

AGENDA
HIAWATHA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2010
ACTIVITY BUILDING

1. Call the Meeting to Order 9:00 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Call the Roll
4. Agenda Changes
5. Reading of the October 17, 2009 Minutes
6. Correspondence from Members
7. Members Wishing to be Heard

8. Committee Reports:
 - a) Nature & Historical Society - David Pentecost
 - b) Art - Francie Dittrich
 - c) Civic and Government Affairs - Linda Bennett
 - d) Election - Dick Streufert
 - e) Nomination - Bob Laraway
 - f) Range - Dennis Goerke
 - g) Tax, Legal and Audit - Ed Middleton
 - h) Ad-Hoc Committee Millecoquins Lk Watershed - John MacFarland, Jim Wileman, Jim Hayes.
 - i) Programs/Dinner Dance - Janet Waldron
 - j) Future Planning - DeWayne Evans
 - k) Ad-Hoc Committee By-Laws - Dean Brodberg
 - l) Membership - Dean Brodberg
 - m) Natural Resources - Keith Hopper
 - n) Fish, Game & Fowl - John MacFarland & Dewayne Evans Co-Chairmen
 - o) Finance - Loyal Eldridge
 - p) Golf - Mike McElroy
 - q) Communication - Dan Crandall
 - r) Grievance - Jim Rutledge
 - s) Building, House & Grounds - Kurt Larson
 - t) Manager's Report - Lester Livermore

9. Members Wishing to be Heard

10. Old Business:
 - A. Membership Application
11. New Business:
 - A. Spotted Knapweed
 - B. HSC Position on Wolves
 - C. Capital Budget
 - D. Dues Structure
 - E. Building Code Modification

12. Adjournment

ART CLUB REPORT

ART ACTIVITIES CLUB UPDATE 2010

OFFICERS 2010

President - Francie Dittrich
Vice President - Jim Hayes
Treasurer - Kay Graham
Secretary - Jerry Peters
Corresponding Secretary - Barb Hobbs
Librarian - Ivan Darling

BUSINESS MEETINGS 2010

Tuesday June 8th - Finalize Carl Mayers Workshop and Helga Flower dates.
Wednesday June 9th - Work Bee Library (as suggested; September 1, 2009)
Tuesday July 6th - Art show duties etc.
Tuesday July 20th - Art show finalize
Tuesday August 10th - Verbale Art Show report and critique
Tuesday September 7th - Final meeting
All meetings are held at Paintin Place from 9AM till done (and are subjected to change)

WORKSHOPS 2010

The Carl Mayers June 14-15-16, 2010 Water Color Workshop is under way Carl has been contacted by Jerry Peters, and has sent 3 wonderful articles about his career. Past Art Club /Workshop participants are in the process of being contacted for pre-registration* (which is required by April 15th). To register please contact Jerry Peters. See Council Fire Ad. Carl will be personally welcomed to our club prior to his visit.

ART SHOW 2010 (note dates earlier this year)

Friday July 30th, set up and registration.
Friday July 30th, evening celebration/reception
Saturday July 31st - Show
Sunday August 1st - Show
For more information, about Friday, July 30th celebration/reception, 60th year of H.S.C. Art Show; see Council Fire Ad: or contact Marlene Beck.
*still needed: Art show chairs 2010. Looking ahead; an article featuring Tay MacMeekin (our featured exhibitor) should appear in your Council Fire spring issue.

ART CLASSES 2010

For your update see Council Fire article by Barb Hobbs (this winter issue)

MEMBER NEWS

*Your H.S.C. Art Club wishes to express our deepest sympathy to corresponding secretary Barb Hobbs in the loss of her beloved Stuart. We are here for you.
*Congratulations go to Marlene Beck for being selected by Ronald McDonald House to have her water color be part of their 2009 Christmas Cards.
As always thank you Board of Governors and Lester for your continued support.

Submitted by
Francie Dittrich, President

For More Information about

*Carl Mayer workshop sign up contact Jerry Peters 3353 Carlton Blvd, Jackson, MI 49203. E-Mail kjpetersinmi@yahoo.com

*60 year Art Show Celebration/reception; Marlene Beck E-Mail marpia2@aol.com

*Art Club in general/Art Show; Francie Dittrich 517-339-9671 (winter) E-Mail iceyart@yahoo.com

Thank you office staff - can't do this without you.

