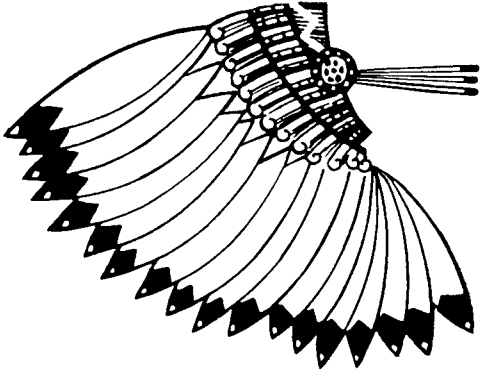


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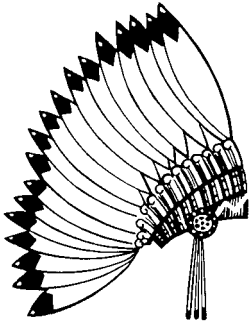


# **THE COUNCIL FIRE**

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## “THROUGH THE EYES OF GEN COUSINEAU: THE ANCIENT ART OF STAINED GLASS”

By Francie Dittrich



You might know her primarily, as a painter, but there's this other side to Gen, the stained glass maker. It all started after her husband Ray's new position moved the family to Battle Creek Michigan, to their new home with lots of large windows. Gen thought, how nice it would be to have a stained glass window put in. This is where history repeats itself. Let's step back in time to the Gothic architecture of the Middle Ages cathedrals, where vast interior space created by the engineer-architects needed to be illuminated, and their solution, stained glass. As luck would have it. It just so happened at this time that Kellogg Community College was of-

fering a class in stained glass, she enrolled, became hooked and began what would turn out to be a lifelong commitment to the craft of stained glass making.

Not much has changed since the middle ages in process. First one needs an idea (plan) cartoon (sketch) Glass is selected and cut. The cut pieces are wrapped in metal and assembled like a puzzle to fit the cartoon (sketch). The pieces are then connected together (one of Gen's methods is to solder). The final step, place in a frame. This is an extreme simplification of the process.

Gen currently works out of her studio (built by husband, Ray) over their garage at their cabin in the UP which they retired to in 1983. Whether real, abstract or a commissioned piece Gen always takes into consideration her client (what they might want), the light which comes through the glass and

where the piece will hang. Looking at the colors and textures of her glass and the unusual artifacts around her studio she thinks, what they might reveal to her. "I visualize what I might want the piece to look like". "When the piece is completed, a look of awe comes through. This is a beginning of an art that consumes you. You want to create more and more and keep improving. Inspiration is the key to success."

Gen attributes much of her success in life to her Polish heritage instilled in her by her parents, hard work, perseverance and the value of an education. Growing up Gen always liked her art classes/ "It seems I was always drawing something." In High School she was selected to attend art classes at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Though intimidated, this experience started her on the path to her dream to becoming an Art teacher. To me, whatever hat Gen has worn, teacher, wife and mother of 5 children, realtor, broker, exhibiting Artist, she has always given 100% to the task at hand. Just look around you and how her artistic pieces have enhanced this community.

To name a few, the snowmobile museum, Judies hair care, Pat Nolan and Al Knox

guest cabin, The Anchor In Naubinway and the Presbyterian Church. According to Gen "Art has become my way of life. It has helped me cope with many of life's problems, but also has its rewards. As long as I am well and can use my hands, I will find happiness in creating a piece of stained glass. But be careful! Once you start, you will be encouraged to do more."





Attention Artist and Crafters: Mark your calendar Now!!

# HSC ART & HOBBY SHOW

August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2011

*A visually stimulating experience featuring the stained glass art of Gen Cousineau and more.*



## Christmas in July



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Ladies Luncheon**

**Brought to you by the Ladies of  
MILLECOQUIN LAKE**

**HIAWATHA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB  
N7269 LAKE BLVD  
ENGADINE, MI 49827  
906-477-6592**

**JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

PROOF OF DATE OF BIRTH:

- COPY OF DRIVER LISENCE ENCLOSED
- COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE ENCLOSED

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE HIAWATHA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB  
COMPLETE AND RETURN TO ABOVE ADDRESS.

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE HIAWATHA  
SPORTSMAN'S CLUB, PLEASE SEND BACK TO  
CLUB WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORMS:

MOTION AS APPROVED AT THE JUNE 26, 2010 ANNUAL MEETING:  
Junior Membership shall be available for Members who apply and demonstrate  
through valid identification January 1st of each year. The dues and assessments  
for the junior membership shall be 50 percent of the primary membership and shall  
have the same rights and privileges of a primary membership.



# "The Wild Side"

Hiawatha Sportsmans Club  
Annual Dinner Dance  
June 25, 2011

Registration cards will be sent out in early May.

### Appetizers

Bean Dip w/Pita Chips

Trail Mix

Baked Sourdough Round with

Artichoke/Cheese Filling

Summer Punch

### Dinner Menu

Sirloin Tips

Cranberry Chicken

Wild Green Salad

Wild and White Rice Pilaf

Savory Bread Pudding

Steamy Wilderness Veggies

Bear Paw Rolls

### Desserts

Upside Down Cake

Berry Tart Variety

**New This Year...  
Lots of Door Prizes!!**



# H.S.C. RENTAL CABIN INFORMATION

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## All Year

The Club cabins are equipped with:

- Two double beds, two blankets per bed and one roll-a-way cot
- Dishes and cooking utensils for 5 persons
- Stove, refrigerator, microwave, cable television and a boat
- Linen and towels will be provided with each cabin rental and on each seventh day of occupancy

Members or guest will be responsible to either clean or provide their own towels and linen at times other than the seven days service time. Linen, towels and blankets abused in an abnormal fashion will be charged to the renting or sponsoring member at the replacement cost rate.

**Checkout time is 10:00 A.M.** Anyone staying after 10:00 A.M. will be charged an extra day.

## Prime Rental Season

Prime Rental Season starts the last full week of June and continues through the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August. During this time:

- Cabins can only be rented in advance by the week. Renters will pay for full time reserved and no refunds given when renters leave before their reserved period is fully used. Cabin cancellations must be received two weeks prior to arrival date otherwise you will be billed for the time reserved. A 50% deposit is required on all reservations during this time. Any cabins left available 2 weeks prior to the arrival date will be available for daily rental.
- **Members** can only reserve cabins one year to the day in advance. Members may only rent 1 cabin each (member and spouse) and **MUST** stay in the cabin that they reserved.
- **Guests** may not reserve cabins during prime season until May 1<sup>st</sup> of the same year
- **CHECK IN TIME WILL BE 4:00 P.M. IF YOU ARRIVE EARLY CHECK WITH THE OFFICE TO SEE IF THE CABIN YOU RESERVED IS AVAILABLE. PLEASE DO NOT ASK THE HOUSEKEEPING STAFF.**
- **DURING COLD WEATHER MONTHS:** When checking out of cabin please do not turn heat any lower than 65 degrees due to pipes freezing. Please do not drive or park snowmobiles in the roped off area due to freezing septic tanks.

## Handicap Cabin

Because cabin 36 is our only handicap accessible cabin, we have applied some special rental policies. They are:

- Cabin 36 will be the last cabin rented so it will be available for handicap members.
- If all other cabins have been filled, the next renter will be placed in cabin 36
- If no one has rented cabin 36 two weeks prior to arrival date cabin 36 will be made available.
- To be considered eligible for handicap status you must have a state handicap driver permit.

