

AGENDA
HIAWATHA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2009
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 July 18, 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/Past President - DeWayne Evans
 - k) Ad-Hoc Committee By-Laws - Dean Brodberg
 - l) Membership - Dean Brodberg
 - m) Natural Resources - Keith Hopper
 - n) Fish, Game & Fowl - John McFarland & 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:

11. New Business:
 - A. Membership Application
 - B. 2010 Operating Budget

- 12: Adjournment

HIAWATHA NATURE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

This has been one of the busiest summers I have ever experienced at The Club. We had so many wonderful activities and attendance was very strong. A big thank you to Club Manager Livermore and Board President Waldron for roasting and carving the pigs for our first annual pig roast. Also Ted Meier must be thanked for the time he volunteered and for his expertise in serving as our master chef for the occasion. Also additional thanks must be extended to Anne Pentecost, Ann Hayes and Francie Dittrich for their outstanding support. The Pig Roast was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance. There was great conversation and a true feeling of togetherness and accomplishment in the activities building. The left-over pork and other accoutrements were used to reward our hard working secretarial, administrative and maintenance staff with a "free lunch!" So it was indeed a rewarding experience for all involved. In fact it was so successful that it was decided that we are going to sponsor it again next summer after the July Board of Governors Meeting. Put it on your calendar now as we're sure to have an even larger turn out! July 17, 2010 marks the date. 5:30 pm marks the time.

We also had one of the most successful corn roasts we've had in years at Pullup Lake. This event was organized by Mike Gravlin and Steve Rogers and their wonderful wives and sponsored by HNHS. We had many left-over's from the pig roast including pulled pork, along with fantastically fresh steamed corn on the cob. More than 60 people enjoyed the sunny day at Pullup. Some great conversations and camaraderie were had by all.

We also hosted two beach picnics with excellent attendance. We seemed to pick the right dates as all of our beach picnics met with sunny skies and mild temperatures. All one need do to attend a beach picnic is bring a dish to pass and some meat to throw on the grill. With one's own table service one of the best meals available can be found at the beach. The side dishes are a thrill to the pallet and the desserts are to die for.....enough said!!

Our replica cabin and storage building ribbon cutting was very successful. Board President Waldron was available to assist with the ribbon cutting. We had some great story tellers there relating their experiences early on at the Club. A treasure hunt was included in the festivities with some great prizes awarded to the winners. A refreshment table was included that was absolutely exquisite. Betty Ann Glascock has done an absolutely marvelous job working on the restoration of the cabin replica along with countless other volunteers who assisted with flooring, roofing, donations, painting and construction. As one can see there are so many people working together to make our Club the best it can be. Our mission at HNHS: "To preserve and protect our heritage," is truly a mission undertaken by a significant number of Club members, old and new, all working together to maintain the beauty and integrity of our Club! A special thanks to those who contributed furnishings, remnants and antiquities housed in our replica.

Tidbits: For those who are unaware the HNHS area is now called "Hiawatha Heritage Center." It includes all the lands, trails and structures surrounding Manitou Lodge. This name was selected among numerous applicants, many of whom had excellent and historic significance. It was a pleasure meeting and congratulating Bard Hobbs, the wonderful young lady who submitted the winning name. Congratulations Barb!!

Membership in Hiawatha Nature and Historical Society is renewable annually. So please remember to join every year. One needn't be an HNHS member to enjoy all of our activities, but your membership will be greatly appreciated not to mention all the extra benefits which include, but are not limited to: feeling really, really good about yourself, supporting one of the premier organizations of The Club, being on our activities calling list, enjoying the fellowship and camaraderie inherent in being a member of an outstanding contributing society.

Our executive committee for 2010 consists of:

David Pentecost, President
Jim MacMeekin, Vice President
Anne Pentecost, Secretary
Ann Elms, Treasurer
Jim Beck, Director
Betty Ann Glascock, Past President

I would like to personally thank everyone who donated artifacts to the museum and to the replica cabin. I would also like to personally thank all those individuals who volunteered their valuable time to host and hostess the museum, those who served as committee chairpersons and those who helped open and close the museums this year. I would especially like to publicly thank Mary Beth McElroy for her time and the expertise she contributed to maintaining the outstanding traditions of the Naomi Children's Museum. And my wife Anne Pentecost for her hard work in organizing hosts and hostesses for the museum.

