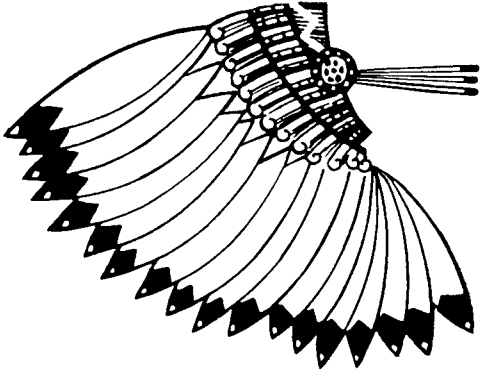


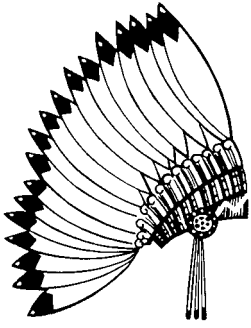
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# **THE COUNCIL FIRE**

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WINTER 2009

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Dan Crandall, Editor

## Hiawatha Art Club

In July 2008, the annual kids and teen art classes resumed. This year, we decided to invite adults to join the teenagers and this change was an immediate success.

Over the course of five weeks, a total of sixty-five individuals participated! Some were able to attend more than one session while others came "one time only". The classes went well and we had a flexible curriculum including: 3

dimensional foil projects, scratch board and an introduction to water color.

Those who participated were attentive and enjoyed being introduced to different media.

Ivan Darling stopped by on the last day and his help was greatly appreciated.

The Art Club is planning another series of classes in July, 2009. We look forward to meeting you! I think we can guarantee everyone a good time.

Gen Cousineau and Barb Hobbs are tentatively scheduled to teach.



### Helga Flower Watercolor Workshop Reminder

When: June 18-21, 2009

Where: HSC Activities Building

Who: All HSC member participants who have paid in full by February 1, 2009.

After February 1, 2009, any open spaces will be made available to nonmembers.

For more information please contact

Marlene Beck

906-477-9036 (HSC) or

734-433-1038 (Chelsea, MI)

Email: [marpia2@aol.com](mailto:marpia2@aol.com).



2 First Tier Lots & Memberships  
58 and 59, Lake Millecoquin Unit  
#2, (Riverview Dr) with completely  
rebuilt/remodeled two bedroom,  
cottage. Almost everything new.  
Price: \$115,000. Contact: Dan  
Proctor at 616-296-0165.

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Contact: Margaret Wannemacher,

951 Southridge Dr., Delophos, OH 45833. Price: \$12,000  
each. Call C# 419-234-6441.

Third Tier Lot & Membership 80, Lower Cold Creek.  
Contact: William Anteau, 1927 Glencove Dr., Toledo, OH  
43609. Tele: 419-382-2598.

## HIAWATHA CLUB LADIES

A fun afternoon is being planned for our annual Ladies  
Luncheon to be held July 22. "Sweet Dreams" is the  
theme for a pajama party luncheon. It will include a  
delicious lunch, flower bed center pieces, and a "parade  
of pj's" with great prizes for most creative pj's! Save  
the date as we look forward to a fun time in July.

## ATTENTION

### SNOWBIRDS and H.S.C. FAMILIES

It's that time again to plan ahead for the  
ANNUAL H.S.C. ART and HOBBY SHOW 2009

Bring with you come spring that piece of Art-  
your hobby or collection: YOU ARE THE SHOW.  
WANT TO TRY SOMETHING NEW ! JOIN US -

MEET THE ARTIST

ART and HOBBY SHOW

August 1 & 2, 2009. Open to all  
H.S.C. members. Featuring the Art  
Of Jerry Peters and Brenna Rizzardi.

## In Memorial

Donald K. Smith  
August 8, 2008

Richard King  
September 20, 2008

Beatrice Christopher  
November 2, 2008

Lawrence (Larry)  
Mcevers  
December 17, 2008

Glen G. Breault  
January 9, 2009

Barbara (Ann) Ewearitt  
January 14, 2009

## NEW MEMBERS • • • • •

Timothy W. Woder  
P.O. Box 993, Gaylord, MI 49735

Beverly A. Burchi  
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9104 Summerfeltd, Saginaw, MI 48609

Kurtis MacLane  
W13126 Riverview Dr, Engadine, MI 49827

Terra Draper  
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Timothy P. Langham  
7331 Starridge Ct, Perrysburg, OH 43551

Christopher S. Hadley  
11273 Coolidge Rd, Goodrich, MI 48438

Cynthia M. Erickson  
2098 Butternut, Okemos, MI 48864

Rodney H. Murray  
2652 Gould, Onondaga, MI 49264

John Coppens Jr.  
932 S. Poseyville Rd, Midland, MI 48640

*The  
Hiawatha Nature and Historical Society  
invites you to an  
Open House and Ribbon Cutting  
to dedicate the new  
H. P. C. 1931 Club Cabin Replica  
and the  
Museum Storage Building  
on  
Sunday, July 19, 2009  
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
at the  
H. P. C. Museum  
Please come and help celebrate this joyful  
and historic event!*

# Hiawatha Nature & Historical Society

## 2009 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.*

“To Preserve and Protect our Heritage”

**Wed. June 24:** Open the HSC Museum & The Naomi Children’s Museum.

We need lots of volunteers, starting at 9:00a.m.

**All Sundays: June 28 – August 30.** Museums open for visitors 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**All Mondays: June 29,** 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: June 30 – August 25:** Museum open 2:00 – 4:00 pm

**All Thursdays: July 2 – August 27:** Museum open 2:00 – 4:00 pm

**Wed. July 8:** Evening Program: Darren Kramer: DNR, Lake Millecoquins Health

**Wed. July 15:** Music Program, Kirby Snively, Guitar, Harmonica & Vocals

**Sun. July 19:** Open House, Club Cabin Relic and Museum Storage Building Dedication, A don’t miss event! 2:00-5:00 pm. Become a part of Hiawatha History by joining the celebration and naming of the HSC Museum compound, including the ribbon cutting for the restored club cabin.

**Wed. July 29:** Evening Program, David Hoeh, CCC. The Early Years in Michigan

**Mon. Aug. 3:** 9:00 am Special Hike

**Wed. Aug 5:** Beach Picnic, HSC Lake Michigan Beach

**Mon. Aug 10:** Special Hike

**Wed. Aug 12:** Evening Program, Dr. Geoff Steinhart, LSSU Mgmt Plans for Pullup & Cranberry Lakes

**Sat. Aug 15:** Pig Roast, coordinated with Club Manager Livermore. More info to follow at a later date.

**Mon. Aug 17:** Special Hike

**Wed. Aug 19:** Corn Roast, Pullup Lake, always a great time, bring your appetite and a dish to pass.

**Mon. Aug 24:** Special Hike

**Wed. Aug 26:** Beach Picnic, past president gathering.

**Wed. Sept 2:** Close Museum, lots of volunteers needed at 9:00am.

*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.*

– David Pentecost, HNHS President.

### CONTEST

**Think of the WINNING NAME for  
the Museum area – the 1931 architectural buildings and sites.**

**Suggested Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The deadline of this contest is Monday, July 6, 2009.  
The winning entry will be announced at the 2009 Museum Open House.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: The Hiawatha Sportsman’s Club  
N7296 Lake Blvd.  
Engadine, MI. 49827  
Att: HSC Museum**

**Thank you for entering this historic contest.**

# FOOD and FUN H.S.C. POTLUCK



**Thursdays, 6:30, July 2 thru September 3rd**  
**Activities Building – dish to pass**  
**CHECK US OUT!**



## FIESTA at the HSC!

Annual Dinner Dance  
June 27, 2009

Music by: Jerry Lezotte "Best Friends"

Mexican Menu and Appetizers: The Beary Patch

Ticket Price: \$18.00 per person

As always: BYOB

Reservation cards will be mailed in May. Don't miss this event....  
your taste buds will be dancing the "Jarabe Tapatio"  
(the Mexican hat dance).

