

Hidden Harbour Lake Association  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
May 27, 2015

Board Members in attendance: Steve Roberts, Michel Soubeyrand, Jon Rutter, Jim Nally, Jim Norton (villas advisor). Absent: Jan Siotkowski, Randy Kuntz, Udo Kuehne

HHLA members in attendance...approximately 25.

Meeting called to order by Steve Roberts at 7pm

1. Board members and attendees introduced themselves
2. Michel reviewed 2015 budget. One question re lack of budget for Weed Control was deferred pending Jim Nally report.
3. Jim Nally reported on history and methods of HHLA weed control, placing emphasis on role of nutrients from lawn fertilizers. There are currently no plans for weed treatment in 2015 We applied herbicide 2 years ago and we have had 2 severe winters with snow cover since. Some weeds coverage is vital to the balance of the lake, plus they use up nutrients that otherwise might support algae blooms.
4. Jim Nally reported on 2015 geese control program which will reduce 2015 gosling population by approximately 40.
5. Karen Soubeyrand, Friends of the Baja, reported on the status of HHLA Baja being part of the Oak Openings Region...a rare ecosystem. The goal of Friends of the Baja is to encourage and protect rare local plant species and reduce/eliminate competing invasive species. Currently, several test plots are being monitored to help in determining which plants to focus on.
6. Steve Roberts addressed the practice of Gnomes and Fairies displays on the Baja. While of the intent is to maintain the Baja as a natural environment, a number of residents feel the displays are an attraction to children. The position of the board is that the 6 existing displays can remain as long as they are not expanded in scope and are maintained. If the displays are not maintained, they will be removed.
7. The code for both gates at the North end of the Baja will be changed to **4352** at 9AM on June 10. Please communicate this to pontoon transport personnel. Otherwise, please do not share code to outsiders.
8. Steve reminded attendees that only electric, wind and human-powered craft are allowed on the lake.
9. Election was held for one board opening each for condos and homes. John Rutter ran unopposed and was re-elected for the condos. Larry Goodheart and Linda Ueltschey ran for the home position with Larry Goodheart being elected by a 3 vote margin.

10. The floor was opened for discussion:

a. Jim Norton shared a newspaper article on the devastating effect of a pet goldfish release in a Colorado lake. Members were reminded that using live baitfish from the outside are prohibited in Hidden Harbour lake. Lake rules currently indicate that “ introduction of wildlife to the baja or lake is prohibited” . Emphasis on baitfish will be added to the wording. Jim also reminded everyone about the danger of allowing passengers, especially children, to sit on the front floor of the pontoon with legs dangling over the edge.

b. Jim Nally restated that reduction in lawn fertilizing can significantly alleviate one of the variables that play a role in the impact of lake weeds.

c. Bob Dame reminded members that the parking prohibition on the cul-de-sac is intended to provide a turnaround for emergency vehicles.

d. Bob Dame raised the issue of possible need for stocking approved baitfish . Consensus of fishermen (and women) is that condition the predator fish at this time does not warrant.

e. Deb Less stated that many of the flyers that get placed in newspaper boxes blow out into the yards. She suggested that especially due to the gate code being in the upcoming minutes that we either use the mail box (mail lady has given unofficial permission) or use an envelope in the news box.

f. A number of members commented on excessively loud music being played on the lake. Remember that sound travels further over water. Please keep this in mind and be considerate and a good neighbor to fellow boaters and residents while enjoying your tunes

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8pm

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