It takes a lot of people working together for HNHS to be successful. Fortunately, those people showed up this year. We hope that they continue to volunteer their time and effort to assist in this most rewarding activity!

Respectfully submitted and dedicated to preserving and protecting the heritage of our club.
David Pentecost, President HNHS

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ART REPORT

ART SHOW 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

The H.S.A. Annual Art and Hobby Show, held on August 1st and 2nd at the Activities Building, was attended by 444 people. There were 30 repeat exhibitors and 5 new exhibitors for a total of 35 artists. The show also included art projects by children through adults who participated in our H.S.C. Art Classes and the Naomi children's Museum classes. These displays were provided by their teachers: Barb Hobbs, Gen Cousineau and Mary Beth McElroy.

Included for the first time were outdoor special features, such as an authentic Native American Teepee and wood carving hands on by Jim Rutledge and Ivan Darling.

Featured artist were Jerry Peters and Brenna Rizzardi. Both specialize in watercolor, with a range of subjects from landscapes to scenes from the life of King Tut.

Cara Smith and Catherine Bowes demonstrated how to paint flower pot pen holders on Saturday and Margaret Lucas and Kelly Roth provided materials for "make your own" oil lamp or beach garden on Sunday. The show also featured folk singer Shirley Rowe and our traditional punchbowl with treats managed by our perennial hostesses Muriel Eifler and Vi Wash.

Publicity was provided by Ruth Schmitter, Jr. The show was co-chaired by Marlene Beck and Neta Mills. These highlights were taken from their submitted final report. A special thank you, to both for another job well done.

ART SHOW 2010 UPDATE

Mark you calendar now:

Friday, July 30th setup/registration

Friday, July 30th (Evening) Art preview and celebration of our 60th year as a club.

Saturday, July 31st Actual Show

Sunday, August 1st Actual Show

Featured Artist will be Tay MacMeekin and her fiber arts.

Still Needed person/persons to chair the show.

ART CLASSES 2010

Will be held the month of July for children and teens through adult, with teachers Barb Hobbs and Gen Cousineau. The dates are July 1, 8, 15, 22.

WORKSHOPS 2009 – report and article still pending.

WORKSHOPS 2010

We are excited as a club to host yet another special artist. Sign up now for the Carl Mayer 3-day watercolor workshop scheduled for June 14, 15 & 16th at the H.S.C. Activities building. Open to all H.S.C. members with advanced registration required. More information forth coming. Hosted by Jerry Peters.

PAINTIN' PLACE Improvements

New shades – A motion passed to get room-darkening shades for our kitchen area. Shades to be purchased and installed by Diane and Gus Hassenrick.

New light – A motion passed to install a new light with a full diffused plate and full spectrum bulbs in our kitchen/work area. To be installed by maintenance? pending Lester's approval.

VCR – A special thank you to Ted and Ann Maier, for their contribution of a VCR for Art Club use. Art videos will be available June 2010.

ART CLUB MINUTES

For the mailing of Art Club minutes Via E-mail contact Jerry Peters, Secretary.

ROSTERS

Art club membership rosters have been updated and are now available. Contact, Francie Dittrich.

And in conclusion, a special thank you Lester and his crew for the extension of the handicap ramp at the Activities building, and you the Board of Governors, for your continued support.

For more information regarding:

- A complete copy of the Art and Hobby Show final report.
- A copy of the updated Art Club Rosters.
- To volunteer or chair the 2010 Art & Hobby Show.
- Art club general information contact Francie Dittrich at
- E-mail iceyart@yahoo.com, or (517)339-9671.

For information regarding the CARL MAYER water color workshop advanced registration contact Jerry Peters E-Mail kjpetersinmi@yahoo.com.

Faithfully Submitted,
Francie Dittrich, President

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CIVIC & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

DATES OF INTEREST:

OCTOBER MEETING – OCTOBER 19, 2009 6:30P.M.

NOVEMBER MEETING – NOVEMBER 16, 2009 6:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER 3, 2009 GENERAL ELECTION (MILLAGE FOR MACKINAC STRAITS HOSPITAL)

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE

PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN BOARDS AND THE ADVISOR FOR NOTICES OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SENIOR CITIZEN DINNER IS HELD EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT THE GARFIELD TWP HALL AT NOON. COST IS \$2.50 FOR SENIORS AND \$5.00 FOR GUESTS.