## HSC STREAM AND POND PROJECTS

Water and wind erosion are a constant problem on our trout ponds and streams. The sandy composition of our soils and extreme weather conditions in the U.P. add to its severity. Pictured below is the east bank of Cold Creek Trout Pond as it appeared in late spring of 2008. As you can see water, rain, and wind were able to drive sand into the pond. This was not good for the trout or the pond. Too much sand can cause water levels to reduce and water temperatures to rise. Trout need cold water to thrive and increased temperatures can threaten our trout. Below is a picture taken in June of 2008 that shows the bank at Cold Creek Pond just above the dam. It had an approximate 45 degree slope where water erosion was serious. Rain and snow were causing huge amounts of sand and sediment to dump into the trout pond each year.



**Bank as seen in June of 2008**

Two sets of rustic steps were constructed to solve this problem. They were made of almost all natural materials. Three pickup truck loads of cedar timbers were taken from the airport and moved by hand to the site. They were cut by hand by chainsaw and used for steps and erosion barriers. A three foot post was cut and sunk vertically at the top of the steps. A cable was attached and strung through holes drilled in each side of each step and secured at the bottom of each step to hold them in place. You can see the cable on the left side in the picture below. When done, the cable was wrapped around another cedar timber and sunk below ground for stability.



**Steps being positioned**

Sand and gravel was then moved in by bucket to level the steps and walkway. Approximately two hundred five gallon buckets of sand were moved down a 45 degree angled slope by hand. Steps were set in the sand and then leveled. Gravel was then placed over the sand to keep it in place. The steps and gravel act as a barrier to inhibit water and snow from moving sediment and debris into the pond. Step length was trimmed by chainsaw and then the bottom footing was set by hand. It required three workers to set this footer in place. The heaviest cedar beams available were used for the footer and on the sides of the steps. Step width was kept at a little over three feet. (See photo below).



**Footer being finished**

The footer is being finished by Jim Rutledge and Jim MacMeekin. Please note the rookie gets the wet feet!



**Workers setting steps in place**

The three workers that worked on this project are shown are from left to right -Jim Rutledge, Jim MacMeekin, and John MacFarland.

(continued)

Below is another view that shows the timbers before they were cut and put in place. The picture probably represents about twenty percent of the timbers moved from the airport and used on the project.



### **Timbers that were moved from airport**

Below is the completed project as viewed from the dock at the Cold Creek Dam. Ninety-five percent of the materials used are natural materials. This includes approximately a ton of timbers and three tons of sand. Total hours worked by the volunteers was approximately 24 hours as well as a half day spent by the maintenance crew to make and set the dock in the water. Later the volunteers went back and seeded the area to help reduce wind and/or water erosion in the area. What was created are two excellent fishing spots that should last for years!

### **Completed project**



The Hiawatha Club has some of the best pond and stream trout fishing in the state. One of the reasons for this is the amount of time, energy, labor, and materials that has been dedicated to improving our streams and ponds. The Fish, Game, and Fowl committee is continuing to go forward this year with improvements in our trout fishery. The kids' portion of Cold Creek will be worked on again this year to improve access for our young people. A great deal of work was done last year on this part of Cold Creek and more is planned this coming year. There is also a project that was started last year at Jocko Creek just below the dam that will improve fish reproduction in Jocko Creek and also in the Upper Millecoquins River. We used some of our carbon credit money last October to add rainbow trout at this point to take advantage of the increased reproductive capacity in Jocko Creek that this project afforded. The project will be finished this year and will give club members a nice place to fish and will increase fish reproduction.

Two new stream projects are being proposed for this year. One is to establish a spawning run at the Upper Millecoquins River near the mouth of Milk Creek. This will improve spawning in the Upper River and improve fishing. It will also help increase the chance of reproduction in the rainbow trout we planted last fall funded by carbon credit money. Brook, brown, and steelhead trout will also use it. The other project proposed is to improve spawning just below the Cold Creek Dam similar to what was done at Jocko Creek. All these projects depend on volunteer labor. If you can help this year it would be much appreciated and is fun to do. You will see a listing on the HSC web page this year that gives specifics of what projects need volunteer help and time and place of project and contact information. You can also contact John MacFarland (989) 413-1598 or Jim Rutledge (906) 477-0035 if you want to help this year on these projects.

( Submitted by John MacFarland; photos by Lynda Rutledge)

# HIAWATHA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB SUMMARY OF JANUARY 17, 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

**PRESIDENT RUTLEDGE** – Called the Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and recited the pledge of allegiance with the members in attendance.

**GOVERNOR CRANDALL** – Called the Roll.  
Governors Present – Wileman, Waldron, Schanski, Rutledge, Larson, Middleton, MacFarland, Henderson, Floria, Eldridge, Dark, and Crandall. All present.

**PRESIDENT RUTLEDGE** – Addition to Agenda under New Business, Member Appeal on Grievance.

**GOVERNOR CRANDALL** – I **Move** to accept the Minutes of the October 18, 2008 Board of Governor's meeting as written.

**GOVERNOR MIDDLETON** - **Second** All in favor, **motion passed.**

**GOVERNOR ELDRIDGE** – **Moved** to accept the 2009 Capital Budget Plan as written.

**GOVERNOR DARK** – **Second** All in favor, **motion passed.**

**GOVERNOR DARK** – I **Move** that the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club enter into a contract with the American Wind and Energy Group for the purpose of doing a wind feasibility study.

**GOVERNOR SCHANSKI** – **Second**

**PRESIDENT RUTLEDGE** – Called for a roll call vote.

Governors **in favor** – Crandall, Dark, Eldridge, Floria, Henderson, MacFarland, Middleton, Larson, Rutledge, Schanski, & Waldron.

Governor **not in favor** – Wileman  
11 ayes to 1 naye, **motion passed.**

**PRESIDENT RUTLEDGE** – **11:43 a.m.** The meeting will be in closed session for a Grievance appeal.

**12:02** – Closed session concluded.

**PRESIDENT RUTLEDGE** – We are back in open session and we need a motion to adjourn.

**GOVERNOR ELDRIDGE** So **Moved**

**GOVERNOR MIDDLETON** – **Second** All in favor meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

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## GAME & FOWL REPORT

Results are in for the 2008 deer hunting season and I can report to you that this past season was a pretty good one. A total of 42 deer were harvested on HSC lands and some dandy bucks were taken. More importantly; the overall health of the deer harvested looked good as we saw some heavier weights and good antler development on most of the deer checked in. I would remind the board and membership that this is the second year in a row where the antler development and weights are above average on the HSC. Members are beginning to see and feel the effects of our food plot program, which has been very strong, aggressive and successful over the past two growing seasons.

The break down of the harvest follows:

3 point bucks harvested = 2

4 point bucks harvested = 8

5 point bucks harvested = 5

6 point bucks harvested = 9

7 point bucks harvested = 4

8 point bucks harvested = 10

9 point bucks harvested = 2

Total buck harvest = 40

There were also two doe harvested during the archery season.

Further analysis of this past season; three bucks were harvested at the QGMU; two bucks were harvested during bow season and the balance of 35 bucks were harvested during regular firearm deer season.