# H.S.C. RENTAL CABIN INFORMATION

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## **Pets**

Register your pet(s) at the Club Office if you bring them with you. A charge for each pet will be included in your cabin rental. **PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW PETS ON THE BEDS OR USE THE BLANKETS FOR PET BEDS.**

## **Boats**

Members and guests must bring their own State approved life jackets with them when using Club boats, life jackets will be available at the club office for a rental fee of \$2.00/day or \$6.00/week per life jacket. Members and Guests are expressly prohibited from using Club boats unless each boat occupant has a life jacket meeting state law requirements.

## **Gate Keys**

Gate keys are available at the office for members in good standing only. Purchase of first gate key is \$5.00 and \$10.00 for the second key, third key is \$100.00.

## **Cabin Rates**

Cabin fees are as follows:

- Members rate is \$45.00 a night
- Guest rate is \$65.00 a night
- All renters staying for 7 days will get the 7<sup>th</sup> night free.
- State Use Tax of 6% will be charged on all rentals.

## **Monthly Rental Specials**

- Fall Special – Rent a cottage for the entire month of October for \$600
- Hunters Special – Rent a cottage for the entire month of November for \$800
- Winter Rental Special – Rent a cottage for one month, December through May for \$500.
- (All monthly rentals include weekly cleaning and are based on availability)

## **Off Season Special Event Rates**

- (Off season is anytime except July, first 2 weeks in August, Firearm deer season and Holiday weekends. Activity Building use is based on availability)
- Rent 5 or more cabins for 2 days & get free 2 day use of the Activity Building
- Rent 10 or more cabins for 2 days & get free 2 day use of the Activity Building + member rate on all cabin rentals!

## Hiawatha Nature & Historical Society

# 2011 TENTATIVE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

These programs and activities are for all **HSC members and guests**  
HNHS invites you to come and join in the fun and experience the  
natural beauty, history and stewardship of HSC.

**Mission: “To Preserve and Protect our Heritage”**

**Mon. June 27: HNHS Meeting, 10:00 am Museum Main Room**

Wed., June 29: **Open the HSC Museum & The Naomi Children’s Museum.** We need  
lots of **volunteers**, starting at 9:00 am.

**All Sundays: July 3 – September 4. Museums open for visitors 2:00 – 5:00 pm**

**All Mondays: June 27, Trail maintenance begins and will continue every Monday  
through July.** Being first on the walking trails is to experience the wonder and  
beauty of the club at its best,

**All Tuesdays: July 5 – September 6: Museum open 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

**All Thursdays: June 30 – September 1: Museum open 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

**There will be a few special hikes this summer. Please check weekly bulletins for  
times, dates and types of hikes.**

Wed. July 6: **Evening Program: Evening Program: Steve Rogers**

**Wed. July 13: HNHS Meeting @ Museum, 10:00 am**

Wed. July 13: **Evening Program: CATCHING THE BIG FISH, LESSONS & TIPS**

**Sat. July 16: Pig Roast, need volunteers: 5:30 pm Activities Building**

Wed. July 27: **Meet the Board of Governors, many  
governors will be present in Activities Building**

Wed. Aug 3: **Beach Picnic, HSC Lake Michigan Beach, 5:30, Bring grill meat & dish to pass**

Wed. Aug 10: **Singer/Performer will present a number of folksy tunes for us. (Pentecost)**

Mon. Aug 15: **Check weekly bulletin for hikes.**

Wed. Aug 17: **Corn Roast, NOON**, Pullup Lake, always a great time, bring your appetite and a  
dish to pass.

Mon. Aug 22: **Check weekly bulletin for hikes.**

**Wed. Aug. 31: HNHS Meeting @ Museum 10:00am**

**Wed. Sept 7: Close Museum, lots of volunteers needed at 9:00 am.**

Please be aware that this is a **tentative** schedule. Please be sure to watch for any changes in upcoming  
*Council Fires*, and check for all the details in the summer weekly **Activity Schedule**.

Membership in HNHS is renewable annually. Please rejoin! \$5.00 per family, \$3.00 individual.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

David Pentecost, HNHS President

## **Hiawatha Sportsman's Club Committee on Secondary Memberships**

- Over the last 50 years historical records show that there have been recurring attempts to maintain all memberships as primary.
- Over the last 13 years, Finance Committees and Club Treasurers have been reporting on the increased financial burden to primary dues payers due to the decrease in primary memberships.
- At the July 2010 Board of Governors Meeting, President Dave Waldron appointed a special committee to study the problem of decreasing numbers of Primary memberships, the continuing increase in secondary memberships and ways to improve revenue stream through the membership structure. Members appointed to the committee represented a diverse cross section of property owners.

### **History of Secondary Dues Structure**

- 1931 dues were \$10.00/ 1200 members. All memberships were billed equally.
- 1965 Secondary dues structure is created with Primary dues at \$40 and all in excess of the first, \$25 as long as the membership was purchase before June 29<sup>th</sup> 1963 and retained by the owner. Dues were to be returned to primary if transferred.
- 1972 The June 29<sup>th</sup> 1963 restriction on continuous ownership of lots for secondary membership discount is removed and ALL additional memberships over and above the first receive the discounted rate of \$35. This amounted to **70%** of the Primary dues which were \$50.
- July 1, 1978 Assessments implemented. Primary dues were voted as follows:
  - Primary membership will be \$55.00 per year plus an equal assessment (in the amount of \$46.66) to each member of one portion of taxes and insurance; that the dues for a secondary membership be \$42.00 with no assessment (**41%** of Primary obligation)
- In 2010, a secondary membership pays **11%** of the financial obligation of a primary membership. ( dues and assessments)

### **Why is there an issue regarding Secondary Memberships?**

In 1995 there were **1,261** primary memberships and **447** secondary memberships

Currently, Hiawatha has **1,151** primary memberships and **568** secondary memberships. Since 1995 the Club has lost 110 primaries and seen an increase of 121 secondary memberships.

In 2010 our assessment to members for taxes and insurance was \$ 379

If we still had **1,261** members as in 1995, the assessment would have been reduced by \$31 per member

By increasing Primary memberships, the financial burden of maintaining the Hiawatha Club is distributed across a wider base thus reducing the cost to all members.

### **How do we encourage the ownership of Primary Memberships?**

1. Increase the value of secondary memberships and promote conversion of secondary memberships to primary, thus increasing the Club's revenue stream.
2. Promote Hiawatha Club Properties to increase the value of Club lots and encourage prospective members to purchase property on the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club.
3. Offer incentives that would motivate members, currently holding secondary memberships, to convert those memberships to primary memberships.

## Proposal to amend Secondary Dues Structure

- The HSC Board of Governors recognizes the need to create a membership structure which will stop the decline of Primary memberships and increase the stream of membership revenue.
- Primary membership is not affected. Primary memberships will remain as billed for 2011 @ \$273.00 until such time as they may be changed by a membership vote at the annual meeting. All primary memberships shall pay the equalized amount of assessments for taxes and insurance.
- Any member owning one secondary membership shall see those dues remain at the current \$82.00 rate until such time as a dues rate may be changed by membership vote at the annual meeting.
- The dues on each secondary membership in excess of one, contiguous or non-contiguous, shall be raised to 50% of primary dues the first year [2012] and returned to 100% of primary dues the second year [2013].
- No member shall be billed for assessments on any secondary membership.

