

**HIAWATHA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
JULY 18, 2009
ACTIVITY BUILDING**

PRESIDENT WALDRON - Called the Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and recited the Pledge of Allegiance with the members in attendance.

GOVERNOR SCHANSKI - Called the roll.

Governors Present - Wileman, Waldron, Schanski, Rutledge, Larson, Middleton, McElroy, MacFarland, Hopper, Dark.

Governor Absent - Eldridge.

PRESIDENT WALDRON - Additions to the agenda that was originally mailed out prior to the Meeting are: Forestry contracts with New Page and Grossman Forestry; Committee chairs for our new year; Filling a Board vacancy.

GOVERNOR SCHANSKI - I move that the minutes of the April 18, 2009, meeting be approved.

GOVERNOR DARK - Second All in favor, **Motion passed.**

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MEMBERS:

William Morgan - Wrote a letter thanking Manager Livermore for letting his son Chad use the Club's new aqua-bike and bicycle during their visit earlier in the month and appreciated his kind recognition of his service in Iraq. He also congratulated Manager Livermore on the many other improvements, like the Recreation Center with the laundry which is great.

Richard Miller - Wrote a letter regarding the airfield which is one of the great assets of the Club and unfortunately it is not in a safe condition to use. His concern is the mowing cycle. For years Members have donated their time to mow it and it really should be a maintenance responsibility as the trails and golf course are maintained.

GOVERNOR LARSON - I have talked to Lester on this, and we are going to get this on our mowing schedule to be mowed on a regular basis.

Carl Evanoff, Jr. - Wrote a letter to Fish and Game regarding Hiawatha fishing. He is asking the committee to consider a suggestion for a change in the fishing regulations for the Club to allow older children, grandchildren, relatives, and guests to be allowed to fish on the Club grounds when families get together at Pullup or Cranberry and other places throughout the Club.

And asking that they consider opening fishing up only during the summer months like the golf course and trap range allow now for non-members. I believe that the majority of the HSC membership would be very supportive if given this proposal.

GOVERNOR MACFARLAND - We do have this on our agenda for our next Fish and Game meeting and Mr. Evanoff does know that and we will be discussing it there.

MEMBERS WISHING TO BE HEARD:

Jim Smith - My first comment is directed at Fish and Game on grandchildren fishing. We have nine grandchildren that would fall within the parameter of the age for fishing, would we be able to take 50 fish a day say out of Cold Creek or some other fishing stream? We would not do that but is it possible? I don't need an answer but you gentlemen can think about it. Also my daughter stayed in one of the cabins, which was clean, but the floor looked like it had been used as a roller skating contest with roller skates or rubber mounted shoes, 50% of the floor was scared with black marks, I tried to wipe it off and nothing happened. I hope the person responsible for that has been charged a fee or grievance. My last comment I'm addressing to the Board and as a past president, I am strongly urging you to revisit the decision that was made about the two signs at the east and west end of the Hiawatha Club on U.S.2. If you are going to have a private club, we don't want to have signs advertising it, it doesn't make sense. If they're trying to advertise to get more members, that raises a sponsorship problem, I would think. If it promotes a specific thing like golf, I don't think spending \$12,000 advertising golf when we just spent over \$20,000 putting up that beautiful fountain and the sign that says open to public, should be enough.

PRESIDENT WALDRON - Asked Governor MacFarland to address the fishing question on the stream limit and he concurred that each person could take the limit, and that is not happening but it could and the age limit on grandchildren is up to the age of 16.

Manager Livermore - On the flooring in cabin #45 I will check to see what we can do with that and I do not know who did it at this time.

PRESIDENT WALDRON - Let the records show that Governor Eldridge is now present.

Barbara Hobbs - I believe that the privacy of the Club once we lose it, it is gone and we can't get it back. And we pay for that as part of our dues. And we all came up here because that was something we treasure I don't think we should take it lightly.

Regarding the signs, I think advertising this privacy that we treasure and if we advertise it, it's gone. And we are advertising this to people that we shouldn't be telling them. Bad guys can read and what I think we are doing is we asking for additional crime. I may sound like a black cloud, but we belonged to this club for 43 years and I hate to see it offered up for criminal activity. We were broken into 14 years ago, we lived a mile in on West Beach Road and came home and someone had taken a pry bar and opened our door. The only thing that saved us was the dog. I think we should address the issue of security, absence of, and the fact that we have an island of privacy.

Jim Hayes - I just want to say I have been honored to be a Co-Chairman with Jim Rutledge of the Lake Millecoquins Watershed Committee. How Hiawatha Club goes in the future depends on Lake Millecoquins and it's very important we have good fishing and everything else on the lake and he has done a wonderful job and I want the Board to be aware of that.

