

AGENDA
HIAWATHA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
APRIL 17, 2010
ACTIVITY BUILDING

1. Call the Meeting to Order 9:00 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Call the Roll
4. Agendes
5. Reading of the January 16, 2010 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) Range - Dennis Goerke
 - f) Tax, Legal and Audit - Ed Middleton
 - g) Ad-Hoc Committee Millecoquins Lk Watershed - John MacFarland, Jim Wileman, Jim Hayes.
 - h) Programs/Dinner Dance - Janet Waldron
 - i) Future Planning - DeWayne Evans
 - j) Ad-Hoc Committee By-Laws - Dean Brodberg
 - k) Membership - Dean Brodberg
 - l) Natural Resources - Keith Hopper
 - m) Fish, Game & Fowl - John MacFarland & Dewayne Evans Co-Chairmen
 - n) Finance - Loyal Eldridge
 - o) Golf - Mike McElroy
 - p) Communication - Dan Crandall
 - q) Grievance - Jim Rutledge
 - r) Building, House & Grounds - Kurt Larson
 - s) Manager's Report - Lester Livermore

9. Members Wishing to be Heard
10. Old Business:
 - a. Junior Membership
11. New Business:
 - a. Recreation Building Roof
 - b. Truck Replacement
 - c. Clyde Jones-Variance Denied.

12. Adjournment

HIAWATHA NATURE AND HISTORICAL REPORT

The activities schedule has been finalized for this summer's programs.

We will be opening the Museum and Naomi Children's Museum on Wednesday, June 30th. We will need lots of volunteers at 9 am to get everything right where it belongs. Please bring a friend. It's not hard or difficult, but we must take our time to assure that everything is done just the right way so our displays will be perfect for our visitors.

Our first evening program on July 7 at 7:00 pm will feature our very own local fishermen who will share their secrets and tips on catching fish in all areas of the club. If the BIG ONE is elusive to you, and you know who you are, then it would be in your best interest to come and hear these tails of wonder and glory. Fish stories? Fish tails/tales? Expect a couple of whoppers and we're not talking Burger King! Seriously, there will be some excellent tips that we can all use to increase our rate of return on investment.

Our next program on July 14 will involve the club food plots: How food plots and our club forestry program impact our wildlife productivity. We're all aware that this year's deer harvest was very poor. Governor Keith Hopper, our Forestry Manager Jerry Grossman and past president DeWayne Evans will enlighten us as to why our harvest wasn't up to snuff this year's and also what our food plots are doing in terms of improving our deer harvest in the future. If you're a hunter, or just someone who cares about our deer population, this is a must see program.

Don't forget the annual Pig Roast scheduled for July 17. We're expecting a big turnout this year so come early and bring an appetite. Better food and greater fellowship will be difficult to find in any place other than our own activities building on July 17. So strap on your apron and mosey on up to the table for the feast of the summer.

Shipwrecks will be the topic of our July 28th speaker. He is an historian with a bent toward the Great Lakes, and a fount of information on the most interesting shipwrecks. Steve Harold, executive director of the Manistee County Historical Museum has written two books on Great Lakes shipping history and is the past president of the Great Lakes Maritime Historical Association. He was present during one of the "digs" on our own "Riddle of the Naubinway Sands" at the mouth of the Millecoquin River and is eager to come to the club again and we are eager to have him

Dan Hall, a Northern Michigan singer and guitar player, will be here on the evening of August 11th. If you enjoyed Kirby last year, you'll really get a kick out of the foot stomping, hand clapping tunes of Dan Hall. He's a folksy guy with a heart of gold and fingers that won't stop strumming those golden chords. If you like good singing with local stories, come and enjoy Dan Hall with us.

Our evening programs have always been a tremendous success with lots of folks learning about our club, how to enjoy it, what to do to preserve it for our children and grand children. We always have coffee and refreshments like cookies and cakes for those of us with a sweet tooth. So, plan on spending an evening or two or more at the museum on program nights.