## Benefit to Club

**\*Members currently holding three or more memberships**

Members	First Year	Second Year
01/10 memberships		
01/9 memberships	Currently	
03/7 memberships	\$82.00 x 392* = <b>\$32,144.00</b>	<b>\$32,144.00</b>
10/6 memberships		
02/5 memberships	With Proposal One	
39/4 memberships	\$82.00 x 149* +	\$82.00 x 149* +
<u>95/3 memberships</u>	<u>\$136.00 x 243* = <b>\$45,266.00</b></u>	<u>\$273.00 x 243* = <b>\$78,557.00</b></u>

## Cost to members

**Actual dues billing provided there is no dues or assessment change.**

<u>Memberships</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
One	\$617	\$617	\$617
Two	\$699	\$699	\$699
Three	\$781	\$835	\$972
Four	\$863	\$971	\$1245
Five	\$945	\$1107	\$1518
Six	\$1027	\$1243	\$1791
Seven	\$1109	\$1379	\$2064
Eight	\$1191	\$1515	\$2337
Nine	\$1273	\$1651	\$2610
Ten	\$1355	\$1787 (+432)	\$2883 (+1528)

**Please keep a look out for your Ballot!**



# SUMMARY

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

### JANUARY 15, 2011

**PRESIDENT WALDRON** –Called the Meeting to Order at 9:00 a.m. Appointed Ann Elms as Parliamentarian for the January 15, 2011 Meeting.

**PRESIDENT WALDRON** - Administered the Oath of Office to Governor Jim Rutledge.

**GOVERNOR SCHANSKI** – Called the Roll.

**Governor Present** – Brodberg, Darling, Evans, Hopper, MacFarland, McElroy, Middleton, Pentecost, Rutledge, Schanski, Waldron, and Wileman. All present.

**GOVERNOR HOPPER** - I **move** to accept the October 16, 2010 Minutes as printed.

**GOVERNOR MIDDLETON** – **Second**, all in favor, **motion passed**.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**GOVERNOR MacFARLAND** - I **move** that the attached bylaws language to implement Proposal One of the Hiawatha Sportsman’s Club Committee on Secondary Memberships listed below, be submitted to the Bylaws Committee for review. Upon endorsement of proposed language the amendment shall be submitted to the membership for approval. A mail ballot will be sent no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. The proposal must be returned to the Club office postmarked no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Ballots will be counted by the Election Committee no later than April 15, 2011.

**GOVERNOR SCHANSKI** – **Second**, all in favor, **motion passed**

**GOVERNOR SCHANSKI** – Motion on Proposal 2; Marketing Plan.

I **move** the Board of Governors accept recommendations brought forth in Proposal 2 and for those ideas to be taken to appropriate committees for implementation.

**GOVERNOR PENTECOST** – **Second**, all in favor, **motion passed**.

**GOVERNOR SCHANSKI** – Motion on Proposal 3; Incentive for conversion of secondary memberships to primary memberships and/or promoting HSC to acquire new members.

I **move** that the HSC Board of Governors accept Proposal 3 and that Proposal 3 be accepted and sent out for further committee study on the suggestions that were put forth in Proposal 3 as well as new ideas which may come from the Board.

**GOVERNOR MacFARLAND** – **Second**, all in favor, **motion passed**.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**GOVERNOR SCHANSKI** – I **move** to discontinue the current new member policy that prohibits sponsoring of perspective new members for one or two years.

**GOVERNOR PENTECOST** – **Second**, all in favor **motion passed**.

**GOVERNOR SCHANSKI** – I **move** to eliminate the current policy of limiting Club members to a six sponsorship rule in the lifetime of their membership.

**GOVERNOR McELROY** – **Second**, all in favor, **motion passed**.

**GOVERNOR EVANS** – I **move** to establish a committee/ team of past HSC presidents, who volunteer, for the purpose of sponsoring (on an individual basis) perspective members(s) void of sponsorship opportunity. The perspective member and sponsor would still be obligated to proceed through all aspects of the Membership process as outlined by Club policy/by-laws.

**GOVERNOR MIDDLETON** – **Second**, all in favor, **motion passed**.

**GOVERNOR BRODBERG** – Another proposal that is currently being considered through the By-Laws committee and will be brought to the HSC Board for review and approval for membership vote:

I **move** to discontinue the three personal reference letters currently required for membership application. Upon rulings from By-Laws Committee and after review and approval of the HSC Board of Governors this proposal would require a membership vote. **If adopted**, the above By-Laws change would create a policy change: Replace the three personal reference letters with data sources that provide more substantial information such as a State of Michigan background check on driving record, and a financial credit check. Currently the only background checks conducted by HSC on perspective members are State of Michigan Criminal Background check and a DNRE Violation Record check.

**NOTE:** The reasons prompting these changes:

- The three letters of personal reference have proven to be the source that impedes the length of the membership process most.

**GOVERNOR McELROY** - **Second**, all in favor, **motion passed**.

**GOVERNOR BRODBERG** – I **move** that the Board of Governors adopt the 2011 Capital Plan of \$113,500 as presented by the finance committee.

**GOVERNOR HOPPER** – **Second** all in favor, **motion passed**.

**GOVERNOR DARLING – I move** to replace the roofs on the 4<sup>th</sup> Group of rental cabins not to exceed \$23,000.00, with John Matchinski doing the job.

**GOVERNOR HOPPER – Second** , all in favor, **motion passed.**

**GOVERNOR PENTECOST – I move** to replace the Pick-up Truck not to exceed \$25,000.00.

**GOVERNOR MIDDLETON – Second**, all in favor, **motion passed.**

**GOVERNOR DARLING – I move** to replace the Greens Mower for \$26,000.00.

**GOVERNOR HOPPER – Second**, all in favor, **motion passed.**

**GOVERNOR MIDDLETON – I move** that we alter the present club practice of paying member’s real property taxes which are or which will be delinquent to include the automatic recording of a lien with the Register of Deeds. The action would be consistent with the language of By-Laws Article XIX, Section 1.

**GOVERNOR McELROY – Second**, all in favor, **motion passed.**

**GOVERNOR RUTLEDGE –I move** to support Dale Moore, the Engadine High School Science teacher with a \$200.00 donation for the Environmental Science Program.

**GOVERNOR HOPPER – Second**, all in favor, **motion passed.**

**GOVERNOR RUTLEDGE – I move** that the airport storage area be changed from its current status to a fee based storage area, \$120.00 per year, with larger storage area’s marked and maintained by the Club.

**GOVERNOR McELROY – Second**

**Governors in favor**, Brodberg, Darling, Evans, Hopper, MacFarland, McElroy, Middleton, Rutledge, Scanski, Wileman.

**Governor Absained – Pentecost, motion carried.**

**GOVERNOR RUTLEDGE – I move** that the campground fee be changed from the current \$7.00 per night members and \$12.00 per night guests, to \$5.00 per night member or guest, \$25.00 per week member or guest and \$50.00 per month member only. Further that the Rustic Cabins be changed from current rate of \$25.00 per night to \$10.00 per night member or guest and \$50.00 per week for members.