Charles Wilson - I have a true concern at the way the management of the Club has migrated over the past several years. I have two concerns, the first is how we conduct and treat our Members at the Annual Meeting. The second is the lack of visibility on Club business due to the use of the Executive Committee. On the annual meeting the presidents have guided the membership into believing that they are to listen only and not participate in their Annual Membership Meeting. Under new business I personally asked to be recognized and was told that I was out of order. I strongly disagree with the format and control of the last meeting. This meeting is for the Members and is their only opportunity to have a dialogue with the Board. Mr. Wilson gave his recommendations and requests to the Board of Governors in writing and asked that they take that into consideration as they manage the Club in the following year.

PRESIDENT WALDRON - This Board has an interest, as we all do, in all meetings of the operations of the club and to all committees and our members. It is my intent to make certain that this issue is reviewed carefully and fully. The first step in that process is to refer the issue to Dean Brodberg, Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Committee on By-Laws. I made a decision when I was asked to serve as President by the Board that we would no longer have meetings which are specifically referred to as the Executive Committee. Yesterday commencing at 8:30 a.m. and concluding at 11:15 a.m. there was a meeting, the meeting was the Operations Committee of the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club. The operations Committee is made up of the officers of the Club. As far as I am concerned and this Board is concerned, all meetings of all committees are open, and

all members and interested parties are welcome to attend. One caveat, in the instance of the Operations Committee, should there be a sensitive issue, should there be a personnel issue, then activities such as those being sensitive and being of a business nature that is not appropriate to public action, they will be considered executive sessions. Charlie, I would be pleased to talk to you more about this and I appreciate your comments and the fact that they are written and will be distributed this morning.

Ann Maier - I am a member in addition to my husband being a long time member and I would like to thank the governors for the time and commitments that their leadership position requires. I know it's a thankless job you can't make everybody happy all the time. And just to reiterate a brief comment on the signs on U.S. 2. I also question why we're advertising the Club when it is a private club. If someone were to see the signs, who do they go to, too find out about it and find out about membership?

On the replacement of the fourth group of cabins, in these hard economic times I question why are we spending the money on replacing these cabins? We live across the street and I have asked numerous guests what their opinion is and for the most part their attitude is the cabins are adequate. Could they be better? Yes, but from the individuals I spoke to they didn't think they need to be replaced. We also notice that the gates on the Club are left open. I know that sometimes there is work being done by a contractor but there could be a flag or something put at the gate when it is left open for that purpose. Lights left on at the Recreation Center, maybe some motion sensors could be installed that would turn the lights on only when someone was there. The other two things that is really irritating is the lack of the observance of the speed limit by many people on the Club and dogs that are not under control, can we possibly re-enforce the idea to renters that they have to have their dogs under control.

GOVERNOR WALDRON - Thank you all, we do appreciate your comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (All reports are printed in the Summer Council Fire)

A. NATURE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT - President Pentecost, read report.

B. ART REPORT - President Dittrich, read report.

C. NOMINATING REPORT - Robert Laraway, Chairman, Governor Schanski read report.

D. RANGE REPORT - Dennis Goerke, Chairman, read report.

E. TAX, LEGAL & AUDIT REPORT - Governor Middleton, read report.

F. AD-HOC ON MILLECOQUIN LAKE REPORT - Governor MacFarland, read report.

G. NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT - Governor Hopper, read report.

H. FISH, GAME & FOWL REPORTS - Governor MacFarland, read Fish Report and Presented Governor Rutledge with a token of appreciation for all his work on the stream restoration. Which was a picture of Jim putting rocks in the river, with his dog Checkers, and the picture was called, "Who's the Boss?"

Break:

10:30 a.m. meeting recessed

10:41 a.m. meeting reconvened

GAME REPORT - Governor Dark - I would like to thank everybody for allowing me to serve as your Co-Chair for Game and Fowl over the last four years. I have a family crisis going on and I don't think I can give the energy that it needs. So I had asked Dave to find another person and formally it is going to be DeWayne Evans. DeWayne will do a good job. I am going to place all my time and energy with my family. I would ask for your prayers at this time. **DeWayne Evans** - Thanks, Walt. It was unfortunate being in this position in this manner, but I did appreciate the fact that the Board saw fit to ask me to help out in a situation and I'm glad to do that.

I have been in contact with Jim Hammill and we had planned on him being here today to give an update on the results of the 2008 Deer Season and recommendations for the 2009. I received an e-mail from Jim late yesterday afternoon, and he is sick and could not make it.

In the communications I have had with him, Jim is recommending that we continue with the same hunting regulations that we had in place for last year. And this is, no doe permits. And the only doe harvest will be with archery, and we have to keep track of that this year with the inclusion of cross-bows to see if we get a big increase in doe harvest with the cross-bows we have. We will see if it's increased and how we want to handle it in another year. We've asked Jim to come to our August 6th committee meetings and give the report that he had intended to bring today. Two of the things that he plans on bringing up, is some additional doe permits for just the Quality Game Management Unit in the later seasons, being the rifle season and the late archery, muzzle loader season.