The buck harvest results are slightly better than the last three years. In 2007 the club harvested 35 bucks and 29 doe. In 2006; 30 bucks and 23 doe, and in 2005; 36 bucks and 34 doe. The number of deer hunters on the HSC in 2008 was right around 200 hunters based on gate counts taken during the firearm season. When you consider that 42 deer were harvested, that puts us at about a 20 percent hunter success rate.

In February the Fish, Game and Fowl Committee will be taking a close look at the hunter observation cards to secure additional information from our hunters regarding this past hunting season. The verbal feedback that we received from hunters at the check in station was mainly pleasant and positive. Many members seem happy and satisfied with the direction of our projects which have been implemented to improve the quality of our deer hunting and wildlife viewing on the HSC. We can sum up our results by stating that the hard work of the Fish, Game and Fowl Committee Volunteers is beginning to pay off. I take my hat off again to our Volunteers and say thank you for all that you do to help make this club one of the best places anywhere in the world to enjoy nature, hunting, and fellowship.

We have a couple of gun winners! Each year we encourage our members to register their deer at the clubs check in station and to also use our hunter observation cards in order for us to gather important information to help manage our wildlife on the HSC. As a reward and incentive the club holds a drawing for those who participate in helping gather this important information. The winner of this years observation gun card drawing is Brian Fowler; and the winner of the check station gun drawing is Tom Laban. Congratulations to both of these members, and thanks to all of our hunters who participated.

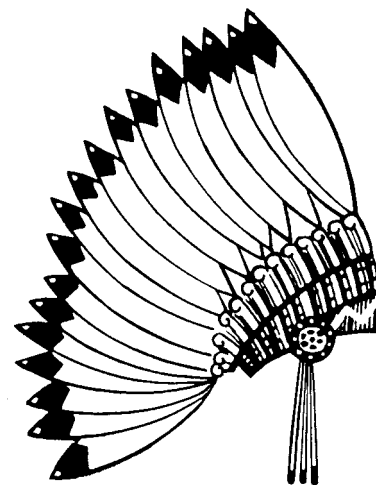
This past Fall we prepared several new acres of ground for additional food plots. Soon Spring will be here and volunteers will be putting down lime, seed and fertilizer at the new locations. Our plan is to plant buck wheat at these sites, as buck wheat will do well in first year plantings where the soils are poor. The buck wheat will at a later date be tilled under as it makes a very good green manure for the soil. The deer also enjoy this food source as it is growing in early Summer. This is just one more phase of our work in progress moving us forward in the food plot program.

At the October Board of Governors Meeting I had made a request of the finance committee to help us secure in the budget the dollars needed to purchase a no till drill which we will use to plant many of our food plots. Committee member Aaron Fulton has researched on line a couple of options and these are both in your packet today. The Fish, Game and Fowl Committee reviewed these options at our last meeting and it was decided that we would prefer to purchase the Great

Plains 705NG because of its capability of planting native grasses. One of the biggest benefits of using a no till drill has to do with moisture control and seed germination. Seed germination is greater with a no till drill vs. the broadcasting method. The no till drill will also allow more moisture to be left in the ground for the seeds to use vs. disking or plowing soil. Moisture control is critical when planting on the HSC as we are dealing with sandy soils. To make myself clear, the no till drill does not expose soil to the air as does plowing or disking, therefore more moisture remains in the ground for the seeds to use.

The process we will likely use to continue our plantings of native grasses will make good use of the no till drill. Planting with the no till drill would probably use the following steps in and around our stump pastures or open areas. First, we would spray the area with Round Up to kill all unwanted vegetation. A few weeks later we would go in with the no till drill and plant the native grasses. The unwanted dead vegetation recently killed off would still be in place providing shade and moisture control, similar to a mulch. Next, add fertilizer and we are finished. Remember, the ground has not been opened up and exposed to the air as it is when disking; yielding us better moisture control. It is my understanding that the no till drill is being placed by the Finance Committee into the 2010 budget. If at all possible we would like to move this item into the 2009 budget. If we can not move it into the 2009 budget, we will attempt to borrow a no till drill from the County Extension for the upcoming planting season.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Walt Dark, Co-Chairman Fish, Game and Fowl Committee



## FISH REPORT

Last year we introduced a Member Fishing Survey that measures member satisfaction with our fishery and allows for members to make suggestions for changes to our fishery. Listed below are changes that were introduced because of comments on these fishing surveys.

1. a parking area closer to the QGMU Pond was established
  2. more docks are planned for the QGMU POND
  3. weeds will be treated at the QGMU Pond this year
  4. lavatories have been requested through House and Grounds for Cold Creek Pond, the QGMU, and Elbow Lake
  5. more Rainbow Trout were added to Jocko Pond and the Upper Millecoquins River
  6. more docks are planned for Three Mile Pond
- Our lakes and trout ponds were rated by our members through these surveys as follows from 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest.

1. Cold Creek Pond	8
2. Elbow lake	7
3. Jocko Pond	6.7
4. Cranberry Lake	6.5
5. Pull-up Lake	5.5
6. Three Mile Pond	4.7
7. QGMU Pond	2.6

Our trout streams were rated as follows:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Cold Creek           | 9                      |
| 2. Upper River H Trail  | 4                      |
| 3. Upper River Milk Cr. | 7                      |
| 4. O'Neil Cr            | (no reports submitted) |

We will continue these reports next year with some changes that have been suggested by Dr. Steinhardt from Lake Superior State University so we have more data on which we can better make decisions for our fishery.

Lake Superior State did finish with their report on Cranberry Lake and did, unfortunately, find that the perch in Cranberry are stunted. LSSU will be actively seeking solutions to this problem which will include ways we can safely and effectively alter the Ph level to improve this lake.

LSSU also recommended that we continue to remove bullheads from Pull-up Lake and found some encouraging signs in this lake and stressed we are going in the right direction and need to be patient. A more detailed report can be found in the club office. LSSU has been and

will continue to be a great source of scientific guidance concerning our fishery. Just a reminder when you pay your dues there is a way to say thank you to LSSU by making a contribution to their program.

Stream restoration will continue to go forward next year. Governor Rutledge and his crew will continue to work on the kids' portion of Cold Creek. There are also projects planned by others on Jocko Creek and the Upper Millecoquins River. We greatly appreciate the tremendous help we have received from volunteers on these projects and are working with Lester to post our projects online so volunteers can know when and where they are. We would also like to thank the finance committee for helping us access carbon credit funds in a timely manner so we could get rainbows planted before the snow restricted us. These fish will be in place for spawning for next year and will improve our fishing immensely. We are discussing adding one or two fishing contests next year. One for kids on a trout pond Labor Day Weekend and one on Millecoquins Lake for all members are being considered, stay tuned for specifics.

Finally, and sadly, I want to mention the fact that one of our former governors and former Fish Committee Chairman, Larry McEvers, passed away before Christmas. What I remember most about Larry was his quick wit and tireless and intense dedication to the Hiawatha Club fishery. He will be missed. A more detailed obituary can be found by logging on to [www.beaulieufuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulieufuneralhome.com)

Respectfully Submitted,  
John MacFarland, Co-Chairman  
Fish, Game Fowl Committee

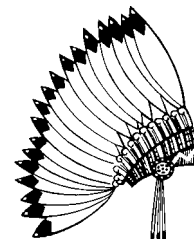
## GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Grievance Committee handled one grievance that was filed over the Labor Day weekend. The member is appealing the committee's decision to the Board of Governors at today's Meeting.