NORMAL SITE INSPECTIONS ARE IN PROCESS BY OUR ASSESSOR, DALE NELSON, IF YOU SEE THEM IN YOUR AREA. (THIS DOES NOT MEAN YOUR TAXES ARE GOING UP)

HAVE A SAFE HUNTING SEASON!

Linda Bennett, Chairperson and Garfield Twp. Clerk

ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

On September 26, 2009 the Election Committee opened the envelopes and counted the ballots relative to the recent proposed By-Law changes.

The membership voted in favor of changing the By-laws as follows: 339 Yes, 19 No, 1 Abstain and 5 ballots were not marked. There were only 364 total ballots cast.

It should be noted that several members expressed concern and confusion over the clarity of the ballot and chose not to vote because of their uncertainty of the issues.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Streufert, Chairman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Governors,

The Nominating Committee has completed its task for the 2010 election. The following members have been selected to submit their names to the membership for election to the 2010 Board of Governors.

Dean, Brodberg, Ivan Darling, Kevin Evans, Robert Horton, Theodore Maier, Judith Ann Maier, John MacFarland, James MacMeekin, David Pentecost and Kenneth Peters.

Thank you to the ten Hiawatha Sportsman's Club members for agreeing to run for the Board of Governors and to the members of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Laraway, Chairman
Nominating Committee
Gene Beaudoin
Dennis Goerke
Greg Retzlaff
Larry Smith

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TRAP RANGE REPORT

The final report for the year 2009 is the best ever. We shot 1162 rounds and deposited \$4043.50 into the general fund. This equates to 30% more rounds and 43% more revenue than in 2008. The biggest factor for the increases was the Triathlon event. Not so much the event itself, but the practice rounds prior to the shoot.

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 5:30pm, and every Sunday at 3:00pm. One variation will be on Thursday, June 17th, when we will open at 1:00pm to accommodate shooters prior to the Triathlon on the 18th.

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

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

At the start of the 2009 season we thought that we would have enough targets available for the 2010 season. This is not the case. With an increase of 30% in rounds shot, we will run out. For the 2009 season we used approximately 215 cases and have a carry over of 149 cases for 2010. With the increase of trap opening dates, I suggest we purchase an additional 3 pallets of targets; approximately 150 cases for 2010. I'm not sure if the Cheboygan Sportsman's Club will need targets, but we should check with them, otherwise, purchase on the open market. Possibly for 2010 we should take the lead and purchase a half or whole truck load and share them with C.S.C., as we use over twice the amount of targets that they do.

Every time we open the trap and after shooting, we pick up the unbroken targets and recycle them back in for the next shoot, usually reclaiming over a case each time. With the increased amount of shooting, the broken targets are accumulating so that when an unbroken target hits the ground it breaks, therefore we are only reclaiming a dozen targets each shoot. I'm asking if someone could work up the drop area and reseed the same.

This would increase our recovery of unbroken targets and decrease the usage of new targets. I believe the last time the ground was worked up was 6 or 7 years ago.

As a safeguard against a breakdown of the target thrower, we have mounted the old machine on a pallet, which can be placed in front of the current machine for the Triathlon. We do need some dirt pulled away in front of the trap house to accommodate this move. We, also, need some grading in front of the garage door to avoid water running into the storage building.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis D. Goerke
Trap Range Chairman

TAX, LEGAL & AUDIT REPORT

TAX: - The club's summer property taxes of \$54,056.18 were timely paid.

LEGAL: - No Report

AUDIT: - A proposed agreement between the Audit Firm of Smolinski and Christman, P.C. and the Club which provides for the Audit of the Club's financial transactions for fiscal 2009, 2010 and 2011 has been approved by the Club and will be submitted to the Firm for finalization.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Middleton, Chairman

AD-HOC COMMITTEE - MILLECOQUIN LK WATERSHED

Fishing was excellent on the lake this year. Northern pike were abundant with fish in the 30 inch range often caught, with a few going 40 inches plus. Large and smallmouth bass catches were excellent and bluegills were like "the old days" and some people were even getting some nice perch. Walleyes were still at a premium. Bullheads were down.