August 18th marks our annual corn roast at Pullup Lake. More than 60 members and guests were in attendance last summer and we nearly ran out of corn. So come early, bring a good appetite and be ready to feast in a beautiful, serene area of our club. Pullup has always been one of my favorite locations on the property and it is a perfect site for our corn roast. Mark your calendars now with all these important dates.

A big Thank You, to past president Bob Laraway who has spent the long, cold, hard winter making more kiosks (green sign posts) for the club. We will be planting them this spring and expect sprouts to be displayed at all club entrances upon arrival of the first club calendars. If you get a chance give Bob a nod and a thank you when you see him.

We're looking forward to a great summer with warm weather and a dry climate. And we have all the activities scheduled for a tremendously enjoyable summer.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pentecost, President HNHS

ART REPORT

OVERVIEW – SUMMER 2010 – IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

- The ART CLUB opens for the season, all H.S.C. Members are welcome. Location, Paintin Place. Adult Members meet every Tuesday.
- Our first BUSINESS MEETING will be Tuesday June 8th from 9 AM until done, to finalize Carl Mayers workshop and Helga Flowers dates and set a Library work bee.
- CARL MAYERS WATERCOLOR workshop June 14-15-16, Activities Building, contact Jerry Peters kjpetersinmi@yahoo.com.

JULY

- ART CLUB CLASSES for children, teen and adults will commence Thursdays, July 1, 8, 15 and 22. Paintin Place.
- ART SHOW our first 60th year Celebration Friday evening July 30, Activities Building.
- ART & HOBBY show, registration/set up Friday AM July 30, Activities Building.
- ART & HOBBY SHOW day #1 Saturday July 31, Activities Building.

AUGUST

- ART & HOBBY Show day #2 Sunday, August 1, Activities Building.

MEMBER NEWS

- Barb Hobbs participated in a small local Art and Hobby Show in Naples Florida. She displayed her watercolor paintings, Loon series magnets and special nature photo note cards. Nice work Barb.
- SPECIAL THANKS to Ruth Schmitter Junior for offering to re-type, update and e-mail our membership roster to all Art Club Members. If you have any changes, please contact Ruth ASAP E-mail rschmitter@albion.edu

SPECIAL NOTE

- Still needed, co-chairs for Art & Hobby Show 2010.
- Council Fire article: THE FABRIC ART OF Tay MacMeekin, this issue, a must read.
- For more information concerning Art Club activities contact Francie icevart@yahoo.com or (906) 477-6755* your best bet

CONCLUSION

AND IN CONCLUSION, AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU Board of Governors and Lester for your continued support. And to all – see you come spring

Faithfully Submitted By,
Francie Dittrich, President

CIVIC & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

There will not be a May School Election this year. They will now be having their school election on the odd year November Election.

The Primary for the Governors Race will be on August 3, 2010.

The General Election will be on November 2, 2010.

Absentee ballots can be obtained at the Clerk's Office.

The Township is still looking for EMT's that can run during the daytime hours. Please notify the Clerk if you know of anybody.

Please watch the Bulletin Board and the ADVISOR for notices of meetings and events.

Senior Citizen Dinners are held every Tuesday and Thursday at the Garfield Twp. Hall at noon.

Clean Up Day will be held in Engadine this year. Tentative date is May 15th. Watch the ADVISOR for the ad.

Have a Great Spring!

Linda Bennett,
Chairperson and Garfield Twp. Clerk.

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 be open Tuesday, June 1st and follow with openings every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30p.m. and every Sunday at 3:00p.m. One variation will be on Thursday, June 17th, when we will open at 1:00p. to accommodate shooters prior to the Triathlon on the 18th.

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

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

We will complete the makeover 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.

Last fall the (New) trap, which is 5 years old, began malfunctioning. Lester is going to have Kenny look at it and try to repair in house. We will have to look at other alternatives if this in not possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis D. Goerke
Trap Range Chairman

TAX, LEGAL AND AUDIT REPORT

TAX:

The winter property tax in the amount of \$129,645.00, were timely paid.

LEGAL:

No Legal issues.