TRAP RANGE REPORT

For 2010, we are increasing the number of days the trap will be open to accommodate more practice rounds. For June, 2010, we will open Tuesday, June 1st and follow with openings every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m., and every Sunday at 3:00 P.M. to accommodate shooters prior to the Triathlon on the 18th.

For July, August and September, we will be open every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. and Every Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

The Turkey and Championship shoot will be held on Saturday, July 10th, starting at 10:00 a.m.

We will complete the make over of the back-up trap this spring. Thanks to Terry and Jude Hamilton, who have donated a small boat trailer, we will have the complete back-up package for 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis D. Goerke
Trap Range Chairman

TAX, LEGAL AND AUDIT REPORT

TAX:

Winter taxes came to the amount of \$129,647.01 and will be timely paid.

LEGAL:

No report.

AUDIT:

No report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Middleton, Chairman

AD-HOC COMMITTEE-MILLECOQUIN LAKE WATERSHED

DNR fish biologist Darren Kramer stated last week that there is still a possibility that the Michigan DNR will plant 37,000 walleyes in Lake Millecoquins this year. He said our VHS wash stations greatly increase our chances of getting fish plants. The DNR is still very concerned not to spread VHS through fish plants and are moving very cautiously with these plants. The DNR is planning a full community survey of Millecoquins Lake in 2011. Trap, gill, and fyke nets and seines will be used and water samples will be taken for analysis. A report will be published comparing our lake with others across the U.P. The bullhead removal project we requested last year for the lake is on hold until more data is provided by the community survey showing the need.

Mr. Kramer again suggested we add structure to the north end of Lake Millecoquins at the shoreline using brush and/or downed timber. This is for fish cover. We plan to do this Sunday, February 28. This is the day after the Millecoquins Lake Winter Carnival. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated. If you can help call John MacFarland, (989) 413-1598 or Jim Rutledge, (906) 477-0035.

Respectfully Submitted,
John MacFarland
Jim Hayes
Jim Wileman

AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

To: President Waldron - Board of Governors

At the October 17, 2009 Board of Governor's Meeting, I noted in my report that we were in the process of "cleaning-up" the By-Laws to correct grammar, punctuation, word usage, etc. That job has now been completed.

Our next step is to print By-Law Booklets in 5.5 x 8.5 size. Sault Printing Company submitted an estimate for the job which is attached to my report. At the meeting I will be bringing a motion that the Club print 300 By-Law Booklets at the estimated price of \$475.00.

Art work for the By-Law Booklets still needs to be determined. I would envision that the covers should display the name Hiawatha Sportsman's Club, our Club Logo (Indian Head), By-Laws, committee members, date, etc.

A big thank you to committee members, Ann Elms and Ed Middleton for their assistance in helping me with the editing. Also, a thank you to Yvonne for her patience as we walked through the many changes.

None of the changes affect the meaning or in-tent of the By-laws.

On September 16, 2009 member Ivan Darling submitted a letter to the Board of Governors dealing with the By-laws with respect to non-permanent structures. Our committee will be reviewing this issue. In addition, I have forwarded a copy of Mr. Darling's letter to Governor Larson and his Building, House and Grounds Committee for their input.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Brodberg, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

To: President Waldron and Board of Governors

In my October 17, 2009 report to the Board of Governors, I listed the following items that our committee needed to discuss:

- Our current application form for membership
- Criminal background check
- Secretary of State driving record
- Credit check
- Drop requirement to provide social security number
- Employment history

On December 14, 2009 our committee, along with Manager Livermore, met in Grayling. Primary purpose of our meeting was to revise our application form for membership, incorporating some of the changes noted above. Attached to my report is a copy of our current application form and a draft of the revised application form.