**GOVERNOR McELROY – Second**, all in favor, **motion passed.**

**GOVERNOR DARLING – I move** that the Hiawatha Sportsman’s Club apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development Council to engage in a spotted knapweed education, control and identification program where the UPRC&DC would fund signage materials and the HSC would install and maintain the signage, observation site and control of the weed on the North side of H-40 from Naubinway road to Powers Street for a period of not less than 5 years

**GOVERNOR RUTLEDGE – Second** all in favor, **motion passed.**

**GOVERNOR MACFARLAND – moved** to adjourn

**GOVERNOR HOPPER – Second**, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 1:25p.m.

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#### AD-HOC COMMITTEE-MILLECOQUIN LK WATERSHED

The Club has a very good chance of getting walleyes planted in Millecoquins Lake this summer. The Department of Natural Resources has begun gearing up to return hatchery production of walleyes to historic levels. Since 2006, the DNR has cut back on most of its walleye rearing activities because of the presence of VHS in the brood-stock waters. Now, after several years of testing, a technique has been found to disinfect walleye eggs and prevent spreading VHS. As a result, the DNR will now resume large-scale rearing and stocking of walleyes. The DNR expects it to take two years to return to full production of walleye fry. A number of the rearing ponds, which have been idled for the last several years, are in need of maintenance before they can be brought back on line for production. Nonetheless, the DNR expects to produce at least 80 percent of the total capacity for walleye fry in 2011 and be back to full production in 2012. Many Club members contacted our DNR fish biologist, Darren Kramer, and he said if things go well at the rearing ponds Millecoquins Lake could get as many as 35,000 walleye fingerlings this year. The more Club members that contact

Mr. Kramer requesting walleye plants and thanking him for his effort, the better chance we have of getting these plants. His number is (906) 786-2351, ext. 128. Remember, please make that call!

Respectfully Submitted--

John MacFarland, Jim Wileman, & Jim Hayes Co-Chairmen

#### AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

Our committee has dealt with two issues since the October 2010 Board Meeting.

The first issue deals with language in Article XXVII, Sec. 2 of Club By-Laws that deals with the issuance of a building permit. This matter has also been reviewed by the Building, House & Grounds Committee. It was the recommendation of the Building, House & Grounds Committee to the By-Law Committee to omit Sec. 2 and include appropriate language in the Club Building Rules and Regulations.

Upon review of Article XXVII, the By-Law Committee

tables this matter for further study. Member, Governor Ed Middleton and Manager Lester Livermore will examine this lengthy Article XXVII for the purpose of determining which sections of Article XXVII should remain in the By-Laws and which sections should be included in Club Rules and Regulations.

Our aim is to bring a recommendation to the April 2011 Board Meeting for their approval and then send to the membership for their approval.

Our second issue deals with Article 1. Membership: Sec. 5.

The Membership Committee has been reviewing the entire membership process. As chairman of the By-Law Committee, I would refer the Board of Governors to the Membership Committee report for this January 15, 2011 meeting for details.

One of the Membership Committee's proposals was directed to the By-Law Committee, Article 2, Sec. 5.

**Currently, Article 1, Sec 5, reads as follows:**

"All applications for membership shall be made on a form approved by the Membership Committee, which shall be executed and signed by the applicant. The applicant must be recommended (sponsored) by a member in good standing and furnish at least three reputable references or only two references if they are club members in good standing."

After discussion, the By-Law committee brings to the Board of Governors the following amendment for their approval and subsequent submission to the membership for their approval.

**Amended Article 1, Sec. 5., would read as follows:**

"All applicants for membership shall be made on a form approved by the Membership Committee, which shall be executed and signed by the applicant. The applicant must be recommended (sponsored) in writing by a member in good standing. All applicants shall be subject to multiple background checks."

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean Brodberg, Chairman

ART REPORT

**ART CLUB ACTIVITIES UPDATE 2011 OFFICERS 2011**

President: Francie Dittrich  
Vice President: Jim Hayes  
Treasurer: Kay Graham  
Secretary: Tay MacMeekin  
Corresponding Secretary: Barb Hobbs  
Librarian: Ivan Darling

**BUSINESS MEETINGS 2011**

Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Review summer needs  
Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – Art show duties etc.  
Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – Finalize Art Show  
Tuesday, August ? – Wrap-up activities and plans for 2012;

Art show verbal report due: Last Meeting.

All meetings are held at Paintin' Place from 9 a.m. until done. Additional meetings regarding Art Show can be called by your art chairs at any time. All is subject to change.

**HELGA FLOWER Water Color 4 Day Workshop:** Special Note: due to other H.S.C. Activities this workshop is scheduled to start on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> which is also Fathers Day and run through Wednesday, June 22. For registration update: Contact Marlene Beck at marpia2846@gmail.com.

**ART CLASSES 2011:**

Will be conducted by Debra Weldon and will run every Thursday starting June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 21<sup>st</sup>. Please note: This is a different time frame for 2011. For more in-depth information see council fire Ad/Article "H.S.C. Art Classes Summer 2011".

**ART SHOW 2011:**

Will be chaired by Tay MacMeekin and Vi Wash. Your Featured Artist is Gen Cousineau; see article in council fire to learn more: The dates are Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> for setup/registration; Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> for SHOW TIME.

For more information or questions in general: Contact Francie Dittrich, 517-339-9671.

As always in conclusion thank you office staff, Lester and your our Board of Governors for your continued support

Faithfully submitted,  
Francie Dittrich,  
Art Club President

## BUILDING, HOUSE & GROUNDS REPORT

The Building House and Grounds Committee has been busy dealing with a variety of projects of concern to members.

### **Old Maintenance Barn**

The repair and upgrade of the old maintenance barn located behind the Paintin Place was put on hold. The committee is waiting for a firm price on removal of bat dung from the building. The committee feels that this health hazard has to be removed before moving forward with the project.

### **Cabin Reservation Policy**

Manager Livermore has produced a formal written procedure for cabin rental and reservations. The committee reviewed and endorsed this document. This does not mean that there are wholesale changes in procedure but is rather an attempt to communicate in a formal manner, what our procedures are. This will insure that members have the first chance at cabin vacancies and outline's the procedures for guest reservations. This document is in the governor's packet and is available at today's meeting and will be published in the Council Fire.

### **Campground Fees**

Campground fees were raised several years ago and since that time usage has slipped dramatically.

The committee suggests reducing rates might encourage use of the campground. The suggested fee structure is as follows:

\$5.00 per night member or guest.

\$25.00 per week member or guest

\$50.00 per month member only

(Current rate is \$7.00 for members and \$12.00 for guests per night.)

Rustic Cabins current rate is \$25.00 per night. Suggested change to \$10.00 per

Night for members and guests and \$50.00 per week for members.

I will introduce a motion for this change under new business.

### **Airport Storage**

Manager Livermore has suggested that we change the procedures for the storage areas at the airport. He suggested that the storage areas be enlarged, cleaned up and a \$120 per year use fee be charged. I will introduce a motion to that effect later under new business.

### **Dishwasher for Activity Building**

Manager Livermore investigated the price of installing a commercial grade dishwasher in the Activity Building at this committee's request.

The committee felt that the price of \$10,000 plus \$5,000 for installation was not appropriate at this time. The issue was tabled.

### **Road Repairs**

The Committee asked manager Livermore to investigate prices and methods to best address the deteriorating condition of our paved roads that were not resurfaced in the last round seven years ago.

In addition to the above mentioned projects the committee is also working on the following issues:

Road encroachment

Roof replacement group 4

Tree removal on West River Rd.

Upgrades to the Rec Building

Cabin surveys

Cold Creek Pond Dam

Foot bridge over the upper river

Bylaw language re: Storage Buildings

### **Restrictions on ORV's**

I would like to finish this report by sharing with you the most common complaint referred to this committee and to office personnel.

These complaints involve the unauthorized, illegal, unsafe, and destructive use of ORV's. Large clubs in the lower peninsula such as, Canada Creek, Mid Forest Lodge and others have dealt with this problem by banning or severely limiting use. As an ORV user I personally hope that this popular and fun activity can continue as is. I urge all users to police your own activities those of your children and the guests you are responsible for.