The open meeting scheduled in September featuring DNR Fish Biologist Darren Kramer concerning Millecoquin Lake needed to be cancelled due to an unavoidable last minute change by Mr. Kramer. We are working on rescheduling it next spring. We are working with Mr. Kramer and the DNR to get walleye plants for next year. The state is not doing many plants because of the VHS virus and budget issues but the fact we have established boat sanitizing stations on both sides of the lake is in our favor. We have requested that the DNR sponsor another bullhead removal project next spring like the one that was so successful previously. Mr. Kramer also recommended that we place shoreline structure, downed trees, in the north end of the lake for fish cover. This is an idea we are exploring for next year. If you can help please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,
John MacFarland
Jim Hayes
Jim Wileman

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PROGRAMS REPORT

The 2010 Annual Dinner Dance will be held on June 26th in the Activities Building. The theme is "Shipwrecked in Paradise at HSC". Plans are well underway to transform the Activities Building into a "Shipwrecked in Paradise" setting. The dinner will be catered by Ethel Toms and the band "Best Friends" from Munising will be playing for us. There is an enthusiastic committee of volunteers working to ensure that everyone who attends this fun evening will have a great time. Publicity and more details will be included in future issues of the Council Fire.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Waldron, Program Chairperson

FUTURE PLANNING/PAST PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

In a meeting of the Operations Committee which I attended on August 20th two requests were made of the Future Planning/Past Presidents Committee.

One was that the following Purpose and Mission Statements be adopted as the official statements of this committee.

Purpose Statement

The Past Presidents Committee consists of all of the past presidents of this great club who are still willing and able to participate. The purpose of this committee is to draw upon the knowledge and experience gained by each member while in office to provide wisdom and guidance to current board committees. The design of this committee (past presidents only) provides a source of continuity and stability to the membership from year to year or board to board that is not available in any other committee.

Mission Statement

The mission of this committee is to utilize the vast amount of experience and knowledge represented by this group to provide long range planning for the future of the Hiawatha Sportsmans Club as well as work on specific issues as requested by the Operations Committee while maintaining the spirit, intent, and vision of the founding members.

The other request was that we consider changing the name of the committee from Future Planning/Past Presidents to just Past Presidents. It is felt that the future planning title is too specific and any projects undertaken along these lines would probably conflict with existing board committees.

This can be accomplished by President Waldron appointing an Ad-hoc committee made up of all past presidents that is approved by the Board.

The Future Planning Committee which is a standing committee listed in the By-Laws would become inactive.

By making the name change in this manner it would not require a By-Laws change.

After the meeting I immediately sent out a report to all of the committee members asking for their comments on these two requests. Everyone that responded was in favor of complying with both requests. I did not receive any negative comments regarding either request.

We met as a committee yesterday and a motion was made and approved to ask President Waldron and the Board to officially appoint this committee as an Ad-hoc committee entitled the Past Presidents Committee.

A motion was also made and approved to adopt the aforementioned Purpose and Mission Statements as the official statements of the Past Presidents Committee contingent upon Board approval of said committee.

This committee would also like to remind the Board that we feel the Hiawatha Sportsmans Club needs to adopt an official Mission Statement whether it is the unofficial one listed in the By-Laws or the one submitted by this committee. Furthermore, we feel the document authored by Bruce Gustafson which accompanies the Mission Statement should be made available to all existing and prospective members.

Respectfully submitted,
DeWayne Evans

AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS REPORT

Committee Members: Roland Ringquist, Dave Hunt, Ed Middleton, Ann Elms, Charles Wilson, Jim Smith, Dean Brodberg.

Committee met on August 21, 2009. There were six items discussed. Here are our findings.

Item #1: Members Wishing To Be Heard At Annual Meeting. Article IV, Meetings: Sec 5,6,7.

Findings: Consensus is that members in good standing should be allowed to speak at Annual Meetings. Should a member wish to make a proposal at an Annual Meeting, the President should be notified in advance of such proposal prior to the meeting. The President is in charge of the Meeting and it is up to him to control all discussions. Committee does not believe any By-Law change is required on this matter. In conclusion, we believe it prudent that the Board adopt a policy statement allowing members to be heard at Annual Meetings.

Item #2: Proxy Vote for Annual Meetings Article III, Voting Privileges, Sec 3.