Respectfully submitted  
Jim Wileman, Chairman  
Grievance Committee

# HIAWATHA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

## Candidates for 2009 Election



TIMOTHY E. MAKINEN

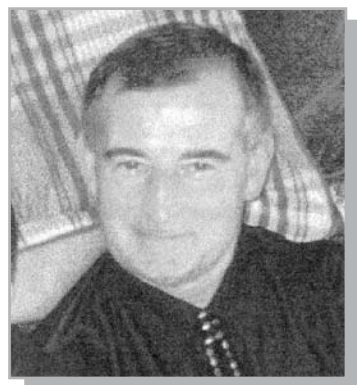
I consider it an honor to be nominated for a position on the Board of Governors. The Hiawatha Sportsman's Club is a special place, and I would love to contribute to its success now and into the future.

My wife, Dusty, and I live in Holt, a Lansing suburb, and I am the communications director for Gift of Life Michigan (organ and tissue donation). Before that, I was a journalist for about 20 years, primarily at the Lansing State Journal. We have been members for almost five years, both as cabin renters and now with a place on East Beach Road. Dusty and I and our two daughters love exploring the HSC's trails, hanging out at our cottage and enjoying everything the club has to offer. Deer hunting and fishing is always a pleasure, even on those days – or has

it been years? – that I didn't get anything. I also like to golf at the club course and always manage to get a lot of strokes in.

If chosen for the Board of Governors, I would do my best to uphold the club's tradition. That includes protecting our resources so the HSC can continue to be a place where our children and beyond can hunt, fish, hike, pick blueberries or simply enjoy the outdoors. I think it also includes a willingness to consider or try new things that will attract potential members and increase the club's value. For instance, the new recreation building has been a great success. The upgrades to the U.S. 2 entrance also help project the quality of the HSC, even if there's not a tangible, instant benefit. Activities such as museum talks and the August beach party (which Dusty and I will host this year) make the club an exciting place.

I have additional ideas on how we can continue to spread the word about the club and keep it a vibrant place. Thank you again for your time and consideration of me as a Board of Governor candidate. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me in the evening at (517) 694-3628.



MICHAEL A. McELROY

My name is Michael McElroy and I am running for office for the Board of Governors of Hiawatha. I am a graduate of Hillsdale College and Eastern Michigan University with both degrees in biology. It is the love of the outdoors that brought us to Hiawatha.

Our family has been members since 1976. We began bunking with my in-laws and then found the perfect rental cabins with their boats and great lake access. Finally, in 1996 we purchased our own home on West Beach Road. We are the giant Camp M&M sign in subtle red.

In the past I served you on the board for two terms (six years) and worked as your membership chairperson for those years. Through this committee I was able to interview many of our current members, telling them all about this wonderful club and all that it has to offer.

But, along with these numerous amenities comes responsibility. Responsibility to serve on the board, its' committees, work the river restoration, help at the Trap Range, host at the Museum, chair a golf league, etc. Simply picking up litter along the trails makes you a working member of our team at Hiawatha.

We are moving north permanently in June. Mary Beth has officially retired so West Beach Road is now our 12-month residence. Being at the club year round will have its' advantages as I work to ensure that this unique sportsman's club can continue to endure for our children and their children. We are not a diamond in the rough. We are the diamond and, hopefully, with honest and intelligent leadership that represents everyone and their opinions, we will continue to do so.



#### 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.

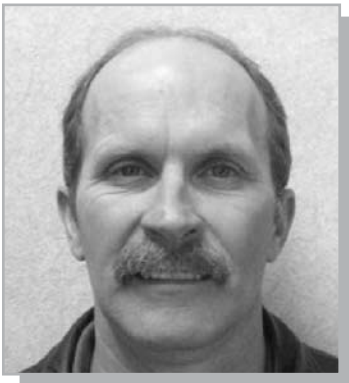
I have attended Albion College, University of Florida and Oklahoma State University in the banking field.

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.



#### LOWELL J. RICE

My wife Lesa, daughter KaeLee and I have lived in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for the past four years. Prior to relocating to Michigan, we lived in Archbold, Ohio. I have four children, KaeLee age 12, Chelsea age 20, Lindsay Parsons age 22 and Nicholas age 26. I also have 3 grandchildren, Trey & Kelby Parsons and Ashalyn Rice.

Since relocating to Michigan I have been self employed working on remodeling projects, roofing and other construction type projects. My wife Lesa is employed at the Tahquamenon Area Credit Union in Engadine, and my youngest daughter KaeLee is in the 6th grade at Engadine School.

My hobbies include: Golfing, water and snow skiing, SCUBA diving, woodworking, hunting and fishing.

Since becoming HSC members, we have enjoyed many of the benefits the club has to offer, especially the Golf Course.

During the past 18 months I have chaired the HSC Golf Committee, which has given me a better understanding of the Hiawatha Sportsman’s Club and how I could serve the club members if I was elected as one of the governors. It is the members that the board of governors serve and if elected I would like to hear your concerns and be a voice for each of you.

Thank you, Lowell J. Rice / N7322 Lake Blvd, Engadine, MI 49827 / 906-477-9877



#### KEITH O. HOPPER

When I was a young boy, my dad taught me how to fish for trout. When we went to the stream he always had me bring my creel for my fish and a plastic bag to carry out the trash others had left behind. The lesson he taught me is that you always want to leave a place in nature as good, or better than how you found it. It is with this belief that I feel so fortunate to be able to give something back to our club. We have such a unique property, good stewardship needs to be constantly practiced in order to preserve and improve our club for now and generations to come.

I have been a member of the Hiawatha Sportsman's club since 1995. My wife Kathy and I love to come home to our club whenever we get a chance. We have two children, our daughter graduated from Northern Michigan University and has relocated to Seattle and our son is a junior at the University of Michigan. They both loved their many vacations and trips to our club. We are part of the group affectionately named, "the cabin people." We live in Indian River, Michigan.

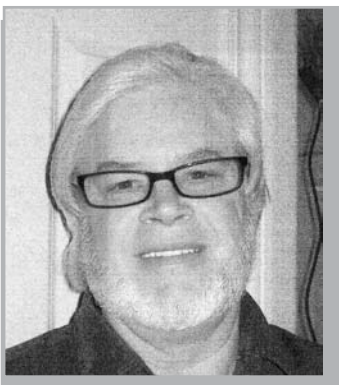
For the past 5 years I have served on the Fish, Game and Fowl committee. I helped the Natural Resources Committee transplant over 125 Oak trees. I have also helped with planting and trimming apple trees along with the stream restoration project. To help with the Quality Game Management Unit, I helped install deer blinds, improve the trail system, clear shooting lanes, paint and install the handicap blind. This was all done to create a better experience for all of us to enjoy. I have also worked on the food plot program for the past three years and am a team leader for the weekend warriors that come up on weekends and volunteer. To all the members that started the food plot program and the many volunteers that have given countless hours toward improving our habit I extend to you a heart felt thank you and a job well done. This year's deer harvest is a testament to how our food plot program is helping our wildlife. The average size of the deer taken this year, are heavier and the racks are bigger. Racks grow by the amount of nutrients consumed. With the loss of our mast crop from the beach trees, the food plot program is beneficial to the overall health of all wildlife at HSC.