The most common complaints received are: youngsters unsupervised, riding off trail or using unauthorized trails, high speed in residential areas and driving around gates. The club rules are really quite simple, obtain a trail map from the office and use only those trails. Access to hundreds of miles of state trails can be obtained by exiting the Club through the gates on east B and east S Trail. Also the pipeline area west of the river and south of H40 is used for more aggressive riding. I am urging all ORV users to join me in preserving our sport by policing ourselves and reporting abusers if we see them.

Thank you,

Jim Rutledge, Chairman

Building, House and Grounds Committee

CIVIC AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

NOT TOO MUCH TO REPORT

EINO SANYO HAS REGRETFULLY PASSED AWAY. IF YOU NEED ANY SURVEYING WORK DONE, ESPECIALLY FOR FLOOD INSURANCE, PLEASE CONTACT LARRY ROGERS AT 906-635-3056.

WHEN YOU ARE PUTTING AWAY YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND GOING THROUGH YOUR CLOSETS, PLEASE REMEMBER THE ENGADINE PANTRY. THEY CAN USE YOUR DONATIONS.

REMEMBER, SENIOR CITIZEN DINNERS ARE HELD EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT THE TOWN HALL IN ENGADINE AT NOON. COST FOR SENIORS IS ONLY \$2.50.

PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN BOARD AND THE ADVISOR FOR NOTICES OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS.

FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> AND 19<sup>TH</sup> ANTIQUE SNOWMOBILE FESTIVAL

JULY 24, 2011  
HERITAGES DAYS IN ENGADINE

HAVE A SAFE SNOWMOBILING SEASON!

Linda Bennett, Chairperson

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Hiawatha Sportsman's Club  
Capital Plan 2011**

ITEMS	2011
Golf Utility Vehicle	
Golf Cart Replacement	\$7,000
Roof Replacement *	\$29,000
00 Dodge Plow Truck	\$25,000
HSC Identification Signs	\$12,000
Out House @ Cold Creek	\$3,500
Greens Mower	\$27,000
Craftsman's Building	\$5,000
Miscellaneous Capital	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$113,500</b>

\* 2011 Roof Replacement of 4th Group of Cabins

Following is a summary of Financial information as of December 31, 2010.

<b>Revenues:</b>	<b>2010 Actual</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>
Cottages	\$159,705	\$167,000
Golf Cs. Fees	98,279	110,000
Golf Cs. Resale	41,831	35,000
Dues	738,070	741,400
Timber	171,750	150,000
Interest	29,222	32,000
Other	<u>49,430</u>	<u>34,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,288,286</b>	<b>\$1,269,400</b>

<b>Expenses:</b>		
Cottages	\$149,394	\$148,216
Golf	198,047	187,706
Fish & Game	49,825	87,880
Recreation	19,492	24,524
General Property		
Maint	164,818	187,224
Administration	591,790	653,432
Other	<u>4,640</u>	<u>488</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,178,006</b>	<b>\$1,289,470</b>

As you can see from the above numbers, 2010 Revenue was below budget by \$18,886. While cottages, golf course sales, dues and interest were below budget, all other revenues exceeded budget predictions.

In the expense area, Fish & Game, Recreation, General Property Maintenance and Administration were all below budget which cottages and golf exceeded budget.

In the expense area it is important to note that overall expenses for 2010 were \$111,464 below budget predictions. Credit is due here to Manager Livermore and various committees for carefully planning and monitoring the expenses of our club.

**Investment Status**

Cash and investments stand at \$906,308 as of December 31, 2010.

Our Reserve of Contingences and Memorial Fund Accounts total \$666,159; therefore they are properly supported by our cash and investments.

**Tax Incentives For Historic Buildings**

There are Michigan Tax Credits available for owners of Historic properties. Committee will work with our auditors to determine if the Club has historic buildings that will qualify for these credits.

**2010 Capital Plan**

No change since our September 30, 2010 report. We stand at

\$49,189 spent for year 2010.

## MANAGER'S REPORT

### **2011 Capital Plan**

At a meeting held on January 7, 2011, the Finance Committee approved a 2011 Capital Plan of \$113,500. Under New Business at the January 15, 2011 Board of Governors meeting, I will bring a motion to the Board to adopt the 2011 Capital Plan.

The Finance Committee continues to monitor the long term equipment replacement schedule. This is an important document in that it allows us a long term view of depreciation items. It acts as a guideline to replacement of equipment and so that we can maintain a proper level of depreciation.

My appreciation to Manager Livermore for his support and assistance this past year; to Annette for maintaining our office accounting records and her cooperation to me as Treasurer; to Yvonne and Sue for their frequent assistance whenever needed; and to committee members, Charlie Wilson, Kevin Evans, Dave Waldron and Loyal Eldridge for their work in 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean Brodberg, Chairman

## GOLF COMMITTEE REPORT

It seems strange to be talking about golf in Michigan during January. However, it is never too soon to start dreaming about our perfect par scores, new equipment, holes to master or aero-dynamic golf balls that cost more than a golf club did 50 year ago. It has been told that some of our club members received the Wii golf game and are already practicing this simulation in their living rooms. Maybe we need to get this game for the recreation building and we can rotate nights with the archery pros.

We, the committee, hope all of you are keeping physically and mentally fit. Let's have a great winter and enjoy our family and friends. See you on the course as soon as the snow melts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike McElroy, Chairperson

Board of Governors,

This past Firearm Deer Season was very disappointing. With only 13 bucks harvested, we set a new record low the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club. Two bad winters back to back in 2008, 2009 and an ever present predator population have reduced the deer herd below socially acceptable levels for the last two years. Cabin rentals were also at an all time low with the number of members hunting deer this past year estimated at less than 175. This is down almost 100 hunters from just a few years ago. This is an alarming trend that we are very actively looking for a remedy. Unfortunately, much of the previously identified problems are beyond our control. Strong timber habitat management, food plots and promotion of predator hunting on HSC is our best options for turning this alarming trend around. A mild winter in 2010 should help the herd rebound.

This past fall I had a Club member come and tell me about a large body of water, just South East of Pullup Lake that had been created by beavers. After looking at satellite photos, it appeared that this lake was nearly the size of Pullup and had in the past flowed into Pullup. We went up and looked at it and I was amazed at the size of it. After discussions with Appropriate Governors, we decided to remove the dam in hopes to increase the water flow to Pullup. Prior to working on the dams, we placed a metal post at the water's edge of the lake so we could monitor the lakes levels and then, went up with a tractor and used the loader bucket gradually remove the two dams that had been holding the water back. The water flowed in large volumes for about a week and brought the level of Pullup up about 12 inches. Once the water had slowed and the natural flow was all that was left, Pullup ceased to rise. Our hope is that the increased watershed area will provide additional spring runoffs to Pullup Lake and restore this fishery for our members to once again enjoy. We will continue to monitor the lake levels and the dam to see what the long term effect will be on this very important asset.

We got a jump on the cabin repair season this December and have replaced the flooring and ceilings in 15 and are working on cabin 14. The floors in these two cabins were badly cut up and in dire need. We have tried something new this year. Instead of vinyl flooring, we are installing laminate wood flooring. This relatively new product provides a harder more durable surface than vinyl and gives the cabin a warm, wood floor look. It is also less expensive and easier to install. We will monitor these two floors over the next couple years to see how they hold up but hopefully this will be a product that we can use for all our floor covering needs in the future. After finishing up cabin 14, we will be going to the 4<sup>th</sup> group of cabins to continue insulating and replacing

ceilings to help reduce the temperature of the cabins during summer months.