Findings: We do not support a proxy vote. Too many potential issues to deal with, including an impact on quorum requirements. No By-Law changes here.

Item #3: "Clean-up The By-Laws.

Findings: In process of clean-up of By-Laws to correct grammar, punctuation, word usage, etc. No need here to submit to membership for approval. Changes will not change meaning or intent or B-Laws.

Item #4: Unexpired Term Of A Governor, Article XI, Vacancies. Article VI, Board of Governors, Sec 4.

Findings: The By-laws are clear that there must be two candidates for each vacancy. Our next ballot will list 10 candidates. The top four winners will assume the three year term and the number 5 will assume the one year vacancy. No need for a By-Law change.

Item #5: Future Planning Committee/Past President Committee, Article VIII. Committees Sec. 1.

Findings: Stick with the By-Laws Title of Future Planning as a standing committee. Drop the Past Presidents. As indicated by previous action, Future Planning includes past presidents, who were to provide guidance and continuity to current Boards.

Item #6: Transfer Of Membership To Surviving Spouse Without Investigation. Article I, Membership Sec. 6.

Findings: No change, leave alone.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Brodberg, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Since assuming the role of Chairman of the Membership Committee I have been reviewing Club procedures for new members. Club By-Laws, Article I Membership Sec. 4, clearly states that final acceptance of a member rests with the Membership Committee. As Chairman, I take that final decision seriously.

The Club, as any organization, should routinely review itself to determine what criteria would cause the Club not to consider a person for membership. For example:

“What offense or offenses concern our Club?”

“What is it that causes us concern when interviewing a potential member?”

Currently we require each applicant to provide a sponsor and personal references. It is my opinion that this does little to guarantee the quality of a good member. Over many years I have interviewed a lot of people. I have yet to see a sponsor or reference say a “Bad Word” about any applicant. Is it possible that our entire membership is “spotless and without blemish?” Probably not! What we need is a process that will insure the best quality member as possible.

In addition to the sponsor and personal references required for membership (application) the Club submits the name of each applicant and their spouse to the Department of Natural Resources for any Natural Resources related violation and to the National Sex Offenders Public Registry. This is good but is it enough?

How can we improve our screening process? Over the next few weeks and months I would like to see the Membership Committee review and process and recommend changes that will further strengthen the Club and its future. Areas we need to discuss:

- Our current application form and its questions
- Do a criminal history check
- Secretary of State driving record
- Credit check
- Drop requirement to provide Social Security number
- Employment history

Our Club is now 82 years old. My desire is to keep it strong and healthy. We are only as good as our members. So let’s do our best to bring in quality members. Your comments are welcome as we struggle with this important issue.

MEMBERSHIP & MEMBER COUNT & 2009 DUES PAID AND OWED

Transfers Completed	28
Transfers in Process	27
Dues & CF Billed 2009	\$738,609.00
Dues & CF Paid as of 10/01/09	\$714,499.00
Dues & CF Owed as of 10-01-09	\$ 24,110.00
Total Memberships	1722
1 st Tier	787
2 nd Tier	213
3 rd Tier	722
Total Members	1155

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Brodberg, Chairman

Natural Resources Report

After a slow start this spring, there is a lot of work being done on our club. There are currently three logging crews working on improving the habitat in our forests.

The following sales have been completed.

Sale 03-09, this was a thin of 48 acres and a modified clear cut of 22 acres.

Sale 08-08, this was a thin of 30 acres.

Sale 05-08, modified clear cut 23 acres and thin of 13 acres.

Sale 04-08, Modified clear cut 6 acres.

Several sales have been started. Jerry continues to monitor our club and make recommendations to help improve our habitat. He made the observation that the young trees that were planted are doing very well with the exception of a 19 acre site by P trail. That site is going to be looked at to determine if it needs to be replanted. He is also monitoring the trails the loggers are using and will let Lester know when and if we need to get the club grader in to smooth the trail. Pole Gate is being monitored at this time.

Carbon Credits: The market is very soft as people are trying to understand the new cap and trade policy the administration seems to favor. We are having an up date from Delta Institute on 10/16/2009 to review where all of this is heading. I will have more information available, for the next board meeting.