AUDIT:

Representatives of the Firm of Smolinski & Christman will be on sight the morning of April 19, 2010 to conduct the annual audit of the Club's financing.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Middleton, Chairman
Tax, Legal & Audit Committee

AD-HOC COMMITTEE-MILLECOQUIN LAKE WATERSHED

DNRE fish biologist Darren Kramer is still optimistic on the possibility that the state will plant walleyes in Lake Millecoquins this year. The DNRE is still very concerned not to spread VHS through fish plants and are moving very cautiously with plants this year. Fish biologists have confirmed that VHS has moved into Lake Superior. It's important that when moving watercraft in and out of Club waters and Lake Millecoquins that the boat, motor, and trailer be washed at the wash station at the Recreation Building or at the public wash station on the west side of the lake. Details are posted at the site and on our web page. Please remind your guests to do the same.

It has been recommended for some time that we add structure to the north end of Millecoquins Lake for fish cover. We were able to get this done last February. I want to thank Russell Kato, Mike McElroy, and Jim Rutledge for helping with this project. The four of us took snow machines out onto the lake the last day in February and dropped over a dozen trees to provide shelter for the fish. We hope this will improve fishing for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,
John MacFarland
Jim Hayes
Jim Wileman

PROGRAMS REPORT

Come help us celebrate another year as members of this wonderful club on Saturday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the annual HSC Dinner Dance. This year our theme is "Shipwrecked in Paradise at HSC". The program committee is busy with plans to transform the Activities Building into an island paradise with maps in bottles, treasure chests and talking parrots. There will be live music, delicious food, a keepsake photo shoot, an opportunity to donate to the HSC scholarship fund by "rescuing" members from a "cannibal hut", and just the chance to socialize with old and new friends. We hope everyone will come and enjoy this fun evening. Ticket price is \$18/person and reservation cards will be mailed out in May. Reserve early – tickets go fast!

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Waldron, Programs Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Transfers Completed in 2010	17
Transfers in Process	10
Dues and CF Billed in 2010	\$738,609.00
Dues & CF Paid as of 4-1-10	\$672,209.00
Dues & CF Owed as of 4-1-10	\$ 66,400.00
Dues, CF & Penalty for 2009 - \$6,856.71	
6 Members under repossession for non-payment of 2009 Dues, with a total of 8 Lots and Memberships	
First Tier -6	
Second Tier -1	
Third Tier -1	
Total Memberships	1722
1 st Tier	787
2 nd Tier	213
3 rd Tier	722
Total Members	1153

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Brodberg, Chairman

NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT

With the weather we are having we have been asked and approved the loggers to move back onto our club and get started with their work to help improve our habitat. It is rare that they can get this early of a start. There is a lot of work to be done and it is welcomed news that they can get started this early. Currently we have two crews working on sales.

The board of governors received two letters from concerned members and I would like to address both of those letters. First and foremost to our members that took the time to write, thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns. It is by sharing information and ideas that helps to make our club that much better. Both letters had a very similar theme and rather than address each one separately I will do my best to cover their mutual concerns.

Both letters referenced concerns for the amount of harvesting and the site conditions immediately after a harvest. The board has a copy of the HSC aspen policy in their board packets, and all club members can get a copy of this policy and all other natural resource policies from the HSC web site or the club office.

We have tried to share with our members that we have an aggressive plan in place to get caught up on our aspen regeneration. Aspen is a very unique and important forest type representing 26% of our Forest. We would like to keep it healthy and sustainable by regenerating this resource as appropriate.

Years ago, our club put in place a forest management plan that was for one reason or another not implemented. Please see the summer 2008 issue of the Council Fire where former chairman Dan Crandall gave a great explanation about this situation. The reasons why this happened may be numerous but to be honest at this point is irrelevant. I have seen too many times over the year's people waste more time debating the reasons why things happened and less time actually moving forward with a solution. That is not a practice that will benefit our habitat or club. The relevant issue is we have a serious problem and are working on an aggressive solution. With each year that the older class trees were not harvested the problem got worse. We have a situation at present where we have just under, 3,000 acres of aspen trees that are 70+ years old. The older these trees get the less chance of regeneration. We have instructed our forester to harvest 400 acres per year over the next four to five years. From a habitat stand point these older trees have very little if any nutritional value for any of our wildlife and they block out the sun from reaching the under story leaving very poor habitat conditions.

