

Minutes of Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of The Horseshoe Lake Corporation December 7, 2021

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Item I. The regular meeting was called to order by President Scott Chisholm at 7:09 PM. (0:01:05) elapsed time on audio recording. Time references will be in elapsed time on the meeting recording.)

Item II. Roll Call - The following were present: Scott Chisholm, Carl Kayden, Joe Bennett, Brian Trim, Brian Anthony, Kevin Quinn, George Brown, Sandra Bodi, Craig Delap, Ken Johnson, and Michael Laird. Mackenzie Jakubowski was absent. **There is a quorum.** 0:01:55

Item III. Approval of Agenda - 0:02:05 Brian adds "Discussion of Hayride Event" to Item X.d. Kevin modifies Item VI. Approval of Minutes, removing June and July, just leaving August and October minutes for approval. Kevin motion to approve agenda as modified. Sandi 2nd. All Ayes. Motion passes. 0:04:05

Item IV. Announcements - 0:04:15 None

Item V. Public Forum (Guest Comments) - 0:04:25 no public present.

Item VI. Approval of Minutes - 0:04:50 Brian points out that the October meeting was called to order by himself, not Scott. Kevin corrected one misspelling of Joe's last name. 0:09:20 Joe motion to accept August and October minutes. Mike 2nd. All Ayes, but Craig abstains from October acceptance.

Item VII. Clerk's Report/Correspondence - 0:09:55 George mentions giving bylaws to new members and a discrepancy with the bylaws posted online, stemming from the last mailing. Scott says that the ballot was abbreviated to vote on each described change, and that the full language of the changes was also in the mailing. The changes were not inline on the ballot. Sandi describes when going to the township polling place, the short version of the change on the ballot vs. the long version of the actual changes posted on the wall (pages and pages). George thinks the actual ballot didn't have the bylaw language changes on it, so maybe they weren't actually voted on. Scott asks George to find the actual ballot for next meeting.

No correspondence from members.

Item VIII. Treasurer's Report - 0:18:35 Joe went over the balances and expenses for October. Simple months. Phone center moved, bill said we owed for 3 months, but really just one, and it has since self-corrected. The voicemail we have is their oldest system, and we should consider other options. Brief discussion of changes.

For November, Joe summarizes the income and expenses. The HLC board insurance \$450 is for the entire year, paid all at once. 0:27:15 Kevin motion to accept October and November treasurer's report. Brian Trim asks about a \$200 delinquent dues payment received in November. It is in the report. Brian 2nds the motion. Clarification that the reports are for October and November. All ayes, motion passes.

Item IX. Unfinished Business - a. Red Flag Levels - 0:28:30 Scott says the issue is that there is a difference of opinion about where the red flag level should be. He thinks it doesn't have to follow the "official level" of the lake that the county decided. The red flag is our (HLC Corp) rule. Joe asks if the red flag is in bylaws. Scott says it is only in the rules and regulations. Mike says online info says that the lake starts to flood at 897 which is 2 feet above the weir. Mike clarifies that there are really 2 questions. "What level does the lake flood at?" and "At what level, do we as a community want to restrict wakes to prevent property damage?" Kevin asks "Should this be delegated to lake/weed committee?" Scott to get their input. Discussion of more frequent flooding and Brian Anthony's efforts to clear the Horseshoe Lake Drain. Brian observes that it is draining more quickly, especially since the drain near Shady Beach has been cleared. Kevin just sees the level of water in the creek, not how fast it drains. Scott has data on the level as a measure of how fast the lake drains.

b. Township Property in HLC - 0:41:50 Scott hands out a letter from the township with a list of property lots they want to sell and the prices. Those prices are the SEV (State Equalized Value) which is not what they paid for the properties. Many were gotten for nothing, or just by paying off the delinquent property taxes. SEV does take into account parcel size and other things. Most are swampy properties. Seventy-eight are in Lincoln and three are in Shady Beach. George wants to get the two lots on Grove for \$400 and build a shed for HLC files storage.