We have found a new menace to our club. It is called the Spotted Knapweed. You will hear more about this at upcoming board meetings. This invasive weed produces up to 1000 seeds, which can last in the soil for up to 5 years. It produces a toxin that kills off other vegetation. Some people have handled this weed and developed a rash similar to Poison Ivy. Burning this weed should be avoided as it releases toxins into the air that can be harmful to your respiratory system. Ivan Darling is taking the lead and with the help of myself and other members of the Fish, Game and Fowl committee will look to control and reduce the threat posed to our club. This will have a very high priority. If left unchecked, the Spotted Knapweed has the potential to destroy many native species and food plots we are working so hard to create and maintain.

In 2007, I contacted the office and asked to rent a cabin for the month of October. This was something that had not been done in the fall before. This was a win – win for the club and I. For the past two years I have been able to rent a cabin for the entire month of October and have a cabin reserved for the month in 2009. I hope more members look into this opportunity as having all of your gear and food already on hand makes being able to come and go much easier. This also creates additional revenue for our club and convenience for our members. Sometimes you have to think outside of the box to help make a positive change. From my request, the club is now offering a hunter's special package where you can rent a cabin for the entire month of October and November.

My professional background has been in the field of finance where I have served in management and supervisory positions for the past 36 years. I obtained my Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Lake Superior State University.

I love to hunt, fish, play golf, tour the trails and give something back to this great club rather than just taking away. It is a great honor to be asked to serve on the Board of Governors and I am asking for your vote. Thank you for your consideration. If elected I will do everything I can to protect and improve our great gem of the North. For further information and or if you can help with the food plot program please feel free to contact me at 231-238-4216 or email [k\\_hopper2007@yahoo.com](mailto:k_hopper2007@yahoo.com).



#### JAMES W. MACMEEKIN IV

I am a recently retired administrator and year around resident of the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club. My wife Tay and I retired on the Club because we greatly appreciate the unique natural characteristics of the property, the variety of activities offered and the great care that is taken to ensure these qualities for the future.

It is obvious to me as a relatively new member that volunteers, board members, and employees have worked very hard for generations to spend money wisely and to maintain and improve the club. If elected I will serve the club in whatever capacity I am needed and in the same spirit that others before me have served.

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#### TERESA L. SCHANSKI

How fast the last three years have gone! It has been my pleasure and honor to have served as one of your HSC governors with an honest effort. Know that my consistent attention centered on “For the good of the Club”. My hope is that you will again honor me with a show of confidence, and your vote to elect me for another three years.

I have worked hard for you in field and stream as well as at the governing table. I hope that the many accomplishments of the HSC over the last three years will be a sign to you that things are going well. Your vote will help me to remain in my current position as a governor of the H.S.C. It is important to have a diverse board with different ways of considering issues. I have tried to listen honestly to others’ opinions, and consider the positions presented in an objective and reflective manner. I have learned much from my first three years of decision making. I am now more experienced as a governor, so that I may bring still greater benefit to my tenure and those I represent.

I am currently serving on three committees: House and Grounds, Golf, Fish and Game. My first two years, I worked on House and Grounds and Fish and Game. I have been actively involved. I have worked in stream restoration, river clean-up, food plot work and completion of the Recreation Building. Over the last three years, I have represented you in efforts to procure revenue streams for financing our club in ways that create a “no harm, no foul” source of income that could help keep us more financially sound and secure [the Carbon Credit Program, our recent wind energy alliance for collection of data].

I will be actively involved in the plans and process for replacing the cabins in the fourth group. This is a need of our club. It must be done in a responsible way

[financially, and aesthetically] so as to satisfy member expectations. It remains my position that we first take care of what we have! The board has listened to you, and made great strides in that effort. Still, more must be done to ensure proper care of what we have already worked so hard to achieve.

As a governor, I have met some amazing people who are hardworking stewards for our club. We are fortunate that their dedication is accomplishing a variety of fine things that protect and enhance the H.S.C. I would encourage all members to find an avenue where you can contribute some of your time, expertise, and special talents. These efforts will help move our club into the future, and ensure its survival. Our precious Hiawatha Sportsman’s Club is a legacy for generations to come. We must all in our own way step up to protect it, and sustain it, through our individual and collective efforts.

It would be my great honor to serve as your governor for three more years.

Thank you for your vote of confidence.



#### EDWARD A. MIDDLETON

I became a member of the Club in 1972 and we built our place on the beach in 1973. We came and enjoyed the club facilities whenever possible until we took up full time residence in 1993 upon my retirement from state service as Legal Counsel to the Michigan Civil Service Commission.

I am just completing a three year term on the Board of Governors. I serve as Chair of the Tax, Legal and Audit Committee and as a member of the Grievance Committee and the Ad Hoc By-Laws Committee.

I am running for a second term so that I can put to use the skills and abilities learned in my first term.

By training and experience I am especially concerned about fiscal responsibility and good management practices. If re-elected I would, in your behalf, continue to concentrate on those two areas as necessary.

I would appreciate your vote.

## ART REPORT

### **OFFICERS- ART CLUB 2009**

President: Francie Dittrich

Vice President: Jim Hayes

Treasure: Kay Graham

Secretary: Rosemary Peters

(and new this year)

Corresponding Secretary: Barb Hobbs

ART CLUB OFFICERS shall now hold office for 2 consecutive terms, starting in 2010, as so moved and stated in the minutes of our August 12, 2008 meeting.

### **BUSINESS MEETINGS 2009**

Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> – General

Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> – Finalize Helga Flower Workshop

Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Finalize Art & Hobby Show

The August Meeting, to review/evaluate Art Show 2009: will be determined at a later date, due to the Brenna Rizzardi Silk Work Shop:

Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup> Last Meeting

All meetings are held at Paintin Place from 9:00 AM – until done. This is a tentative schedule.

### **WORKSHOPS**

The Helga Flower workshop scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> will be open February 1<sup>st</sup> to non-members. For more information contact Marlene Beck 734-433-1038 or Email marpia2@aol.com

The August Brenna Rizzardi Silk Painting Workshop dates have been confirmed and are as follows: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>. Those interested please contact: Brenna at her Email brerizz656@mac.com for your material selection.

For more current information see Council Fire Ad or visit [www.hiawathaclub.com](http://www.hiawathaclub.com), click on 2009 coming events.

### **ART AND HOBBY SHOW 2009**

Set up and registration Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

Show: Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

Show: Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Featured exhibitors for 2009 will be water colors by Jerry Peters and mixed media by Brenna Rizzardi. The show will be co-chaired by Marlene Beck and Neta Mills.

Thank you Annette, for placing our workshops on the HSC Web: and thank you Board of Directors for your continued support.

Faithfully Submitted,

Francie Dittrich, Art Club President

## BUILDING, HOUSE & GROUNDS REPORT

Respectfully Submitted Marvin Henderson, Chairman  
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Late November & the month of December brought early and significant snowfall. A year ago we didn't see significant snowfall that stayed on the ground until January. The early start on winter this year has caused the maintenance crew's and volunteer's focus to be on snow removal and grooming projects. I'm told the cross-country trails and the snowmobile trails both are in great shape. A big thank you to the HSC crew and the grooming volunteers.

Thanks to the efforts of HSC crew and our volunteers the list of Buildings and Grounds improvement projects has shrunk to a total of about 20 projects. At the Buildings and Grounds meeting on January 2, 2009 we were able to mark many projects complete. Several projects will have preparations made over the winter and be completed in the spring. We welcome the HSC members' suggestions for improvements and have added several of those suggestions to our project list. It is very satisfying to look around the HSC grounds and see the many positive improvements that have been made possible through the efforts of everyone involved.

At our last meeting, in addition to the rather extensive project lists, we discussed such items as Wind Generation at HSC, Outdoor Advertising to be located at the Hiawatha Club Border's on US-2 (Some folks use the term "Billboards," a term I dislike), and probably our most ambitious project: Future Replacement of the 4<sup>th</sup> Group of Cabins.