He was talking about just six permits for each of these hunts, and that's something we will look at, at the committee level and then make a recommendation to the Board at the October Meeting. Our food plot, the fall planting has started. It started yesterday, and they're going to continue this afternoon and on through the next few weeks and until we get it done. That is where we stand right now. During the special hunt in September for the children, does are allowed if they use archery equipment. When archery equipment is used there is a limit of one doe per member.

I. FINANCE REPORT - Governor Eldridge, read report.

J. GOLF REPORT - Governor McElroy, read report.

K. BUILDING, HOUSE & GROUNDS REPORT - Governor Larson, read report.

L. MANAGER'S REPORT - Manager Livermore, read report.

MEMBERS WISHING TO BE HEARD:

Bruce Gustafson - One of our Members who has been a tremendous volunteer for many of the food plots, Leonard Jakubiak, is very ill and is in the hospital. I would just like to have you keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Secondly, it's been made reference here about the community organization and we really appreciate the golf tournament helping us raise funds. I am the new chairman of the Top of the Lake Community Organization, and we're in the process of changing the name from the Merchants Organization. I would encourage the Board to discuss and include as one of your committees a representative to this organization. It is going to be much more than the merchants association. The club has been very supportive of the merchants association over the years and we hope that you will continue to support this group as it moves forward. Thank you.

OLD BUSINESS:

DEAN BRODBERG - This has to do with the changes in the By-Laws that the Ad-Hoc Committee on By-Laws presented to the Board actually a couple of different occasions. The Board approved those proposed changes but they never got sent out to the membership for approval. My request is that we bring it back to the Board again and ask that it expeditiously be gotten to the membership for approval.

PRESIDENT WALDRON - I am asking the office to prepare the ballot and have it mailed to the membership for membership consideration of those changes within the next 30 days. Before the ballot goes out, I am asking you Dean, to please review the ballot and the content of the ballot prior to it's mailing. Governor Brodberg agreed.

Break:

11:20 a.m. meeting recessed

11:25 a.m. meeting reconvened

NEW BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT WALDRON - We have a resignation of a Board Member, Marvin Henderson.

GOVERNOR RUTLEDGE - I **Move** that in accordance with our By-Laws, Article XI, that the HSC Board accept with regrets the resignation of Marvin Henderson from the HSC Board due to his increasing work responsibilities.

I would like to include in this motion recognition of Marv's contributions to the Club. During his short tenure he served as Chairman of the Building, House and Grounds. He headed up construction on the replica cabin and recently worked on the campground cabins.

I would also like to say a formal thank you and best wishes from the Board.

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

GOVERNOR SCHANSKI - In accordance with Article XI, vacancies, Page 9, and Article VI, Section 4, Page 5, dealing with governor resignations, I **Move** for approval by the HSC Board of Governors to appoint Dean Brodberg to fill the resigned HSC Board seat of Marvin Henderson until the next HSC regular annual election of Board Members to be held no later than May 15, 2010.

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

PRESIDENT WALDRON - Asked Mr. Brodberg to step forward and administered the Oath of Office to Dean Brodberg as Governor.

PRESIDENT WALDRON - I am going to read the standing committees and chairs and their names. I'm going to ask that the Board approve these appointments for this coming year.

Nominating Committee: Bob Laraway. Election Committee: Dick Streufert. Tax, Legal and Audit: Edward Middleton. Building, House and Grounds: Kurt Larson. Golf: Mike McElroy.

Membership Committee: Dean Brodberg. Operations Committee: Dave Waldron. Fish, Game and Fowl: John MacFarland and DeWayne Evans, Co-Chair. Range Committee: Dennis Goerke. Natural Resources Committee: Keith Hopper. Finance Committee: Loyal Eldridge. Civic and Government Affairs: Linda Bennett. Future Planning and Past President: DeWayne Evans. Grievance Committee: James Rutledge. Communications and Publication: Dan Crandall. Programs: Janet Waldron. Activities: Lester Livermore.

GOVERNOR MIDDLETON - I move those appointments be approved as listed.

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

GOVERNOR HOPPER - I move that we renew the contract with New Page for one year. Term being May 1, 2009 to May 1, 2010.

GOVERNOR DARK - Second All in Favor, **motion passed.**

GOVERNOR HOPPER - I move that we renew our contract with Grossman Forestry for one year commencing July 31, 2009 to July 31, 2010.

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

GOVERNOR DARK - I would make a motion that we approve the variance of Mr. Ackley's appeal for building a 10 x 14 portable building on his property.

GOVERNOR WILEMAN - Second

After lengthy discussion,

GOVERNOR SCHANSKI - Roll Call Vote

Governors in favor - Dark, McElroy, Larson, Wileman

Governors not in favor - Eldridge, Hopper, MacFarland, Middleton, Rutledge, Schanski, Brodberg. **Motion Defeated.**

GOVERNOR BRODBERG - Moved to adjourn the meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Schanski

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