Long-term harvest history:

Period	Avg. Yearly Acres harvested	Avg. Yearly # Cords
1978 - 1982	430	5,000
1983 - 1987	150	2,000
1988 - 1992	352	5,580
1993 - 1997	233	3,855
1998 - 2002	442	8,652
2003 - 2007	699	13,066
2008 - 2009	508	9,323
1978 - 2009	392	6,544

Regenerating aspen and keeping a healthy, sustainable forest is a major undertaking and the results of these harvests will be visible. Our forester is doing his best to minimize the visual impact but the bottom line is from a habitat stand point we are playing catch up and until that is accomplished our members will continue to see high levels of harvest activity (instead of approximately 2% of the aspen habitat annually, the current level is closer to 4% as we play "catch up.") At the same time our normal harvest policies are being completed for the rest of our forest.

Both letters made reference to revenue. Our committee makes our policies based on habitat. None of our policies have been based on revenue but only on what is the best practice for the benefit of our wildlife and overall health of our club.

Both letters referenced the debris left when the loggers have completed their operation in a given area. I also had a similar concern. I asked our forester if there was a better option. Both he and our past biologist Jim Hammill stated the practice of leaving this is best for our habitat. Our poor soils need as many nutrients added back in as we can add. As this matter decomposes and leaches back into our soil we are adding as much as we can. This also helps to retain moisture for future growth. Jim Hammill also talked about how rabbits and other animals will move into these areas as the cover gives them protection from predators. At our March Natural Resources Committee meeting we talked about other options.

1. Chip this material and leave it lay.
2. Chip this material and haul it away.
3. Crush the material and leave it.

None of these options are good for our habitat.

QGMU

Both letters had concerns about the cutting that took place in 2008. Personally I have worked at the QGMU ever since we purchased the property with our Fish Game and Fowl Committee. When I first saw the land after the harvest my initial reaction was similar to the comments in these letters. I also started thinking how much better this habitat will be within the next two years. When I started working on moving our deer blinds and helping to cut shooting lanes for the than upcoming 2009 deer season, I saw new growth was already coming up. Some of the trails the loggers created had clover growing in them. As a bow hunter I also realized this matter helps to funnel the movement of our deer. If you take the time to look you will see the run ways are on the edges and can be used to a hunter's advantage. I was deer hunting in one of the blinds and right next to the blind was a large pile of brush left after the loggers were done. I was sitting in the blind thinking nothing would go through this stuff when I caught a flash of white. I looked and here came a Pine Martin working his way through the pile. I watched him and wondered what the heck is, he going to eat in this stuff. About 5 minutes latter he came back in my direction with a mouse in his mouth. As he came closer I heard the sound of wings beating and a dark shadow appeared. The Pine Martin dropped his meal and disappeared into the pile. A couple of minutes latter feeling the coast was clear he reappeared claimed his prize and continued on his way. This debris does in fact create a new ecosystem.

I hope I have addressed the concerns of our members that took the time to write. As stated earlier by sharing information and ideas is what helps to make our club stronger. All of our policies are posted on our web site and I encourage all members to review this site. You will find a great deal of valuable information.

Carbon Credits: The market remains soft. We have credits for sale but at this time we are in a wait and see mode.

With the extreme dry weather we are experiencing please be extra careful in our woods as the fire danger is extremely high.

Respectfully submitted:
Keith Hopper, Natural Resources Chairman

FISH REPORT

The details of our annual Master Angler Awards and our Youth Fishing Tournament have been finalized. Both events honor the late Larry McEvers. Details are posted in the Club Office and on the HSC website. We are now allowing guests to enter fish caught only on Millecoquins Lake and have added a non-game fish category. We have changed the hours for the Youth Fishing Tournament at Three Mile Pond and will be asking the board later in this meeting to make a permanent change in our fishing regulations for this tournament.