Wind Generation at HSC is looking more and more like it may be a viable program with significant long term revenue potential for HSC. Purchase power contracts are typically for 20 years and are structured on per windmill annual lease amounts and potentially a purchased power component. We have had many discussions with a company that is willing to front the cost of two wind velocity monitoring towers which is the next step in the process. At our last meeting with this group we discussed our legal counsel's concerns with their proposed lease. The representatives for this group agreed in principle to meet our terms for the

installation of the monitoring towers. Lester is working with our counsel in drafting a modified lease agreement that will require the blessing of our Tax, Legal & Audit Committee as well as a vote of the Board of Governors. This process will be somewhat time sensitive as the tentative tower installation date will be as soon as spring break-up allows.

The replacement of the 4<sup>th</sup> group of cabins has been discussed for quite some time. We have come to the conclusion that this project is a major undertaking that will probably require long term financing with an annual commitment over many years. Based upon estimated costs for infra-structure and the replacement of two cabins per year would use up our entire capital budget for the next six years. Obviously, that isn't a feasible option. That is why it is necessary to consider long term financing. This was discussed at the Finance Committee level and a provision has been added to the capital budget which will be covered by Loyal Eldridge in his presentation.

We also discussed a letter received from an HSC member and participated in a teleconference regarding the intriguing possibility of a nature walk that would go from the west side of the Marina Park to the east boundary of the HSC property near the Cove Bar.

A standard request: If you see potential Buildings and Grounds projects that can be undertaken for the betterment of HSC please don't hesitate to provide your suggestions to the Buildings and Grounds Committee or the HSC Office. Also, many hands make light work, but the last time I checked we each only came with two. As individuals that only leaves us with a couple of choices: Either help with the task at hand or learn to exercise patience and restraint with those whose hands are already occupied.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

### **Present Status to 2008 Financial Budget:**

Following is a summary of the December 31, 2008 year to date actual revenues and expenses versus the 2008 financial budget.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Revenues	\$1,542,378	\$1,334,200
Expenses	\$1,315,802	\$1,280,560
 Net Income	 \$ 226,576	 \$ 53,640

The \$208,178 excess of revenue over budget is primarily made up of unbudgeted Carbon Credit Sales in the amount of \$246,314.62 & the loss on the sale of the Riverview house, \$61,155.55.

The expenses exceeded budget by \$35,242, which is good considering Board approval of accelerated expenses of \$24,500 (non-budgeted items) at the October Board Meeting to reduce the tax liability created by the Carbon Credit payment.

The only other remarkable variance from the 2008 Budget were Habitat \$35,000 over and Insurance \$16,000 under.

Year-end taxable income will be about \$140,000 which includes Board approved Assets purchased at year end in the amount of \$60,000 to further reduce our tax liability. All estimates are subject to the Audit in April.

### **Present Status to 2008 Capital Budget**

Our Capital Plan for 2008 is \$166,200. As of December 31, 2008 we have expended \$164,357, which consists of the following:

Land Purchase.....	\$ 2,500
Entrance Enhancement.....	492
Museum Building.....	1,605
Golf Cart Replacement .....	14,654
Boat –F&G.....	9,168
Roof Replacement -2 <sup>nd</sup> Group.....	23,450
Fairway Mower.....	40,192
Housekeeping Van.....	8,575
Snowmobile .....	8,630
97 Dodge Habitat Truck Replacement.....	35,263
Manager's Truck .....	14,090
Misc Capital Items .....	<u>5,738</u>
Total .....	\$164,357

### **Investment Status**

Our Cash and Investments as of December 31, 2008 totaled \$853,473. Our "Reserve" Accounts total \$716,718. Therefore are properly supported by our cash and investments.

Attached is a copy of the Investment Policy unanimously adopted by the Finance Committee at its December 2008 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Loyal Eldridge, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair

# THE HIAWATHA SPORTSMAN CLUB

## Investment Policy Statement

### **I. Purpose of Investment Policy Statement**

The purpose of this Investment Policy Statement is to establish a clear understanding of the philosophy and investment objectives for the Investment Accounts of the Hiawatha Sportsman Club (HSC). This document will further describe the standards and criteria that will be utilized by the Finance Committee in evaluating appropriate investments options, monitoring investment performance, and providing future Finance Committee members with a legacy of the documented, agreed upon investment guidelines from past Finance Committee members.

### **II. Investment Objectives and Constraints**

#### **A. Scope**

This Investment Policy Statement applies to all HSC assets that are cash or part of any Investment Account for which the Finance Committee has discretionary investment authority.

#### **B. General Account Objective**

The primary objective of these accounts is to provide funding for the HSC Operating Budget, the HSC Capital Expenditure Plan, and a contingency fund for the club in the event of a major catastrophe requiring a need for immediate funding.

#### **C. Fiduciary Duty**

In seeking to attain the investment objectives set forth in this policy, the Finance Committee must ensure that the adopted investment policies are followed and held to a standard of ordinary business care and prudence under the facts and circumstances prevailing at the time of the fiduciaries' actions or decisions. The fiduciaries must remain loyal, placing the interest of the portfolio first, and must provide full and fair disclosure to the Finance Committee of all material facts, including potential conflicts of interest.

#### **D. Risk Tolerance and Return Objective**

The investment objective in the management of these accounts is to maximize return in a risk controlled environment and provide liquidity for the club's cash flow needs. The profile reflects a minimal willingness to assume risk. Portfolio management strategies will seek total return by focusing primarily on income generation.

#### **E. Time Horizon**

Because the determined uses of the assets are either operating or capital (less than 1 year time horizon) or contingency (time horizon unknown, - but always imminent), the time horizon for the portfolio is quite short.

#### **F. Liquidity**

The assets in these accounts need to have ascertainable market value and daily liquidity due to ongoing cash flow needs of the club as well as unknown catastrophic needs for which these funds are designed.

#### **G. Tax Concerns**

The HSC is a taxable entity. Therefore, investment income and capital gains are subject to taxes at both the federal and state level.

## H. Investment Decisions

This portfolio will be managed by the Finance Committee of the HSC per the guidelines provided in this Investment Policy Statement. This Investment Policy Statement shall be reviewed annually. Any changes to this Investment Policy require a majority vote of the members of the Finance Committee.

## III. Permissible Assets and Restrictions

### A. Marketability of Assets

All securities in the portfolio will be comprised of liquid securities with a daily ascertainable market value.

### B. Permissible Assets and Restrictions

Investment of the HSC accounts shall be limited to securities or products in the following categories:

1. Permitted asset classes
  - a. Cash and cash equivalents
  - b. Certificates of deposit
  - c. Upper-Medium Investment Grade\* Fixed Income – Domestic Bonds (Government and Corporate)
  - d. Upper-Medium Investment Grade\* Fixed Income – Non-U.S. Bonds
  - e. Exchange Traded Funds representing Investment Grade\*, short term fixed income securities
  - f. Preferred Stocks
2. Restricted asset classes
  - a. Common Stocks
  - b. Junk Bonds (Bonds rated below BBB-/Baa3 by S&P/Moody's)
  - c. Futures
  - d. Options
  - e. Commodities
  - f. Buying on margin

\*Upper-Medium Investment Grade bonds are those bond issues that are assigned a rating of A-/A3 or better by S&P and Moody's. Investment Grade bonds are those bond issues that are assigned a rating of BBB-/Baa3 or better by S&P and Moody's. The Appendix describes this further.