Dan Crandall has agreed to continue to be in charge of our Oak establishment program and will be looking for volunteers to help. He and Jerry have marked Oaks that can be transplanted. This one day project involves digging up the Oaks and moving them to a new location and replanting them. If you can give us a hand please let me know. 231-439-8554. I think the date will be determined on when he gets his bear. Good luck Dan and be safe.

QGMU: New Page was on site in August and cleaned up the trails from last winter's harvest. Please be sure to visit the Natural Resources site to review our policies and maps.

Respectfully submitted:

Keith Hopper, Chairman, Natural Resources Committee

FISH REPORT

Our fishermen have reported very good fishing on the Club this year. There were many 18-22 inch trout reported taken on our ponds and streams in June and July. Cold Creek Pond is still rated the best by our members but Jocko Pond and Three Mile Pond are right behind in member satisfaction. There has also been a significant increase in member use of Three Mile Pond. The new docks and fishing trail could have something to do with this. There have been reports of good catches of pike taken from Pull-up Lake this year. The QGMU Pond yielded excellent catches of good sized bluegills late in the year. Lake Superior State University set fyke nets in Elbow Lake this and verified that there is an abundance of very large bluegills in the lake. Ice fishermen should do very well there this year. LSSU also verified that we are getting some carryover of brown trout from past years at Three Mile Pond. They also electro-shocked the stream below

Three Mile Pond and did not find that we were losing any of our planted fish through the dam.

The two events honoring Larry McEvers were a great success. The winners of the Larry McEvers Memorial Master Angler Awards are:

Matt Ernst	1 st place rainbow trout,	2 lbs 8 oz , 20 3/8"
Dick Streufert	1 st place brook trout,	11 oz, 12 3/8"
	2 nd place rainbow trout,	2 lbs 8 oz, 19 3/8"
Russ Kato	1 st place northern pike,	15 lbs 5 oz, 41"
Joe Riggs	1 st place lm bass	2 lbs 5 oz ,18"
	2 nd place northern pike	4 lbs 5 oz, 29"
Andrew Stout	1 st place dog fish	8 lbs 3 oz, 28"

The Larry McEvers Classic Youth Fishing Tournament winners were Avery Dailey, age 7, with a 13 oz. rainbow, and Jack McEvers, age 5 with a ten oz. rainbow. Both received a handmade trophy made by Jim Rutledge. All other contestants who caught fish and entered them received a personalized prize. A special thank you to the many volunteers who helped with both events. Also, the committee would like to thank all those volunteers who helped with our stream restoration projects this year. The two spawning runs and fishing trails, along with stream maintenance, help make our trout fishing one of the best in Michigan!

The Fish, Game, and Fowl Committee did decide to move forward with Lake Superior State University's recommendation to increase the PH level in Cranberry Lake. LSSU has been evaluating the lake for a number of years now. The lake now sustains a population of stunted perch caused by a low PH level that inhibits natural predators to survive and keep the lake population in balance.

We plan to add lime as recommended by LSSU. This will be done in stages over the fall and winter and monitored closely to make sure we put in the least amount of lime to achieve the desired result. LSSU feels adjusting the PH level at Cranberry Lake this way will have a minimal effect on the lake's vegetation and ecosystem and help the fishery there. Once the PH is raised Cranberry Lake will be able to sustain a healthy and thriving perch and northern pike population that will be a pleasure to fish.

The Committee recently dealt with two proposals by members requesting that we recommend changes in our fishing regulations that would allow non-member/guests to fish club waters. The Committee discussed this issue in depth and voted unanimously to leave our fishing privileges as they are. Fishing on club property is open to members in good standing, their spouses and minor children and grandchildren up to age 16.

Respectfully Submitted,

John MacFarland,
Co-Chairman, Fish, Game, and Fowl Committee

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GAME & FOWL REPORT

Jim Hammill our wildlife consultant was present at the committee's August 6th meeting to update us on his 2008 deer season report. He did not have the report finalized in writing but he covered the high lights verbally. His report will be made available as soon as we receive it.

Jim reported that the 2008 deer harvest was the highest in the last four years but still remains 50% lower than in the past. He feels that it is on a down hill trend until the winters become less severe. The series of difficult winters has accounted for the overall deer population in the UP.

Overall the quality of deer taken on the club has improved. Most of the deer harvested on the club last year were 2 ½ years old but there were several older bucks taken. That is a good sign that the deer are staying in the area. About 14% were 1 ½ years old. The age class distribution seems consistent over the last 5 years.