Trout season opens next Saturday and the fish are ready! Cold Creek Pond has just been stocked with some very nice Rainbow Trout and Three Mile Pond has been stocked with big Browns. We plan to plant Jocko Pond later in the year so we don't disturb the early season trophy fishing there. We will also be adding large mouth bass to the QGMU Pond this year. New fishing surveys are available, please turn yours in, they help us improve our fishery. Our stream restoration program will continue again this year. Stream improvement projects are as follows:

1. Clean out of winter damage in Cold Creek from the rifle range to the old fish hatchery.
2. Complete tag alder removal in the Kids Stream (about 200 yards of work).
3. Repair of gravel structure below the sand trap on Cold Creek
4. Repair gravel structure below confluence on Cold Creek
5. Repair spawning structure on the Upper Millecoquins River at H Trail end.
6. Possible projects: Gravel wash at the beaver dam structure at Three Mile Pond and tag alder removal at Jocko Creek below the dam.

Also, we will be doing obstruction removal on Upper Jocko Creek near the existing gravel wash. If you can help please call Jim Rutledge at (906) 477-1035 or John MacFarland at (989) 413-1598.

Lake Superior State University will again be working with us on our fishery this spring. They will be removing bull-heads from Pull-up Lake and moving Northern Pike from Pull-up to Cranberry Lake. They will be doing water quality studies on Pull-up, Cranberry, and Elbow Lakes and making recommendations to improve our fishing. They will also be completing their fish study at Three Mile Pond.

The Federal Sea Lamprey Control Division that treated our streams last year completed their studies as requested and presented their findings to our committee. They did a very thorough and professional job. Superior Watershed also helped analyze and interpret the data. The Fish, Game & Fowl Committee decided that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will be allowed to continue to control sea lamprey in club waters. They will coordinate with the HSC manager on the location and time of treatments. No treatments will be done before July 1st to protect burrowing mayflies, a favorite trout food.

Manager Livermore will keep the Fish, Game & Fowl Committee informed of these activities. Sea lamprey control will be stopped if the Fish, Game & Fowl Committee determines there is credible scientific evidence that this practice is significantly harmful to our Club fishery.

Finally, I would like to report that our project to neutralize the acidity in Cranberry and Elbow Lakes is nearly complete. Lester and the maintenance crew have been diligently adding crushed lime stone to these lakes over the past few weeks. Liming is one of the most cost effective ways of improving the reproduction and survival of aquatic life and promotes balanced and healthy fish populations. We have been working carefully over the last two years with LSSU to make sure we follow all the necessary scientific guidelines to make this project safe for our environment. We even sent the lime used to Michigan State University to make sure it was safe. This should lead to more and bigger fish in these two lakes. Also, keep your calendar open on July 7th; we will be sponsoring our first How to Catch Big Fish Seminar at our museum. Experienced anglers will be sharing their secrets on how to catch "the big one".

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

GAME & FOWL REPORT

The Fish, Game, & Fowl Committee met on Friday, April 9th. The agenda items for the game and fowl portion of this meeting and the results of the discussion on each are as follows:

SPOTTED KNAPWEED: Ike Darling reported that results of the grant applied for in partnership with Michigan Technological University for a three year study on Spotted Knapweed should be known sometime between April 20 and 25, 2010.

2010 QGMU PLAN FOR HAY FIELDS: Manager Livermore reported that Miller Farms of Engadine had agreed to lease the QGMU farm land for \$15 per acre starting this spring. They plan on farming it as is for the first two years and harvesting the hay in round bales. After they are more familiar with the soil conditions they will begin to rotate in other farm crops with an emphasis on field corn to begin with. HSC volunteers will be fertilizing the hay fields this year with the 0-0-60 fertilizer that we already have on hand.

2010 QGMU RULES AND REVIEW: The QGMU Open Hunting, Trapping, and Recreational Use rules and regulation document was reviewed by the committee in order to incorporate changes that were recommended during and after this past hunting season. The approved changes will be made and the revised document submitted to the office at this time but they should be reviewed again this fall with emphasis on the actual deer hunting regulations, i.e., buck rules, doe harvest, etc.