## IV. Asset Allocation

### A. Asset Allocation Guidelines

The overall asset allocation shall reflect the following asset mix:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Acceptable Range</u>
Preferred Stocks	0% - 20%
Fixed Income	0% - 100%
Cash/cash equivalents	0% - 100%

### B. Fixed Income Guidelines

Fixed income investments may include:

1. No more than 5% of the portfolio, at market, shall be invested in any single issue, with the exception of securities either issued or insured by the U.S. government.
2. No more than \$250,000 (or the then current maximum for FDIC insurance) shall be invested in a combination of cash and certificates of deposit of any single bank issuer.
3. In the event that a fixed income holding is downgraded to a below Upper-Medium Investment Grade rating, the holding will be reviewed by the finance committee as soon as reasonably possible to determine appropriate action.
- 4.

## V. Investment Guidelines

### A. Maturities of Fixed Income securities

It is recommended that fixed income investments have maturities that would be considered shorter term in nature. As the maturity of fixed income investments increase, the market value of such investments becomes quite sensitive to changes in interest rates. Again, because the use of the funds is either within one year, or designed to be immediate, it is recommended that the HSC reduce the market value volatility risk by investing in shorter term investments. A recommended maximum maturity would be perhaps 5 years for any one investment with an average portfolio maturity not to exceed 2.5 years.

### B. Decision to purchase taxable or tax-free bonds based on income taxation

Corporate bonds are taxable at both the Federal and State level, while Treasury bonds are taxable at the Federal level but not at the State level. General Municipal bonds are taxable at the State level, but not at the Federal level, and for HSC, Michigan Municipal bonds are not subject to either Federal or State taxes. Everything else being equal, the decision of whether to invest in taxable or tax-free bonds depends on both the current and expected tax rates of HSC and the differential in yield between taxable and tax-free bonds. For example, if given the option of a 4.0% Treasury bond or a 3.0% Michigan Municipal bond, and assuming a marginal tax rate of 35% at the Federal level for HSC, it would be more advantageous to purchase the Municipal bond since the after tax return on the Treasury bond is 2.6% [4.0% x (1-.35)].

### HSC Tax Considerations

	<u>Taxable at the:</u>	
	<u>Federal Level</u>	<u>State Level</u>
Corporate Bond	Yes	Yes
Treasury Bond	Yes	No
General Municipal Bond	No	Yes
Michigan Municipal Bond	No	No

### C. Preferred Stock

The HSC has elected to limit the use of Preferred Stocks to 20% of total market value or less. While preferred stocks often pay dividends at a favorable rate, their market values fluctuate in response to interest rate changes – similar to long bonds. This can produce declines in market value in a rising interest rate environment.

## VI. Adoption

**This Investment Policy Statement was adopted by the HSC Finance Committee on January 2, 2008**

## HIAWATHA NATURE & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

With tremendous assistance from many, many people the Hiawatha Nature and Historical Society is prepared and excited to begin putting our summer plans into action. We have created an activity filled calendar full of educational and fun programs, which include trail hikes, special evening programs and interesting picnics. We have even scheduled a pig roast, open to all members and their guests, with the assistance of our Club Manager, Lester Livermore.

On Wednesday, **June 24<sup>th</sup>** we will open the HSC Museum and the Naomi Children's Museum. Starting at 9:00 am we will need a host of volunteers to get our museums open, clean and ready for all members and their guests to enjoy this summer. Please put June 24<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and plan an hour or two that morning to come and help. Both museums will be open this summer on Sundays from 2:00 – 5:00 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Beginning June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Hiking trail maintenance begins June 29<sup>th</sup> and continues every Monday through the month of July. Being first on the hiking trails is to experience the wonder and beauty of the club at its best. The first hike of the season will be held on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. But assisting with Trail Maintenance is a wonder in and of itself. The first evening program, one of four, is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Please check the **HNHS 2009 Programs and Activities and HNHS Evening Programs 2009 Schedules** elsewhere in the Council Fire and come join in the fun and experience the natural beauty, history and stewardship of Hiawatha Sportsman's Club.

We will be dedicating our **Club Cabin Replica and Museum Storage Building** on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting an open house at the museum. Please look for a special invitation elsewhere in the Council Fire for additional information. The cabin replica and storage buildings are the result of a culmination of donations, hard work and commitments by a number of dedicated club members. We are proud to be a part of this dedication and hope that every member and their guests will join us for a fabulous presentation on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Remember we will be accepting appropriate names for the new museum area up until the announcement on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up a "name contest" application at the club office.

Work continues to be done on the President's book by our historian. Should you have any information you would like to share on any past president, please submit it to the club office. Your donations of artifacts, pictures, postcards and cash have made the HSC Museum what it is today. All donations, including time, are very much appreciated by every member involved with HNHS.

Work is being done on new sign posts, or kiosks, by a few very talented individuals. These kiosks will be used to display weekly calendars and may be found throughout club property. Each tier of rental units will have a display kiosk as well as the recreation building, the beach entrance and the golf course. When you see a kiosk, check it out. See what's happening and become a part of all that HNHS has to offer.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Pentecost, President HNHS

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Governors,

The last few months have been busy with hunting seasons and all the activity that goes along with getting things ready for winter. Winter this year decided to set in early and snow plowing has been on the front of our efforts most recently. Late October and November was full of hunting activity, bigger project and of course, shutting down all of our buildings that are not used in the winter months.

Many improvements have been made to our road and trails systems this fall. The crew and I preformed a major overhaul of the Beaver House Lake Trail and the Pole Gate ATV Trail. The trails were brushed, widened and leveled. These improvements should keep the trails in good shape limit the damage from wheel rutting, even during wet times.

We also hired an outside contractor to brush several of our trails that were most in need. N Trail, C Trail, Finn Farm and Graylock Trail all were trimmed back to better allow our members to pass without fear of scratching the paint on their vehicles. The crew did a very good job and thanks to some extra income from the sale of carbon credits, we were able to hire the crew for a 2 week period.

We accelerated several purchases because of the

unbudgeted revenue from the carbon credits this fall. All of the purchases have been made as of year end. Some of the items include a replacement truck for plowing and habitat improvement. We purchased a 1 ton truck with a flat rack on the back to make it easier and safer to move larger items such as docks, boats, fertilizer, salt and chloride. We have also found that the heavier, dual wheeled truck is a powerful ally in our battle against mother nature and all the snow she is sharing with us this winter. A 2006 Chevy 4 door pickup was purchased to replace the 2001 Ford that is used for the Managers vehicle. I find that lease return truck fit our needs very well for the Managers. 7 new golf carts were purchased and will help upgrade our aged fleet at the golf course and reduce the man hours spent repairing the outdated and worn out carts that we currently are running.

This winter has proven a real challenge to keep our 1st group rental cabin useable for our members. On a regular basis, we have had several of the cabins froze up and we have already spent a lot of man hours thawing them out. Sub zero weather conditions with a breeze almost always mean a full morning of heating crawlspaces but leaving the water running in the cabins almost guarantees that the sewage lines will freeze shut in a few days. The crew is working on other ideas to help prevent this problem but these cabins were just not built to stay open all season.

Respectively submitted,  
Lester Livermore, Manager

## NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT

### 2008 HIGHLIGHTS:

Completed the majority of accelerated beech salvage operations.  
Completed Jack Pine planting of 146 acres with 115,000 trees.  
Had the first sale of carbon credits.  
Continued with our annual inventory program.  
Oak establishment/beech bark policy implementation continuing.  
Supported other committees (mapping and data management).