Following is a capsule view of the changes:

1. Asking applicant and spouse for other names they use or may have used.
2. Delete social security number
3. In addition to current address, list previous two
4. Delete listing of children
5. Question #1 - delete the option to answer
6. Question #6 - more specific as to applicants affiliation, if any with an animal rights organization.
7. Question #7 - slight change in wording to include applicants residency in other states
8. Question #9 - add the word misdemeanor.
9. Question #10 - This question hasn't changed but committee would like to see a data base set-up in Club office to capture the talents and areas of expertise in our members. Our club relies heavily on volunteers and it would be helpful to go to this data base to secure the expertise needed.
10. Question #12 - sponsorship reduced to one year.
11. Revision of statement applicant signs that any false or misleading information they provide can result in rejection of their application.

Addition comments on what committee is working on in regards to our application process:

1. Require applicant to submit copy of current drivers license along with that of spouse.
2. Club will order driving record for applicant and spouse.
3. Criminal background check. Working toward a way we can check applicant in any state through our club office.
4. About 20% of our membership carry an out-of-state address. While we currently submit all applicants to Michigan D.N.R., we're looking to see about checking out-of-state.
5. Our current transfer fee is \$228.00. In light of the changes recommended and additional work by our club office, this fee may need to increase.
6. All applicants are provided with a document entitled "Procedure for Transfer of Lot and Memberships" (copy attached). This document will need to be up-dated to provide all applicants with information as to what is expected of them and what the Club will be doing on behalf of their application process.

Our last item. Committee discussed the potential member who cannot provide a sponsor. Our by-laws require a sponsor. After discussion, it was suggested that an "Initiation Committee" be formed to interview the potential member. The idea here is that this committee would bridge-the-gap for the applicant who has not one to sponsor them. Details to be worked out.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Transfers completed in 2009	60
Transfers in process	9
Total Dues and CF billed for 2010	\$747,240.00
Delinquent Dues, CF & Penalty 2009	\$ 14,101.00
Delinquent Members up for repossession	19
Total Memberships	1722
1 st Tier	787
2 nd Tier	213
3 rd Tier	722
Total Members	1152
Single Memberships	826
Two Memberships	184
Three Memberships	85
Four Memberships	39
Five Memberships	2
Six Memberships	10
Seven Memberships	4
Nine Memberships	1
Ten memberships	1

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Brodberg, Chairman

NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT

2009 was a very interesting year. In the spring the mills were closed and not much was happening. Once the Mills opened back up we brought in a third logging crew to try and reach our goal of harvesting 400 acres of Aspen per year for the next eight years to get us back on track with our Aspen regeneration program. We closed the year at 334 acre mark for Aspen but should be back in track in 2010.

Several Sales were completed in 2009 and several more are being worked as this report is being written. 2009 we harvested a total of 523 acres. 189 acres were select cut and 334 acres were modified clear cuts.

Carbon Credits: remain very soft as the administrations Cap and Trade program is now in place. On October 16, 2009 several of us listened to a presentation by the Delta Institute discussing the current situation with Carbon Credits. The Delta Institute, is the seller of our credits, they put a sales price of \$2.00, per credit as the minimum they will accept for any new sales. At the time of our call the price was \$0.67, per credit. We still have 60,973 salable credits offered for purchase. They shared a California program that has so many limitations and controls that it will not be in our clubs best interest to pursue.

Biomass: Your Natural Resources committee will be having a meeting in March where we will discuss the option of selling wood to a Biomass facility. The government has some special incentives to get people to participate. Our first area will be to find a facility that is within striking distance of our club. The Kinross facility if it opens would be our closest option.

Oak Establishment: November 05, 2009 Dan Crandall headed up a crew of Charley Wilson, Ivan Darling and I. We met at the maintenance garage and headed out to the field where we dug up and transplanted 100 Oak's. Dan thanks for taking on this task and hopefully you will be available again this fall to do the same. Charley and Ivan thanks for all your help. A special, thanks goes out to Lester and our maintenance crew. Thank you for having the vehicles filled with fuel and ready to go.

Hunting season: We had a situation this past fall where loggers were working in an area that created a disruption for some of our members. The clubs policy is as follows:

14. There will be no operations, including hauling, during the Firearm Deer Season and Holiday weekends on or nearest to Memorial Day, the 4th of July and Labor Day, unless the Club Manager approves such activity. Buyer may also be required to restrict operations from time to time at the request of the HSC Manager.