0:46:30 Scott says that the twp put out a list of what they paid for each property. Many were tax foreclosures. In the last 4 years they've paid the property tax on them, the total should be around \$40,000, so that should be where we start for negotiating. Brian proposes a committee of George, Scott and himself to meet with the twp to negotiate and come back at the next meeting. He goes on to say that this is the most critical issue before us because each lot could translate into one boat on the lake. Each lot could be a new member of the corporation and put a dock in on the NE corner of the lake. Scott maintains that any profit the twp make on the sale of these properties will have to be paid to the state, so there is no reason for the state to charge more because they couldn't keep it. Craig says there are 13 lots that are lake front, so those would be the priority if we had to start picking and choosing.

0:53:30 Brian motion for President to appoint a committee to negotiate with the twp consisting of George, Scott, and himself. Kevin 2nd. Craig volunteers to be backup or help with GIS. All ayes. Motion passes. Discussion of making these parcels a park to avoid having to pay taxes. Also, Brian describes how the township building property used to be a part of HLC, but that a BOT decided to give it to the township, and that fact could be a negotiating point.

c. Insurance Quotes - 1:01:30 Still having a hard time getting more quotes. Scott's idea is to contact other lake associations. Brian suggests soliciting members for insurance help.

d. Signs at Park/Access borders, Boat Launch, and No Wake Channel - 1:02:50 Brian and Scott are still getting quotes from signage companies.

Item XIV. New Business - a. Delinquency Report - 1:03:40 George: Brian did a great job getting the amount down. George added delinquent fee. Brian says the letter helped, but it really comes down to door knocking and contact. Brian will get back out there again this year. George and Scott to choose a foreclosure by advertisement and Scott's lawyer friend will review. Scott also says we should notify all members in a next notice that we are starting this procedure.

b. Foreclosure - 1:12:15 Brian motion to authorize Scott and George to choose and start foreclosure on a delinquent resident. Joe suggests they choose three potentials and have the board vote, to put the choosing responsibility on the board. Brian amends motion to At the next board meeting, Scott and George present a list of 3 candidates to begin foreclosure against and the board of trustees will decide which of them to proceed against. Joe 2nd. All Ayes. Motion passes. Discussion of a past written policy and updating it as needed.

c. Boat Stickers - 1:14:30 George and Makenzie to work on the horseshoe design. Discussion of 1 or 2 stickers per boat, and what craft to include: pontoon, speedboat, jetski, motorized, canoe, kayak? It can also help identify boats which got loose.

d. Discussion of Hayride Event - 1:17:00 Brian: Given the new Omicron Covid strain should we have this event or not? It was scheduled to be on Saturday, December 18. Everyone would have to wear a mask. Scott says attendance would probably be minimal due to pandemic. Consensus is to table the event.

Item XI. Committee Reports - 01:22:25 Communications Committee actually met over Zoom. Continuing to gather emails and will send out postcard to get the rest. Website access needs to be shared.

01:24:15 - Blight Committee: Brian Anthony and Scott identified some areas, and also the township blight officer went around and stickered.

01:26:00 - Social Events Committee: Brian Trim: good turnout for Trick or Treat on the Trail. Lots of pumpkins and good turnout.

01:27:20 - Beautification Committee: Brian Trim: holiday baskets were installed. Herculean effort made by a few people. Need to recruit more volunteers.

01:28:15 - Road Maintenance Committee: George to get bids out for snow removal. Also George had some gravel dumps for potholes in Schrum.

01:32:40 - Brian wanted to clarify that “paying flower watering volunteers” is actually reimbursement for gas.

Item XIV. Adjournment - Next Meeting: Tuesday, February, 2022 at 7pm at the Township Hall. 01:33:30 - Joe motion to adjourn. Craig 2nd. Passed unanimously.