivers who have HVL streets and roads on their respective routes to slow down and observe our speed limits.
- Main Entrance Signage – Bob Sypniewski voiced his concern about entering HVL at the main entrance off of State Line Road. Is the “boulevard” arrangement confusing to drivers not familiar with our area? Might someone drive on the wrong side of the paddle wheel? Vella will check out the area in question to see if additional signs are needed. She will report back at our September meeting.

- Meeting Attendance – Larry asked that S,S&E members notify him if he/she will miss an upcoming meeting. Ginny Boyer has taken a leave of absence from our committee. Becky will check past minutes to see if a policy was decided on and report back in September.
- Echoes Assignment – Bonnie wrote the article for August. Vella will write the article for September.
- Etc.

Action Items for Committee Members:

- Larry Rohling – Present additional suggestions concerning boat safety on the main lake to Dave Patterson and the Lakes Committee.
- Linda Conley – Continue to work on forming Block Watch neighborhoods within HVL.
- S,S&E Committee – Provide assistance at Drug Awareness Day event on Saturday, August 7, 2010.
- Vella Reiman – Check our signage situation at HVL main entrance. Are additional signs needed?

Action items for Board of Director's Meeting:

- Recommendation/Proposal 1: The S,S&E Committee unanimously recommends that the HVL POA Board order a second reading of the Golf Cart Vehicle Rules (XIX.L.) separately from the other rules' revisions/suggestions submitted earlier this summer. In this policy, 3) states "No person shall operate any type of golf cart on or across the dam, beach, sports complex or hiking trails." By adopting this Golf Cart Vehicle policy as soon as possible, it will address the issue of safety that is an escalating problem.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Larry Rohling at 9:25 PM. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Lortz, Secretary