The biggest changes approved by the committee were to clarify that the No Baiting Rule applies to deer only and that it is legal to bait for bear, the lottery draw for the firearm deer season was extended from 3 to 5 days, and after the 5 day lottery hunt period hunting will still be limited to a maximum of 8 members per day on a first come, first served basis.

2010 FOOD PLOT PROJECT: Spreadsheets listing the food plots requiring lime, recommended care of the existing clover plots, and planting recommendations for winter wheat and rape food plots were discussed. It had been decided previously to plant winter wheat and rape in separate plots this year instead of in separate rows within the same plot as done last year. There was discussion on blending turnip seed with the rape seed this year to give a component of each in these plots. The planting of field corn, soybean, and Sainfoin was also discussed but no decisions were made.

COYOTE HUNTING: A discussion was held concerning the legality of club members being able to hunt coyotes year round on club property. The discussion stemmed from Note 1 of the Fur Harvester and Hunting Seasons Guide listed in the 2009 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide. This note reads; Raccoon and coyote may be taken on private property by a property owner or designee all year if they are doing or about to do damage on private property. A license or written permit is not needed. After much discussion it was decided to ask for clarification from the DNRE. Manager Livermore contacted a law enforcement officer in Newberry who we had a conference call with. He unofficially stated that he felt this law would apply to the HSC and its members but to be absolutely sure he is going to contact Lansing and get an official ruling. He will contact Manager Livermore with the results of his inquiry.

DNRE ACCESS: The committee had previously voted to allow the DNRE continued access to club property for the purpose of trapping and collaring wolves by a vote of 9 for and 5 against. However, it was pointed out that since this vote it has become very evident that the DNRE is not on the side of the hunter and they do not seem to care about the economic impact the lack of deer is having on the club or the UP.

A copy of a newspaper article covering a DNRE public meeting in Midland on its proposed deer management plan included a quote from DNRE Wolf Specialist Brian Roell that states: "I support wolves, a natural feature of the UP landscape that has returned to it. They lived there with moose and elk long before rapacious logging rendered the region a deer paradise. Welcome back, I say, and we'll watch wolves and deer find a balance, as predators and prey always do. But then again, I hunt deer in the Lower Peninsula.

After much discussion the following motion was made and approved by the committee and will be presented to the Board at the April meeting if necessary.

Motion: We move that until we see evidence the DNRE is firmly on the side of the hunter they are excluded from wolf research on the HSC.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Present Status to 2010 Financial Budget

Following is a summary of the March 31, 2010 year to date Actual Revenues and Expenses versus the 2010 Financial Budget.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Revenues	809,605	815,493
Expenses	225,295	267,135
Net Income	584,310	548,358

Actual Revenues are below Budgeted Revenues by \$5,888. This is primarily due to being under budget in Dues (\$3,330) and Interest (\$2,727). The cottage and golf revenues are slightly below budget, but we hope to make this up as the year progresses.

The Actual Expenses are under Budgeted by \$41,840. This is comprised of Salaries (\$9,854), Professional Services (\$5,158), Roads & Trails (\$7,364) Gas & Oil (\$4,038) and Insurance (\$10,010). Most of these items are just a timing issue. During the mild winter, a significant amount of labor and materials were utilized in Cottage Repair (\$12,471).

Present Status of 2010 Capital Budget

Our Capital Plan for 2010 is only \$44,000. As of 3/31/2010, no funds have been expended. However, during the April meeting we will seek approval of \$25,000 for the Rec. building roof, \$14,000 for pick up truck replacement and report a \$3,000 expenditure for new computers in the office.

Investment Status

Our Cash and Investments as of March 31, 2010 totaled \$1,258,588. Our "Reserve" Accounts total \$662,768. Therefore they are properly supported by our cash and investments.

Carbon Credit Revenue

In 2008 the Club was paid \$246,315 for Carbon Credits. In 2009 we were unable to sell any credits due to pending Federal legislation. In 2010 the circumstances have not changed and it appears unlikely that there will be a significant sale this year. Absent any carbon credit revenue we are budgeted for a \$51,315 loss.