Additional restricted times will be minimized. Buyer will be notified 14 days before said restricted periods whenever possible.

This language has been used by the club for the past 20+ years. I contacted Jerry and he indicated it has been the past practice by all the Club Managers that he has worked with to allow some flexibility, when requested by the logging contractors.

For our members that were affected please accept my sincere apology. We will be discussing this issue at our next Natural Resources meeting.

Please be sure to visit the natural Resources site to review our policies and maps Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted:

Keith Hopper, Chairman Natural Resources Committee

FISH COMMITTEE REPORT

The Fish, Game & Fowl Committee recently approved our fish plants for this year. We will be planting 2,000 rainbows in Cold Creek Pond, 1,400 brooks and rainbows in Jocko Pond, and 950 rainbows and browns in Three Mile Pond. This is 52% of our total plants. The rest will be brooks spread throughout our streams along with 500 hybrid bluegills and 100 largemouth bass slated for the QGMU Pond. The bass are a new edition and will hopefully thrive. We are not planting any fish at Elbow Lake this year on LSSU's recommendation. They found an abundance of large gills there this fall. We are planting late in Jocko Pond this year. Members have requested this because many feel that they do better with the big, holdover trout in the early part of the season if we plant late.

Last year we had two fishing events that honored Larry McEvers that were very well received by the membership. The committee has decided to make them annual events. The Larry McEvers Master Angler Fishing Contest will start July 1st and end on Labor Day. Pictures of the winners will be posted in the Club Office and at the Rec. Building for a year. Winners are entitled to bragging rights for that time period. The Larry McEvers Youth Fishing Tournament will be held yearly at Three Mile Pond on Labor Day Weekend. It will be open to those eligible to fish club waters who are sixteen years and younger. Exact details for both events will be announced at the April board meeting.

Our stream restoration program is planning a couple of projects this spring and summer as well as the usual clean-up and maintenance. We would like to add a new spawning run to service Three Mile Pond. We have so much sand in our streams these spawning runs drastically improve trout reproduction. We also need to shore-up the work we did last year on the Upper River at Milk Creek. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated and we are building a list of people we can call on to help with these projects. Please contact Jim Rutledge at (906) 477-0035 or John MacFarland at (989) 413-1598.

The project to adjust the ph level in Cranberry Lake is still on for early spring. We had to wait until the chemical tests were back from MSU and we ran them by LSSU before we proceeded. The tests came out fine and we will also include Elbow Lake in the project this spring. Also, we just received a lengthy report back from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service on the sea lamprey treatment done in Cold Creek last summer. We have asked Dr. Bryan Burroughs from Trout Unlimited and fish biologist Geraldine Larson from Superior Watershed to help us evaluate the data and make recommendations. This should be done by spring.

Respectfully Submitted-

John MacFarland
Co-chairman Fish, Game & Fowl Committee

GAME & FOWL REPORT

The Fish, Game, & Fowl Committee has been very active since the October 17, 2009 Board of Governors Meeting. Regular committee meetings were held on October 17, 2009 and January 5, 2010 and a special meeting on the Spotted Knapweed Project was held on December 3, 2009.

In the November 5, 2009 committee meeting the committee discussed the need for a HSC Position Paper on Wolves. It was decided to have a sub-committee made up of Manager Livermore, Jim Rutledge, and John McFarland draft this document. Thanks to their efforts the document was completed and submitted to the committee for approval at their January 5, 2010 meeting. The committee approved the document and is submitting it to the Board for approval today. If approved, this document will be submitted to several different organizations and the media in an effort to encourage state and federal agencies to deal with the wolf problem.

In this meeting the 2010 Food Plot Project was discussed. Unfortunately we have lost the possibility of purchasing our own no till drill due to budget restraints. We will continue to use the extension office drill if available. Planting plans and procedures will be established in a later meeting.