Jim showed DNR data that verifies there are two packs of wolves using the club. He feels there are 4-5 members in each pack. The club is home to one wolf den. He is in favor of a management program for wolves.

Jim reported there is nothing we can do about the wolf population but he recommends we pursue all legal means to reduce the coyote and bear populations.

Jim had previously recommended that the 2009 club deer season should be closed to doe harvest everywhere except on the QGMU. He did recommend that some antlerless deer (8-10) be harvested in both the rifle and muzzleloader deer seasons on the QGMU.

In their October 1st meeting the committee passed a motion to allow 6 does to be taken during the rifle deer season and 6 does to be taken during the muzzleloader season on the QGMU. The committee also reviewed and revised the QGMU hunting rules and regulations for 2009. These documents along with the 2009 deer hunters bulletin (Attention All HSC Deer Hunters) are included in the Governors packets and as hand outs in the foyer.

This committee and other volunteer members also finished the food plot project for this season. There is currently 128 acres of food plots scattered throughout the club. There are approximately 20 acres of MossyOak clover left over from our test of these products that will be maintained as long as the clover holds out but the emphasis has been switched to planting a combination of winter wheat and rape which is two products we know grows on the club. The rape will have to be rotated on a three year schedule with another type of brassica such as turnips which is being tested this year.

A couple of work days were also held on the QGMU to get the hunting blinds, shooting lanes, and entry trails back in shape. The logging project done there this past winter created the need for the most changes. However, the crew did a great job and everything appears to be ready to go for the upcoming rifle season.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the two aforementioned projects both are very important not only to the hunting segment of our membership but to every member who likes to observe wildlife on the club and know that we are doing all we possibly can to support them.

This committee has also been involved with a project involving the possibility of controlling and/or eradicating an invasive weed species called Spotted Knapweed. Ike Darling is our lead person on this project and he will be presenting his update at this time.

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 September 30, 2009 year-to-date actual revenues and expenses versus the 2009 financial budget.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Revenues	\$1,228,388	\$1,226,167
Expenses	\$ 999,363	\$ 1,042,336
 Net Income	 \$ 229,025	 \$ 183,831

The \$2,221 difference between Actual Revenues, versus Budgeted Revenues is primarily due to a \$12,000 insurance check for a damaged truck which offset the \$15,348 short fall in Timber sales. Of significance is the fact that even though golf was down \$11,160, our Pro Shop sales were \$43,161, exceeding the \$27,000 budget. The \$42,973 below budget in expenses is primarily due to Interest Expense (\$6,665), Professional Services (\$6,886), Insurance (\$20,158). The insurance of \$24,000 was paid in October.

The 2009 Budget for Net Income is \$94,271.

The year end projection is a loss of \$35,380 due to no carbon credit payments in 2009-(\$125,000 loss of budgeted revenue), Timber being \$175,000 instead of the budgeted \$200,000, an addition to the depreciation expense of \$20,000 and no lot sales (\$15,000 loss of budgeted revenue). And tax savings of \$22,620. These revenue short falls are projected to extend into 2010 and are reflected in our 2010 Revenue and Expense Budget.

Present Status to 2009 Capital Expenditure Budget:

Our Capital Plan for 2009 totals \$101,500. As of September 30, 2009, we have expended \$84,295 and therefore are below plan.

Investment Status:

Our Cash and Investments as of September 30, 2009 totaled \$877,031. Our "Reserve" Accounts total \$659,483 and therefore are properly supported by our cash and investments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loyal Eldridge,
Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair

2010 BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

Golf – No Fee Increase – (Recovery of golf revenues from projected 2009 of \$102,000 to \$110,000)

Cottage Rentals – No fee increases

Timber Revenue – \$150,000, down from 200,000

Primary Dues Increase - \$0.00 (Up to \$60.00 for 2011 if no carbon credit payment received) -Assessments Estimated at \$10.00

Carbon Credit Revenue - \$0 – Down from \$125,000. If Congress passed Cap & Trade Law, there is a possibility for a substantial payment.

Wages – \$0 Increase

Utilities – No increase

Insurance – No Increase - Property Insurance re-quoted and Property Tax Assessments reviewed during 2010.