On the proposed capital budget, we have included the replacement of the roofs on the fourth group of cabins. These roofs have been in very rough shape for some time but we had been holding off replacing them in case the House and Grounds Committee came forth with a proposal to replace them. This past November, we had a wind storm that made the decision for us. Several cabins had shingles removed by the wind and one cabin had enough peeled off that it would leak in a rain storm. Therefore, I will be asking the board to authorize me to reward a contract to reroof the 4<sup>th</sup> group of cabins under new business.

Also in the capital budget proposal, we have included funds to replace the greens mower at the golf course. Some years back we put together a replacement schedule so that we would have a good plan that would keep our equipment up to date and reduce maintenance and repair cost. The replacement of the greens mower is scheduled for every 5 years. We actually have three units that are nearly identical, the greens mower, tee box mower and the verticuter with the only difference in the three being the cutting units that are attached to the mower arms. All three of these units are needed and are used to perform operations on the course regularly. Therefore, when we replace the greens mower, the old greens mower will become the tee box mower and the old tee box mower will be changed over to replace the verticuter unit. This gives us a reliable greens mower and effectively, a 15 year life on the units. I will be requesting the board authorize the replacement of the greens mower under new business.

Last but not least, I will be requesting the board allow me to shop and purchase a used truck to replace the 2000 ¾ ton dodge. This truck has served its useful life and has given us trouble with the transmission on several occasions. Twice we have had to replace the transmission completely. I would like to have the Board give me permission to shop the used truck market to replace this vehicle with one that has a reasonable amount of miles on it and that has the appropriate towing package already in place. The truck currently has a plow on it but I may not purchase a plow depending on how much I spend on the truck. We currently have two reliable plow trucks and we could access if we even need to purchase an additional plow for next winter.

Overall, we have had a good year with very few mishaps and I am looking forward to another in 2011.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lester Livermore, Manager

## GAME & FOWL REPORT

- This fall's hunting season turned out to be a dismal report with only 13 deer and one coyote taken all season. Our hunter reports reflect we have nearly as many wolf sightings as deer. That may be somewhat of a stretch but comparatively true. The one bright spot, if you can call it that is the coyote population on the Club is way down. It is most likely because of the wolves. The DNRE's prediction of a rebound in deer population because of last year's mild winter didn't happen. With the deer herd's small numbers it appears weather is no longer the controlling factor. The number of surviving fawns is also way down. We did however take 4 black bear.

- We had three awards given out so far for this season's hunt for either a week's cabin rental or a \$200.00 gift certificate at Cabela's. They were awarded to Dale Burgess for submittal of his hunting observation card, Dennis Goerke for deer check in, and Ed Wilcox for the taking of a coyote. Thanks fellows and we hope you enjoy.

- Winter has been fickle again this year with plenty of snow in late November and most of December. Snowmobiling on the Club was pretty good. Then December 30<sup>th</sup> it started to melt and New Years Eve it rained and it rained. On the first day of 2011 we had green grass. It may be of some help for what deer we have but the ice fishermen, skiers, snowmobilers, and dog sled racers were none too happy. Don't worry, by New Year's night it had refrozen and it is snowing again. For those of you that require good ice or snow on the trails you might want to think about calling the Club office or one of your board members who live here just before you head out this winter. I am sure you won't be disappointed!

Respectfully,  
Ivan Darling, Co-Chairman

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Membership Committee met on Monday, November 22, 2010. Members in attendance: Chairman Teresa Schanski, Co-chair Kevin Evans, Bruce Gustafson, Dean Brodberg, Pres. Dave Waldron, and Manager Livermore. Members absent: Ed Middleton, Jim Rutledge, Mike McElroy.

The purpose of this meeting was to review current processes and policy regarding perspective and newly accepted members.

Several proposals came out of this meeting and will be brought before the HSC Board of Governor's at the January 2011 Board Meeting for their review and approval. These proposals would all be policy changes:

A proposed change to discontinue the current new member policy that prohibits sponsoring perspective new members for two years.

A proposed change to discontinue the current policy of limiting club members to a six sponsorship rule in the lifetime of their membership.

A proposal to establish a committee/team of members [Could be past presidents of the Club] for the purpose of sponsoring [on an individual basis] perspective member(s) that have had no prior connection with any current member of the Club [void of sponsorship opportunity]. An interview would be held between the perspective sponsor and perspective member before sponsorship is granted. The perspective member and identified sponsor would then be obligated to proceed through all aspects of the Membership process as outlined by Club policy/by-laws.

Another proposal that is currently being considered through the By-Laws committee and will be brought to the HSC Board for review and approval for membership vote: Discontinue the three personal reference letters currently required for membership application. Upon rulings from By-Laws Committee and after review and approval of the HSC Board of Governors this proposal would require a membership vote.

**If adopted**, the above By-Laws change would create a policy change: Replace the three personal reference letters with data sources that provide more substantial information such as a State of Michigan background check on driving record, and a financial credit check. Currently the only background checks conducted by HSC on perspective members are State of Michigan Criminal Background check and a DNRE Violation Record check.

NOTE: The reasons prompting these changes: The three letters of personal reference have proven to be the source that impedes the length of the membership process most.

The information obtained from these three letters of personal references rarely present any information that provides the Membership Committee with hard data that would support more intensive consideration of perspective members. Sponsors are required for all HSC perspective members. A letter of personal reference is required as part of the sponsor's obligation for any HSC New Member Application. These requirements would not change.

Transfers completed in 2010	66
Transfers in process 2011	19
Total Dues and CF billed for 2011	
	\$758,386.50
Delinquent Dues, CF & Penalty 2010	
	\$15,231.00
Delinquent Members up for repossession	
	26
Total Memberships	
	1719
1 <sup>st</sup> Tier	784
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier	213
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tier	722
Total Members	
	1149
Jr. Memberships	
	21
(included in total members)	
Single Membership	
	806
Two Memberships	
	180
Three Memberships	
	83
Four Memberships	
	40
Five Memberships	
	4
Six Memberships	
	8
Seven Memberships	
	4
Eight Memberships	
	1
Nine Memberships	
	1
Ten Memberships	
	1

Respectfully Submitted  
Teresa Schanski, Chair

#### NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT

Annual harvest and habitat improvement 2010: 352 acres  
Select cut 14 acres  
Modified clear cut 338 acres

In 2010 your committee stayed focused on our aggressive catch up program for Aspen. This aggressive program will continue in 2011. Our goal has been and continues to be too harvest the older Aspen stands. The regeneration we are seeing is proof that what we are doing is helping to improve the habitat of our club.

2010 brought a couple of new opportunities for your committee. In July Jerry Grossman was one of the guest speakers at the museum. He shared with the audience the policies and practices that have been put in place to help improve our clubs habitat. John MacFarland gave us this opportunity.

In August Todd Miller put on a similar presentation at the annual corn roast. Steve Rogers gave us this opportunity. Thank you to both for allowing us the time to help share information with our members.

Oak Plantings: On November 06, 2010 under the leadership of Dan Crandall, John MacFarland, Fred Miller, Dan Proctor and I moved just over 100 Oak trees. This program is aimed at developing a mast crop for our wildlife. Thank you to Lester and his crew for having the trucks fueled up and shovels on board. Thank you all for helping and Dan thank you again for heading up this project.

Jim Rutledge suggested we look at planting some Hawthorn, Crab Apples and Mountain Ash. That recommendation was presented to the Fish Game and Fowl committee. The recommendation has been approved and we look forward to planting this spring. Jerry is looking for some good locations. We will be looking for volunteers to help.