In 2011, we will need a significant dues increase to make up for the three years of no dues increase if the Carbon Credit issues do not get favorable resolved. We will be asking for approval of a dues increase at the annual meeting of up to \$60.00 to be assessed only if budgeted carbon credits revenue for 2011 is under \$100,000.

Dues Restructure Proposal

Attached is a Proposal that is self explanatory. If approved at the Annual Meeting, it will gradually increase the dues on Secondary Memberships for lots that are not contiguous to a residence (lot lines touching or across the street) and create a Junior Membership for those between the age of 21 and 35.

Annual Audit

The auditors will be arriving April 19, 2010 for our 2009 audit.

Respectfully submitted,

Loyal Eldridge, Treasurer & Finance Committee Chair

GOLF REPORT

If our winter weather in the U.P. is any indication of our coming summer forecast, then start washing your golf carts now. No freeze, no refreeze, no snow mold, etc. The course is open, playable and looking beautiful. As many of you know, the golf committee worked with Gary Trombley and earmarked some trees to be taken down: mission accomplished. In these areas, more sunlight will be coming through to improve our greens and fairways.

As a reminder, the following are our confirmed dates for golf leagues and special events. Even though we do not assign tee-off times, it is always a good idea to call the pro-shop to check on the availability of the course for that day.

Tournament schedules:

- Sportsman's Triathlon Friday and Saturday, June 18th and 19th.
- Fireworks Fundraiser Friday, July 16TH: 1:00 p.m.
- Club Championship Saturday, July 31ST: 8:00 a.m.
- M,M&R Saturday, August 7ST: 1:00 p.m.
- EHS Sports Booster Tournament, August 20th: 5:00p.m.

League Play:

- Tuesday morning men's league begins June 15th
 - Contact Mike McElroy
- Tuesday afternoon/evening couples league begins June 22
 - Contact Dave Pentecost
- Thursday morning Ladies League
 - Contact Anne LaBarge and/or Sally Matchinski
- Thursday night men's league begins June 17th
 - Contact Larry Roth or sign up at the Pro Shop

Under these economic conditions (and under the advisement of the current administration) your golf committee is holding the prices for golf play, rentals, candy bars and drinks the same as the summer of "09. Vicki has already place our first merchandize order and has been working for over a week now getting our pro-shop up and running.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike McElroy, Chairman

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The grievance committee received one grievance since the January meeting. The grievance involved property line issues and neighborhood disputes. The Grievance Committee met, issued a decision and considers the matter closed for now.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Rutledge, Chairman
Grievance Committee

BUILDING, HOUSE AND GROUNDS REPORT

I would first like to thank the HSC staff and many volunteers for all their efforts in completing several projects to maintain and improve HSC property and buildings. Without the many volunteers these projects would be cost prohibited resulting in higher dues to do or worst yet, not doing anything.

Some projects that have been completed or worked on are:

- Brushing at the intersection of West Beach and Arnold Rd.
- West River Road ORV trail.
- Installation of dry hydrants.
- Work on campground cabins.
- Flag pole and flags added at US-2 entrance.
(many thanks to the Cole family)
- New well at Campground.

This is only to name a few.

Some of the projects we will be working on in 2010 are as follows:

- Boundary signs (this is an ongoing project)
- Brushing at Lookout Point.
- Repair and paint pit toilets.
- Finish West River Rd ORV trail.
- Cranberry Lodge – seal and repair.
- Finish installing dry hydrants.
- Finish campground cabins – paint.
- Cut big trees on north A Trail.
- Slab in front of Recreation Building.
- Repair driveway drain by 2nd group of cabins.
- New roof on Recreation Building, pending approval.
- Coffee pots, Night lights, and Clocks for cabins.

Thanks again to the many volunteers who make these projects possible.

If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer, please contact Lester or myself.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Larson, Chairman
Building, House and Grounds

MANAGER'S REPORT

This past winter was so very mild that it offered very little in the usual winter entertainment. The snowmobile trails were only groomed twice and most of the riding was out the north gate in search of better trails. This led to reduced income from cabin rentals but also reduced expenses.