### 2008 HARVEST SUMMARY:

492 acres harvested(habitat created).  
Select cut 102 acres, modified clear cut 390 acres.  
Volume was 9,790 cords  
Timber revenue was \$214,007.28.  
Management expenses were \$16,123.31 (excludes carbon work).  
Expenses were 7.5% compared to a standard of 20\$.  
The summaries are on the website.  
There are two active winter logging operations on the Club:  
Olson's Camp  
QGMU

### OAK PLANTINGS

In October 120 small oak trees were moved. I would like to thank Keith Hopper, Walter Dark, John MacFarland, Charlie Wilson, and Ken Wilson for their time and all their hard work!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dan Crandall, Chairman

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee now has 8 Candidates for the 2009 election to the Hiawatha Board of Governors.

The candidates are as follows:

1. Teresa L. Schanski
2. Edward A. Middleton
3. Keith O. Hopper
4. James W. MacMeekin
5. Timothy E. Makinen
6. Kevin D. Evans
7. Lowell J. Rice
8. Michael A. McElroy

The Nominating Committee would like to thank these individuals for stepping forward and volunteering to serve our Club. We wish each of them "Good Luck" in the upcoming election.

Respectfully Submitted  
Steven L. Rogers

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Transfers completed in 2008	61
Transfer in process	12
Total Dues & CF Billed for 2009	\$738,609.00
Delinquent Dues, CF & Penalty 2008	\$ 13,630.00
Delinquent Members Up for Repossession	21
Total Memberships	1725
1 <sup>st</sup> Tier	790
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier	213
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tier	722

Total Members	1157
Single Memberships	836
Two Memberships	177
Three Memberships	87
Four Memberships	38
Five Memberships	3
Six Memberships	10
Seven Memberships	4
Nine Memberships	1
Ten Memberships	1

Respectfully Submitted  
Kevin Floria, Chairman

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The HSC Christmas Party was held on December 6, 2008 at the Activity Building and was attended by 48 members and guests. The maintenance crew provided us with a 10 foot spruce Christmas tree which was promptly decorated by volunteers Bevy Crandall, Ann Elms, Sharon Evans, Muriel Eifler and me.

Plans are in the works for the Annual Dinner Dance on June 27, 2009. The theme this year is "Fiesta at the HSC". Ethel, from the Beary Patch is going to prepare a fiesta style menu. We have to raise the ticket price this year to \$18.00 per person but you won't be asked to bring a hors d'oeuvre. We are not asking that guests come dressed in costume this year but they certainly may.

Respectfully submitted  
Lynda Rutledge

## TAX, LEGAL & AUDIT REPORT

### TAX:

The winter 2008 Property Taxes in the amount of \$138,407.17 will be paid to Garfield Township in a timely fashion.

### LEGAL:

### AUDIT:

The Firm of Smolinski and Christman will conduct the Annual Audit for 2008 starting April 20, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Middleton, Chairman

## RANGE COMMITTEE REPORT

### 2009 Trap Range schedule is as follows:

Tuesdays - 5:30pm to 7:30pm starting June 2<sup>nd</sup> thru August 25<sup>th</sup>

Sundays - 3:00pm to 5:00pm starting July 5<sup>th</sup> thru August 30<sup>th</sup>

### 2009 Turkey and Championship Shoot

Along with the turkey and championship shoot we will have the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Eastern U.P. Trap Championship, which includes non-members of the eastern U.P. Awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners for both men and women for the Club Championship shoot and one award for the Eastern U.P. Championship.

This shoot will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00am. This starting time allows for more turkey shooters and more shooters for the championship shoot. Water and soda will be available for sale.

Amateur training will be upon request, the same for special groups and families for opening the trap, other than regular scheduled shoots. Please contact Dennis Goerke at 477-1150 to schedule dates and times. 12 gauge shells are available at market price.

At the January 18, 2008 meeting I asked the Board to discuss the possibility of having a 200 yard rifle range established at the south side of the airport. To date, I have heard nothing regarding this request or other alternatives, if any. Please advise your thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis D. Goerke, Chairman

# Addresses and Phone Numbers

Board meetings are held the third Saturday of January, April July & October. The Annual Meeting is held the last Saturday of June.

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## CLUB STAFF, EMERGENCY ONLY

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Feneley, Yvonne.....	906-477-6837
Frederick, Sally .....	906-477-6350

## COMMITTEE STRUCTURE 2008-2009

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Steve Rogers, Chairmen -231-398-2798
ELECTION COMMITTEE - Dick Streufert, Chairman, 231-582-2793, John DeGraaf, Walt Frederick, Jim Papineau, Steve Rogers, Ron Spaulding.
TAX, LEGAL & AUDIT - Edward Middleton - Chairman, Jim Smith, Jeff Smith & Charles Wilson.
BUILDING, HOUSE & GROUNDS COMMITTEE - Marvin Henderson, Chairman, Kurt Larson, Teresa Schanski, Jim Rutledge, Dave Hunt, Charles Wilson, Dennis Waideo, John Batchelder, and Bruce Gustafson
GOLF COMMITTEE - Lowell Rice, Chairman, 906-477-9877, David Pentecost, DeWayne Evans, Barbara Vandermade, Bob Street & Tom Ewearitt.
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Kevin Floria, Chairman, Jim Rutledge, DeWayne Evans, Steve Rogers, Wendell Wilson, and Walt Dark.
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE - Jim Rutledge, Dave Waldron, Dan Crandall and Loyal Eldridge.
FISH, GAME & FOWL COMMITTEE - Walt Dark & John MacFarland, Co-Chairmen, Kevin Floria, Dave Waldron, Kurt Larson, Teresa Schanski, Jim Rutledge, DeWayne Evans, Dan Crandall, Philip Dennis, Leonard Jakubiak, John Lane, Keith Hopper, Aaron Fulton, Doug Carrigan, Ivan Darling and Jim MacMeekin.
RANGE COMMITTEE - Dennis Goerke, Chairman, 906-477-1150, Clair Lashbrook, & Tom Fagerlin.
AD-HOC COMMITTEE - MILLECOQUIN LK WATERSHED - Jim Rutledge, James Hayes & John MacFarland, Co-Chairmen, Sam Fowler, Gary Stoufer.
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE - Dan Crandall, Chairman, Jerry Grossman, Kevin Floria, Loyal Eldridge, Gary Stoufer, Doug Carrigan, Dave Hunt, DeWayne Evans, and Walt Dark.
FINANCE COMMITTEE - Loyal Eldridge, Chairman, David Waldron, Charles Wilson and Roland Ringquist, Bill Burnett, Marvin Henderson.
CIVIC & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS - Linda Bennett, Chairperson, 906-477-6043
FUTURE PLANNING/PAST PRESIDENTS - DeWayne Evans, Chairman, 906-477-6639
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE - James Wileman, Chairman, Terry Klotz, Ed Middleton, Jack Glascock, Sam Fowler, Dave Waldron and Walt Dark.
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COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLISHING - Dan Crandall, Editor & Communication.
PROGRAMS - Lynda Rutledge, Chairperson, 906-477-0035
ACTIVITIES - Office- Annette Clark, Melinda Hall, Rec. Director.
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ART CLUB - Francie Dittrich, President, 906-477-6755, Jim Hayes, Vice President, Kay Graham, Treasurer, Rosemary Peters, Secretary.

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS TERM EXPIRATION

2009	2010	2011
D. Crandall	W. Dark	M. Henderson
K. Floria	L. Eldridge	K. Larson
E. Middleton	J. MacFarland	D. Waldron
T. Schanski	J. Rutledge	J. Wileman