Carbon Credits: We are still in a wait and see mode as the government continues to push for their cap and trade program. If the market does turn around we do have credits for sale.

At this time we do have two crews working on the club.

For our members that would like to come and observe our meetings in 2011 they will be held the second Thursday in March, June, September and December at 9:00 a.m. at the club office.

For information about our policies please visit our web site. You will find a great deal of information.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Keith O. Hopper  
Chairman Natural Resources Committee

#### PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2011 Annual Dinner Dance, "On the Wild Side – HSC Style" will be held the evening of June 25, 2011, following the annual meeting. A delicious banquet meal is being planned for this event. The committee has lots of wild ideas assuring that everyone will have a wild time! New this year will be presentation of door prizes throughout the evening. It's not too early to begin thinking about the wild attire that your will wear. Our wild music will be presented by the band Black Pearl.

We would like to ask anyone who has a stuffed wild animal (real or fake), large or small, that we can borrow for this event, please contact me. We promise we will take good care of it and return it safely.

Thank you to everyone for your support. We are looking forward to another great time at our club "On the Wild Side".

Janet Waldron, Program Chair

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

As a committee we have not met since the October 16, 2010 Board of Governors Meeting.

However, on December 29, 2010 I sent a memo to the Board of Governors reminding them of the three-prong proposal presented by our committee at the October meeting. The proposals deal with the decline of primary memberships.

My memo to the Board was to encourage my fellow Governors to study the proposals, ask questions and be prepared to act on the proposals. The Power Point Presentation at the October Meeting provided detail information on the background of our committee efforts along with additional comments on each proposal. Material from the power point presentation was included in my memo to the Board on December 29, 2010.

Once again, here are the three proposals:

##### **PROPOSAL ONE**

Our recommendation is that the HSC Board of Governors recognizes the need to create a membership structure which will stop the decline of Primary memberships and increase the stream of membership revenue.

##### **PROPOSAL TWO**

Our recommendation is that the HSC Board of Governor's recognize the need to vigorously promote membership in the HSC, by assuring that appropriate committee's be assigned to address the following marketing areas. Committee chairs will be vital in seeing that any recommendation from the board for committee study will be accomplished in a timely manner.

##### **PROPOSAL THREE**

Our recommendation is that the HSC Board of Governors recognize the need to provide incentives that will motivate members holding secondary memberships to convert these memberships to Primary. Committee chairs will be vital in seeing that any recommendation from the board for committee study will be accomplished in a timely manner.

On behalf of our committee, I urge the Board to act on these proposals and to move them forward for implementation.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean Brodberg, Chairman

#### TAX, LEGAL & AUDIT REPORT

##### **TAX:**

Winter Property Taxes were assessed at \$125,555.00, the overwhelming majority which goes to Garfield Township. These taxes will be timely paid.

This year's taxes are approximately \$4,000.00 less than last year.

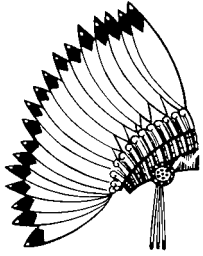
##### **LEGAL:**

No report

##### **AUDIT:**

No report

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Middleton, Chairman



# HIAWATHA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

## Candidates for 2011 Board of Governors Election



### **JON CHURCH**

Fellow Hiawatha Sportsman's Club members:

My name is Jon church and I am running for the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club Board of Governors. I have been coming to the Club my whole life. My father has been a club member for nearly 60 years, my grandfather was a member for over 40 years, and I have been a member since 1988.

My wife, Laurie, and I purchased a home on Millecoquin Lake in 2006 and hope to retire here someday, economy willing. We own and operate a small mechanical contracting firm as well as Laurie being a full time Speech Therapist. We have 2 boys, 16 and 14 who both love the club and all it has to offer. Our whole family spends countless hours; trail riding, walking, kayaking, hunting, and fishing.

This club is rich in tradition. Generations of families have enjoyed the same outdoor experiences, while everything outside the Club keeps changing. As an example of this, my boys and I hunt and fish with the grandchildren and great grandchildren of my dad and grandfathers hunting partners. I don't want these types of traditions to change.

I want the club to remain a sportsperson club keeping with traditions, but willing to intelligently consider changes that will better the club for everyone. Generations of good, sound stewardship have allowed this Club to survive and provide the opportunities that we ALL have today at a reasonable cost. I want to help make decisions that make our traditions sustainable now and for future generations.

My telephone number is (517) 449-0848 and I am available to discuss my application for this post. Thank you for your consideration.



### **THEODORE J. MAIER**

My name is Theodore J. Maier (Ted). I have been a member of Hiawatha Club since 1986. This is the second time that I am seeking election as a governor of Hiawatha Club. I was a self-employed accountant for 20 years before becoming a self-employed caterer, retiring in 2003. I am an active member of St. Thecla Catholic Church, serving on the Parish Council and on the Christian Service Commission, I also serve as the contributions reconciliation and posting coordinator, the kitchen sanitation manager, and cook for various parish functions. I also do volunteer work at St. Clement Catholic Church in Centerline, MI. In addition, I am a member of the VFW and a disabled veteran of the USAF. My wife Ann and I try to split our time between our home in Clinton Township, Michigan and our home on Lake Millecoquin.

In the last 83 years our club has grown and flourished. We were able to do this because of the service of the governors and the incredible volunteer efforts of many members. I would be honored to serve and carry on their proud tradition. I have no personal agenda to pursue and I do not represent any special interest group within the club. My sole goal is to keep the Hiawatha Club a financially viable organization that provides its members with the best value for their investment, annual dues and assessments dollars. We all need to work together for the advancement of good sportsmanship and the betterment and sustainability of our club.

If you have any question or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone at (586)484-4518 or by email at maier48036@yahoo.com.



### **STEVEN L. ROGERS**

I grew up in the small town of Wellston near the Big Manistee River. My parents owned a hardware/sporting goods store where I learned responsibility as well as working with the public. I received my B.S. from N.M.U. in 1975 in Math and also earned a M.A from C.M.U. in 1994 in History. I taught fifth grade and also coached football, basketball, and was the downhill ski director. Additionally, I worked for the Michigan D.N.R. as a park officer at Interlochen State Park for 29 years.

I belong to Faith covenant Church and am a board member on Manistee County Habitat for Humanity. Also, I'm currently President of the Manistee County Library Board and belong to the Spirit of the Woods Conservation Club.

My wife, Linda, and I relish our time at Hiawatha, whether its blueberry picking, golfing, hunting, fishing, visiting friends, spending time at the museum, or just taking a pontoon ride around the lake, I can't think of a better place to be.

It was a special privilege to serve on the Hiawatha Board previously from 1999 to 2005 including two years as Vice President and one year as your President. I have worked/served on many committees over the years and am currently on the Natural Resources Committee and am Vice President of the Hiawatha nature and Historical Society.

Since joining the club in 1991 I have seen many changes take place. Most have been very good including the new golf pro-shop, new recreation building, the QGMU, improvements in the Activity Building and at the campground. But some of the changes are not so good; poor deer harvests, Lake Millecoquins getting more weeds each year and fewer walleye, higher costs, dues, and assessments. In the future, I believe the Hiawatha Club will have to work harder to address these issues. I know it will be difficult to not only maintain what we have but also improve the hunting and fishing while also trying to keep our dues/assessments from "going through the roof". But with the continued support of so, so many volunteers and a dedicated staff I believe we can turn things around.