Our maintenance staff took full advantage of the reduced plowing and worked on improving our rental cabins. New flooring, ceilings and light fixtures were installed in cabins 38, 39 and 40. We also replaced 2 showers that were in dire need. Amazingly we were able to repaint the doors on the fourth group outside in March. YES, I said March! The screen doors on the third group were also in disrepair and were replaced.

The mild winter did bring other advantages. Our deer herd got a much needed reprieve. The lack of snow and mild temperatures never truly forced the deer to go into the winter yards with travel and browse being available all winter long. This is also an advantage when trying to avoid predators. Speaking of predators, I and the Fish and Game Committee have been aggressively addressing the wolf issue. Currently the Gray wolf has reached a level 10 times that which should be required to be delisted but the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service has not been able or willing to follow the process to delist. We will continue to push for the delisting of the Gray Wolf until the USFWS accomplishes what it should have done many years ago.

The Fish and Game Committee has been working on making Cranberry Lake a viable fishery. The primary issue with the lake is the low Ph. This past year we planned on adding lime to bring the ph up to a level where fish can reproduce and thrive. Cranberry Lake with a strong healthy natural fish population would offer great fishing opportunities for our members with little expense to the Club. We have been working with LSSU and have tested our lime to make sure it was appropriate for the project. Samples were sent to Michigan State University and it was concluded that we could use the processed limestone that we purchased from Western Lime last year for the project. This spring, as soon as road restrictions were removed, we hauled 40 yards of lime up to Cranberry's West boat launch. The Maintenance crew and myself then loaded 35 tons of the wet concrete like material into the "Titanic" our big steel boat and rode across the lake shoveling it into the prop wash to disperse it into the water. It was a lot of hard work.

LSSU will return this spring to check the ph and to assess how much it effected the lakes acidity and if we need to repeat the process. I am hopeful but I expect that this was not the last time we will be complaining about our sore backs in that boat.

Another drastic difference between this year and last is the condition of the Golf Course. After what was one of the worst years for winter mortality Gary and Golf Committee went to work to reduce the impact of snow mold and other grass related diseases. A professor from Michigan State was brought in and made some recommendations, most of which reinforced the recommended remedies that Mr. Trombley had made. Last fall, Gary, his crew and volunteers from the Golf Committee went to work cutting trees that shaded the greens in late fall and early spring. The result of a very mild winter, tree removal and some minor changes in grass treatments is the best spring greens that I have ever seen at the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club. The whole course is green and lush and we are even going to open two weeks early!

One other major event is taking place this spring. Sally Frederick, our bookkeeper is retiring. Sally has been working here at the Hiawatha Club for the last 20 years. Sally worked for three different Club Managers and 9 treasures. She has been a major source of stability in the office during her time with us at Hiawatha. I know I have personally appreciated her incredible attention to detail. I could call upon her for anything and she would do

whatever it took to help me out and get the job done. Sally's willingness to "tell it like it is" was well known and I enjoyed the banter that she and I shared. I'm not so sure that she always did but she took it well and always in stride. We will miss her witty presence in the office.

Annette Clark has been transferred to the bookkeeper position. Annette has been with us for 8 years and has been cross training for the bookkeeping for several years. During her years with HSC, Annette has demonstrated the skills, ability and disciplines to perform in the Bookkeeper position and I am very confident that she will keep the Club's records at the high level we have become accustomed.

All these moves still leave one seat in the office empty. After advertising the position of Receptionist/ Administrative Assistant, we received 46 applications. I had hoped to interview 5 for the position. Yvonne and I narrowed the field to 10 from the paperwork. Then we conducted phone screenings to reduce the number to 6.

We did not feel that we could eliminate anyone else based on what we knew so we chose to interview 6 instead. After interviewing all 6, Yvonne and I were both in agreement that we felt Susan Manshum of Trout Lake was the best applicant for the job. Susan has a background in office administration and we believe a personality that will endure her to our members. Susan's first day was April 15th.

Yvonne and I are still here and doing the same stuff.

Respectfully submitted,

Lester Livermore Jr.