The 2010 plans for the QGMU hay fields were discussed. The consensus was there was too much time and effort required to have maintenance personnel handle the haying requirements and that we should evaluate leasing the farm to a local farmer on a per acre basis. Manager Livermore reported he has been in contact with Miller Farms and he is fairly confident they will be leasing the land. If they change their minds he will talk with other area farmers.

In the January 5, 2010 meeting Manager Livermore presented the 2009 Deer Season Report. This was one of the poorest seasons in the history of the club with only 21 bucks and 7 doe being harvested. Of the 21 bucks there were; 2-11 points, 1-9 point, 3-8 points, 2-7 points, 6-6 points, 3-5 points, 3-4 points, and 1-3 point. Data was collected on all of these deer that were brought into the check station and this information will be compiled and presented in a report at a later date.

Speculation is running rampant on why this year's deer season was so poor and there are about as many "guesses" out there as we have hunters in the woods but to date no one has come forward with any concrete evidence. The answer may lie in a combination of conditions including but not confined to; too many predators, weather too warm, too much hunting pressure.

Of these, there is only one that we have much chance of controlling and that is the predators and of these; wolf, bear, and coyotes the only one possible is coyote as bear are protected by a permit system and wolves are on the endangered species list. With that in mind the committee approved a motion in their January 5th meeting to have the club place a \$20 bounty on coyotes. This motion will be brought before the board today.

The committee also reviewed the usage of the probationary rule passed last year which allowed grandchildren the right to hunt small game on the club when accompanied by a grandparent that is a member in good standing. There was little or no use of this rule but the majority of the committee felt it was a good rule and should be left in place. A motion was passed to this affect and will be presented to the board today.

In light of current economic trends and the fact that the committee will be operating under a very tight budget in 2010 the committee decided to discontinue our use of Jim Hammill as a wildlife consultant. We will be contacting LSSU to see if they would be willing to work with us on game and fowl matters similar to their current work with us on fish projects.

The committee has continued to be heavily involved in the Spotted Knapweed Project. On December 3, 2009 we had a special meeting in which we met with Manager Mark Manamen from Seney Wildlife Refuge and Biologist Bruce Leutscher from Pictured Rocks National Lake Shore. Ike Darling is our project leader and he will present the results of this meeting along with the current status of this project.

Respectfully submitted,

DeWayne Evans
Co-chairman Fish, Game, & Fowl Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Present Status to 2009 Financial Budget:

Following is a summary of the December 31, 2009 year to date actual revenues and expenses versus the 2009 financial budget.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Revenues	\$1,336,280	\$1,441,800
Expenses	\$1,321,478	\$1,331,080
Net Income	\$ 14,802	\$ 110,720

The \$105,521 short fall of revenue compared to budget is primarily due to a lack of Carbon Credit Sales - (\$125,000). However it must be noted that part of the revenue, \$14,626 is on insurance settlement for a damaged truck and \$19,420 represents over budget Pro Shop sales which have an offsetting expense of \$13,011.

The expenses were under budget by \$9,602. An increase in the cost of umbrella insurance was offset by a decrease in professional expense. Interest was down \$7,666 due to the early payoff of the QGMU loan.

Year-end income of \$14,802 will be reduced by \$20,000 due to increased depreciation resulting in a net loss of \$5,000. All estimates are subject to the Audit in April.

Present Status to 2009 Capital Budget

Our Capital Plan for 2009 is \$101,500. As of December 31, 2009 we have expended \$84,686, which consists of the following:

Replica Museum Bldg.	\$ 3,757
Golf Cart Replacement	6,280
Roof Replacement 1 st Group	19,185
Tractor F&G	43,574
Roof & Door Replacement, Trap Range	1,890
Misc. Capital Items	<u>10,000</u>
Total	\$84,686

Investment Status

Our Cash and Investments as of December 31, 2009 totaled \$762,249. Our "Reserve" Accounts total \$659,484. Therefore are properly supported by our cash and investments.

Future Outlook

During 2010 Club members will experience the third year of no dues increase. This has occurred because of the revenue from carbon credit sales. In 2009 the Club was not able to sell carbon credits due to the uncertainty created by the fact that Congress is considering "Cap and Trade" legislation. It is possible, but unlikely that this issue will be resolved prior the establishing our Club dues for the 2011 dues at the June Annual Meeting.