I believe the board has the responsibility to ensure our club maintains the integrity and rich heritage that has made it one of the oldest and most respected sportsman's clubs in our country today. With your input, I would try to make the kind of decisions that would see the H.S.C. proceed down this road successfully.

TELE: 231-398-2798/906-477-0042.



### **AARON FULTON**

I have been enjoying the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club with my family since 1956. I have been a member of HSC for 38 years. I retired in October 1997 from the United States Coast Guard as Chief Petty Officer after 22 years of service. I live on the west side of Lake Millecoquins with my wife Nancy, a retired Engadine school teacher. I have 2 kids, Andrea 25 and Doug 22. I am a Life Member of Chief Petty Association, Disabled American Veterans, National Rifle Association, North American Hunting Club, President of Mackinac Chapter Quality Deer Management Association and Race Director for the Engadine Sports Booster's Annual Black Bear Run. I plan to continue to assist with HSC food plots, upgrade them as needed, put as much pressure as possible on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and DNRE to Delist the Gray Wolf and get their numbers under control.



### **MARK SCHIEFER**

As a practicing Electrical Engineer and Senior Scientist living in Loveland near Cincinnati Ohio, I have enjoyed Hiawatha Sportsman's Club since I was born. I am of the same vintage as the Mackinac bridge, having first come to the UP on the ferry prior to completion of the bridge. I was born and raised in Fremont Ohio, attended University of Cincinnati, and spend my free time enjoying HSC. My wife and two daughters have enjoyed the hunting, fishing, golf, boating, trails, berries, and the wonderful camaraderie of our club.

#### **Vision**

I am honored to be considered for the board of governors of this incredible club. I have traveled the States, and the world extensively, and have never encountered anything quite like HSC. I appreciate the foresight and work carried out by those that founded our club, and have guided HSC through both the good and bad times. I feel it is necessary that each one of us not only enjoy the club, but contribute to the best of our abilities to ensure that we, our friends and children may enjoy this gift of nature for years to come. We need to rejuvenate our membership with those that share the love of nature, the outdoors, and might develop a deep appreciation for the Land of Hiawatha. We need to continue to improve our land, our fish, game, natural, and recreational resources so as to continue to meet the needs and exceed the expectations of our membership, both current and future.

#### **Path**

It took McNamara a week to get to HSC when he founded the club. It took 2 days when my parents first brought me to the cabin. Now it takes me less than 10 hours to reach the club. I can view the website and Millecoquins at will. I feel that we need to improve transparency of operations and activities at the club, increase the participation and use of facilities of those that share common values and interests with the HSC membership. Specifically this means we need to go "online & real time" with meetings, council fires, and offer incentives for our active and mobile membership to bring their friends, co-workers, neighbors and mentors to witness and enjoy this great land of Hiawatha.

#### **Contact**

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Near term plans:

We hope to be at HSC:

27-Dec thru 3-Jan (New Years at HSC, a well kept secret!)

25-Feb thru 3-Mar (Winter Carnival)

7-Mar thru 12-Mar (Passing thru, Clean Snowmobile at MTU/KRC)



### **KENNETH JERROLD (Jerry) PETERS**

Eat, sleep, swim, golf, sail, hunt, boat, fish, hike. Except for the first two, I must give credit to the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club for being the main provider of these activities in my life since 1940. (Eat and sleep can be distinctly HSC, of course, if you have camped or rented cabins on the premises, as I have.) It is precisely from the bettering of, and the concern for, all of these offerings that I find my main motivation for becoming a member of the Board of Governors of this club.

I have come to appreciate very much the operation of our organization and all those who keep it moving. I appreciate the chance to run for the Board and would very much welcome an opportunity to assist with its work. I believe we need to retain all of the attributes of this club-- its rustic flavor, wilds, waters--and watch over natural inhabitants it has. We must be willing, as a club, to forge ahead and meet all the challenges that these times present us. With these challenges come many opportunities to further solidify this club's standing as a bastion of naturalness and preservation in the north woods.

I believe that my background as an educator and participation as a volunteer in leadership positions in my community and at our club prepare me well for the time and effort, essential to being an effective governor. I am ready to give that time and effort and would appreciate your vote.

Please feel free to call me with any questions you have, at 517-262-0431.



### **THOMAS R. FOWLER**

To The Members of the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club:

Once again I am privileged to be asked to run for the Board of Governors at our club. As Nancy and I have been members since 1980, plus visiting as a guest for a few years before that. I think I'm somewhat aware of the amount of work done by our board, and all of the other volunteers. As a coincidence, I've been on the board of a small Credit Union in West Bloomfield for about the same time period. At this point, I'm the voice of "How was that handled before, and why?" I hope to use some of this experience to benefit the HSC.

We are active in our church, Our Lady of Refuge in Orchard Lake; and we still keep busy with our small company that has evolved into property management. The company includes our two sons, also members of the club (I hope I can count on their votes).

Specifically addressing my view of the HSC in 2011 and beyond, I can only say at this time, I hope to be able to assist in identifying and promoting action that will maintain the HSC as one of the best hunting and fishing properties in the country. As a cabin dweller for 20 years, I will ask to be involved there, as well as any other committee where my skill set can be useful. I respectfully request that all the HSC members who support that goal, please vote for me.

I thank the nominating committee for giving me this opportunity to be of service.

Very truly yours,

Thomas R. (Tom) Fowler Sr.

N6116 Pearl Street, Naubinway, MI 49762

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### **KEVIN D. EVANS**

As a member and a resident of the Hiawatha Club I am 100 percent committed to the future of the Hiawatha Club. The Club history and beauty is impossible to duplicate and only through constant stewardship, able to maintain. In comparison to most my family has only a short history with the Hiawatha Club, but in that nearly 20 years of membership, many enjoyable hours have been spent, both in recreation and in volunteerism.

I am currently the SVP of Retail Banking at mBank in Manistique, Michigan. I am responsible for all banking relationships in multiple branch networks. Directly responsible for 4 Commercial Lenders, 3 Residential Lenders, and 4 Banking Center Managers and the VP in charge of Cash Management and an AVP Administrator of direct reports.

I have attended Albion College, University of Florida and Oklahoma State University in the banking field.

I am a member of the Kiwanis, Education Foundation, Bank Marketing Association ABA, Local Non-Profit Boards Habitat for Humanity, Sharing Center and HVCA.

The current Board, member volunteers and committee members have done a wonderful job. My goal is to carry on and implement the vision of success that they have laid out as a "roadmap" for success. In times like these it is very evident that the financial stability of the Club is a wonderful positive attribute. The "value" that each member receives for the dues paid is unsurpassed by any other club or hunting lease that I have personally been involved in. I just want to help continue the current successes we all enjoy.

Hunting and fishing have always been a passion of mine. This passion was instilled at a young age by my father. I have often said "the only reason I work is to be able to afford to hunt." All outdoor activities including golf, trap, archery, snowmobiling, skiing, ATV's, walking, berry picking, coyote hunting, are important to me and either some or all are important to each member. Each of us have our priorities and all members and leaders recognize that as club members. That is our common bond and something that I want to be there for my kids and their kids.

Lastly, being a full time resident of the club it gives me the ability to monitor the club on a daily basis. Being a member who lived out of state for many years I was the member, like most of you, who just wanted to have fun and let someone else take care of the details. I am very fortunate to be able to live here permanently with my wife and son, who also love to participate with the club. I am also hopeful that you will allow me to "give back" to the club my time and oversight as a member of the Board of Governors.

# Addresses and Phone Numbers

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