Fish Planting – No increase

Habitat – No increase.

Timber Regeneration – No increase

Other Expense – Based on judgment using 2009 actual expenses we project no overall increase in 2010

2010 – 2013 Budget Assumptions-Compared to 2009 Year-End Estimates

		<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cola %		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Cottage/Golf Revenues %	8.0	0.0	6.0	0.0	
Primary Dues Increase \$	0.0	\$60	\$20	\$20	
Assessments \$		10.	13	14	14
Wages %	0.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	
General Expenses %		0.0	3.5	3.5	3.5
Property Tax/Insurance %	0.0	3.5	3.5	3.5	
Utilities %		0.0	7%	7%	7%

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BUILDING, HOUSE AND GROUNDS REPORT

Thanks again to the efforts of the HSC crew and our many volunteers the list of BH&G's improvement projects has been lowered. Other projects are being completed this fall.

We are still putting plans together for the 4th group of cabins but are not pursuing aggressively in hopes of a more stable economy.

The wind generation project has been delayed due to a lack of financing by American Wind and Energy.

Also, the Broad Band project is on hold, due to financing.

Our new boundary signs will be considered for the following year.

Randy Gallier and Lester have been working on the West River Road ORV trail and should be completed by this fall. Thanks guys!

The dry hydrants are scheduled to be completed by the end of the month.

The tee-pee at the U.S.2 entrance has been painted and looks great.

Thanks again to the volunteers who put in countless hours for the improvement of our Club.

If you have any suggestions or a question about a project, please feel free to give me a call.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Larson, Chairman
Building, House & Grounds

MANAGER'S REPORT

Governors,

Even with the chilly summer, our cabin rentals held strong with very few openings during the peak of the vacation season. Rentals this fall have been keeping up with expectations but strangely we now have 10 empty cabins for the 2009 Firearm Deer Season. This has been a gradual trend with fewer and fewer on the waiting list of the last couple years. I can only presume that low deer numbers and the struggling economy are contributing to lack of renters.

Our road system here at Hiawatha is extensive and requires constant attention. Therefore, trail maintenance has been the focus of the fall with subcontractors working on brushing P-Trail, North A and A alternate. Our Maintenance staff has been running the road grader over all the major trail systems and hauling gravel to places that need repair. On our subdivisions, we have brushed back West River, East River and Arnold Road and will be hauling more gravel on the gravel portion of West Beach Road. We also spent several days improving the West River ORV trail. This trail was scheduled to be improved last year but because of time constraints, it did not get done. This trail has been widened, stumps removed and leveled out to make winter maintenance possible and traveling it safe for our members.

This summer and fall, a lot of heavy maintenance was conducted on the golf course. The reworking of all the sand traps was a very time consuming project but it has been completed and the results have been well received by our members that play the course. The traps had to be dug out, edged and reshaped before new sand was hauled in from a local sand plant. Along with the sand traps, the cart paths have been greatly improved. Gravel has been added and a new path groomer has been very helpful in keeping the paths in great shape. Now the golf maintenance staff has moved on to other project identified by the Golf Committee, clover removal, leveling of the tee boxes and the installation of an additional sand trap on #7. Great job guys.

The maintenance crew always helps out with the food plots and facilitates our volunteer efforts but this past year, they also took on the job of spraying the food plots. We had acquired a spray with the purchase of the QGMU and this spring, refurbished it. The spraying went well and all the food plots got planted with a lot of man hours donated by our volunteers. This fall, when we were faced with the Knappweed issue, we also used the sprayer to spray the airport. The airport was infested with Knappweed and because we have our gravel and lime stored there, the seeds of the Knappweed could easily be spread when we haul either of those items to other places on the Club. This spring we will monitor the airport area and touch up any areas that still have Knappweed present.

Recreation on the club has never been more available to our members. Our new rental equipment was used frequently and we will need to purchase a couple new kayaks this spring. Demand and wear have both attributed to the need. The new rental cabins in the camp ground were enjoyed by all that rented them and I expect their use to expand next year. Eight new docks and dock extensions were installed to make taking advantage of the fishing opportunities on the Club easier and a handicap width dock placed at the spillway on Cold Creek to accommodate our less mobile members. All and all, there is no shortage of things to do at the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Lester Livermore, Manager