The 2010 operating budget contains no increase and our capital plan has been reduced to the bear minimum so that we can maintain the clubs financial integrity. Finally we have 273 memberships owned by members that own more than three memberships. When possible we need these memberships sold or gifted so we have more payers of the primary dues and assessments.

Respectfully submitted,
Loyal Eldridge, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair

MANAGER'S REPORT

Governors,

The most important event of the fall is always firearm deer season. This year was very disappointing. The Hiawatha Club has been keeping record of the buck harvest since 1955 and 2009 was the lowest ever with only 21 bucks taken. Many factors play into the low deer numbers including predation and two very rough winters. The reestablishment of the Gray Wolf certainly plays a role in Whitetail Deer management but unfortunately the Federal Government has not been able to delist the Gray Wolf off of the endangered species list because of lawsuits by special interests groups. Three times the Gray wolf has been delisted and all three times returned to the list in court because of lawsuits filed by groups like the Human Society of the United States, Defenders of Wildlife and the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Their financial backing and teams of lawyers have made the delisting a financial issue instead of a biological one. The Fish and Game Committee and myself have been discussing and will propose that the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club take a position and actively pursue applying political pressure on our representatives to remove the Gray Wolf from the Endangered Species List and return the management to the State of Michigan.

On a more positive note, we have reached an agreement with Big Bay Broadband and construction of the tower on the marina point to provide broadband internet to Naubinway and the surrounding area has started. I have been told by Dan Edwards of Big Bay Broadband that they could be ready to start offering the service as soon as late January. Just how far and who will be able to access the service is yet to be determined but all of West, East and Middle Beach roads along with anyone in Naubinway should be within the signal working area. West, East and Middle River may also be able to use the new service but the pine trees in the area may make it necessary to have an extra antenna. For more information, please contact Dan Edwards at Big Bay Broadband at 906-341-3905. It should be noted that this service was made available in part because of an agreement whereas the tower location could be used at no cost to Big Bay Broadband by the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club. Without this agreement, we would probably still not have reasonably priced high speed internet available to our members in these areas.

Some time ago, the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club invested in the materials to install dry hydrants in strategically placed locations on the Club. For several years other projects we moved into priority over the hydrant installations so the materials waited in storage. This past fall, the maintenance crew and I dug the materials out of the dust and then dug some holes to put them in. Three new dry hydrants were installed. They are located on the East end of West Beach Road, East Beach Road and Cold Creek Point. These locations were selected because of Club owned access to the water and staging area availability for potential fire crews. What is a dry hydrant you ask? Most simply put, it is a pipe that allows a fire crew to attach a pump at a convenient location and draw water directly from the river or lake for use with a fire truck. The pipe is fitted with a screen on one end to keep debris from being sucked up into the pump and a quick attach fitting with cover on the other end. These pipes have to be large, 6 inch diameter to supply the pump with an adequate water supply for emergency purposes. We are planning on installing three others in the spring. They will be located at the Recreation Building site, one in the Club easement across from the Activity Building and one on Riverview Drive. The shorter hauling distances and quick year around access will make emergency fire suppression much quicker.

We spent a considerable amount of time improving the West Beach ORV trails this past fall and snowmobile access should not be a problem anymore. The wider and flatter surface will allow occasional grooming to keep it smooth and safe. The Hiawatha Sportsman's Club has the best snowmobiling in the Upper Peninsula due to recent trail improvement, the efforts of our volunteer groomers and the limited amount of traffic on the trails. Come visit the Club this winter and enjoy the beauty of Hiawatha draped in white.

In light of the short term financial outlook for the Club, the 4th Group Cottage replacement will probably not be commencing any time soon. Therefore, I have directed the maintenance staff to address some of the issues we have been putting off in case they were going to be removed. Some cabins will receive new flooring and ceilings. Insulating the attics is also being looked at as a possible project. Although the improvements will be modest in comparison, I hope the efforts put in this winter will pay dividends this summer in member satisfaction.

Respectively submitted,

Lester Livermore, Manager