

## Hidden Harbour Annual Lake Association Meeting

May 19, 2016

Board Members in attendance: Jan Siotkowski, Jim Nally, Steve Roberts, Michel Soubeyrand , Larry Goodheart, Udo Kuehne, John Rutter, Jim Norton.

1. Welcome & Introductions of Board Members – there were approximately 20 residents in attendance.
2. Financial Report by Michel Soubeyrand. Michel reviewed the budget for the past year and made comparisons between 2015 and 2016. One significant issue reported for this year is that there will be only one fee for Lake Association dues collected this year rather than two. Normally it is \$50 twice per year for on lake and \$25 twice per year off the lake. The reserve has gotten above the amount it started at in 2001 and we felt there was no need to increase it.
3. Status of weeds in lake by Jim Nally. Jim reported on the history of weed control in the lake and how to this point we have been fairly successful. He indicated that the lake would be inspected to determine if it should be treated before the end of June.  
Two of the residents indicated that they felt there was a significant weed problem especially near the Baja. One person expressed the fear that the lake will fill in if we are not more aggressive with the weeds.  
Jim Nally reminded the residents that a weed survey had been carried out that indicated that the weeds covered 25% of the lake floor – this was deemed acceptable at the time. Perhaps we need to carry out another survey.
4. Wildlife Control
  - a. Geese Control - there has been a big improvement in the numbers of geese on the lake this year because approximately 30 eggs were destroyed last year and again this year.
  - b. Removal of nuisance goose – the bird in question chased people and small children. It was captured and sent to a farm.
  - c. Muskrat control – a trapper is used each year in the fall to capture the muskrats. This individual then sells the pelts so does not require funding from us.
  - d. Mosquito control – a bat house was installed on the Baja for \$680. Bats are much more effective at controlling mosquitoes than birds.
5. Lake rules and regulations by Jan Siotkowski.
  - a. Changes to dock and shore – Reminder, any changes to your dock and shoreline, including lighting, need to be approved by the lake committee prior to construction.
  - b. Fish Management/Harvest Program – a handout outlining the details of this program was distributed. Especially important is the necessity of not allowing live bait being brought in to the lake from outside sources – this decreases the risk of invasive species being introduced.
  - c. It is very important that your guests follow the rules especially those concerned with boat and water safety. See separate document that has been sent out: Hidden Harbour Lake Association and Regulations

6. Baja Improvement by Jan Siotkowski.
  - a. A bat house was added in an effort to control mosquitoes.
  - b. The horseshoe pit has been in disrepair for some time. It has been upgraded and repaired
  - c. Sand will be added to both the north and south beaches.
  - d. Please submit any additional Baja improvement ideas to the Lake Committee
7. Update from Friends of the Baja – Karen Soubeyrand
  - a. Karen restated the goal of Friends of the Baja to be removal of invasive plants and the introduction of new native plants.
  - b. In 2016 a license to apply pesticide was acquired and a sprayer was purchased. Invasive removal has occurred twice this year. Especially important are Knapp Weed and Buck Thorn. If Knapweed is found it should be put in a baggy – See the Friends handout.
  - c. Many Oak Openings native plants have been purchased and planted on the Baja.
8. Safety Training from the Springfield Fire Department
  - a. The fire department representative emphasized the importance of having flotation devices with ropes on the boats in order to be able to assist people who might be in trouble in the water. Place the flotation device so it quickly accessible
  - b. Also requested was to make sure flotation devices with ropes are present at the beaches
  - c. Although they can be purchased at many places, one resource for flotation devices is Amazon.com for a total of \$73.00:  
 Cal June USCG approved ring buoy - \$52.00  
  
 Kaiser Ring Buoy Throw Line, 30 ft. ¼ inch diameter polyethylene rope - \$20.85

Feel free to contact HHLA Board Members with any issues you may have:

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**Note: the gate code will be changed to 3542 on June 6 at 8:00 AM**