

AGENDA

HIAWATHA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB ANNUAL MEETING ACTIVITY BUILDING June 26, 2010

1. Call Meeting to Order
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Confirmation of Quorum by Secretary (at least 75 members in good standing must be present)
 4. Appointment of Parliamentarian
 5. Call the Roll
 6. Reading of the Minutes of the June 27, 2009 Annual Meeting
 7. Committee Reports:
 - (a) Natural Resources – Governor Hopper, Chairman
 - (b) Finance – Governor Eldridge, Chairman
 - (c) Golf – Governor McElroy, Chairman
 - (d) Civic & Government Affairs – Linda Bennett, Chairwoman
 - (e) Ad-Hoc By-Laws – Dean Brodberg, Chairman
 - (f) Fish, Game & Fowl – Governor MacFarland & DeWayne Evans, Co-Chairmen
 - (g) Ad-Hoc Lake Millecoquin Watershed – Governor MacFarland, Governor Wileman & Jim Hayes, Co-Chairmen
 - (h) Membership – Governor Brodberg, Chairman
 - (i) Election – Dick Streufert, Chairman
 - (j) Grievance – Governor Rutledge, Chairman
 - (k) Tax, Legal & Audit – Governor Middleton, Chairman
 - (l) Future Planning – DeWayne Evans, Chairman
 - (m) Building, House & Grounds – Governor Larson, Chairman
 - (n) Range – Dennis Goerke, Chairman/ 3-D Range Walter Dark
 - (o) Communications – Governor Crandall, Editor
 - (p) Manager – Lester Livermore
 - (q) Programs – Janet Waldron, Chairwoman
 - (r) Nature & Historical Society – David Pentecost, President
 - (s) Art – Francie Dittrich, President
 8. Old Business
 9. New Business
 - a. Dues Increase
 - b. Junior Membership
 - c. Secondary Dues
 10. Trail Blazers
 11. For the Good of the Club
 12. Oath of Office – New Board Members
 13. Presidents Comments
 14. Award Door Prizes
 15. Adjournment & Invitation to Annual Banquet
- The Board of Governors will meet at the office meeting room after the Annual Meeting for the election of Officers for 2010 – 2011.

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NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

2009 Harvest Summary: 2009 started very slow as for the first few months of the year the mills were closed as demand was down. Once the mills opened we brought a third crew onto our club to get back on our harvesting plans. Our goal for Aspen harvest was 400 acres as we continue our aggressive catch up plan. We were able to harvest 334 acres. These stands are unique in that if you take care of Aspen it regenerates itself so you don't have to replant them. The ideal age class of trees to be harvested on our club is between 40 and 60 years. The trees we are targeting are 70+ years of age. This harvest will be visible but is extremely important as Aspen is such an important component to the over, all health of our forest.

In addition to our Aspen harvest we must continue to improve the habitat of our club by following the rest of our harvest policies. In 2009 there were a total of 523 acres harvested. 189 acres were select cut and 334 acres were modified clear cuts.

2009 the accelerated beech salvage operation was completed. We may still find pockets that will need to be taken care but the overall accelerated harvest has been completed.

Oak Establishment: November 05, 2009 Dan Crandall headed up a crew of Charley Wilson, Ivan Darling and I. We were able to transplant 100 Oaks. With the loss of our Beach Forest and the mast crop it produced our club adopted a policy of trying to establish Oak stands at several locations. This program is something that is very important for the overall health of our wildlife. It will take years to see the effects of these efforts. Your Natural Resources committee has talked about planting nursery stock but our forester Jerry Grossman keeps reminding us that somehow the deer know the difference and once the nursery stock gets planted they eat it and it never gets a chance to grow. Dan, Charley and Ivan thank you for your help. Dan Crandall has agreed to head up this project again in 2010. Hopefully we can get more people to help so we can get more trees transplanted. This project is usually a half day event. We meet at the maintenance garage in the morning head out to the field where the trees to be moved have been flagged. Dig them up and move them to their new location and plant them. If you can lend a hand please let either myself or Dan know. Dan will set the date but it is usually late October or early November. Once the date is set we will let you know.

Carbon Credits: 60,973 tons of Carbon Credits were inventoried and made available for sale. The new administration changed the playing field with their push toward Cap and Trade. We still have the credits for sale but at this time we are in a wait and see mode.

There has been some discussion that our committee establishes harvests based on revenue. I can assure you that all our policies are set on what is in the best interest of the habit improvement of our club.

For any groups of members that would like to take a firsthand look at what we are doing and get an explanation of why we are doing it. Jerry Grossman has made himself, available and can be reached at 906-293-8707.

Please be sure to visit the Natural Resources web site to review our policies, maps and annual reports.

Respectfully Submitted:
Keith Hopper, Chairman
Natural Resources Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

2010 FINANCIAL BUDGET

Following is a summary of the May 31 (year to date) Revenues versus Expenses - Actual versus Budget.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
*Revenues	\$882,674	\$884,522
*Expenses	\$430,242	\$505,249
*Net Income	\$452,431	\$379,273

Revenues were below Budget by only \$1,828. Of significance was Timber being \$8,358 above budget and interest being \$7,754 below budget. Expenses were favorable by \$75,007 due to the timing of the insurance payment of \$29,276 and several other expenses that will occur later this year. Also, we recently learned from the Auditors that our budgeted depreciation for the year is about \$40,000 above the anticipated actual expense.

Hiawatha has joined with other foresters represented by Gerry Grossman to sell the "Carbon Credits" generated by our forest on the Chicago Climate Exchange. In 2008 we sold 94,925 tons of "credit" for \$246,315. During 2009 there were no sales and we do not anticipate any in 2010. The uncertainty created by the debate over "Cap and Trade" legislation has destroyed the market. We do not expect any recovery until Congress makes a decision. The 2010 Budget and the 2011 Budget planning assume no Carbon Credit revenue.

2010 CAPITAL EXPENSE PLAN

Following is (year to date) Capital Budget versus spending as of May 31, 2009.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Roof Replacement-Rec. Bldg \$11,494 to date		\$25,000
Pick Up Replacement	\$13,198	\$14,000
Misc. Capital	\$ 5,359	\$ 5,000
(Office computers etc.)		
TOTAL	\$30,051	\$ 44,500

INVESTMENT STATUS

It is important to note that our investments did not suffer any losses during the past year due to our conservative investment policy administered by Dave Waldron and the Finance Committee.

Following is a summary of Cash and Investments as of May 31, 2010.

*Cash	\$393,788
*Certificates of Deposits	\$301,872
*U.S. Gov't Securities	\$ 54,297
*Corporate Bonds	\$365,627
*Preferred Stock	\$ 42,770
*Accrued Interest on Bonds/CD's	\$ 7,113
TOTAL	\$1,165,467

The Club continues excellent financial liquidity and meets the requirements to have more cash and investments than the total of the Reserved Accounts (\$666,228).

DUES INCREASE

Timber revenues are gradually decreasing and Carbon Credit revenue can not be relied upon, therefore after careful consideration of the financial needs of the Club, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Primary

Dues for 2011 be increased by \$45 to \$273, with the Board retaining the option to reduce the amount if significant Carbon Credit revenue is received during 2010.

On a more positive note, our Club Manager has successfully placed our liability and property insurance with a new agent saving the Club about \$20,000 per year and giving us broader coverage. Also, property taxes have been lowered by about \$15,000. Therefore we expect the 2011 assessment to be reduced by \$29 to \$352.

The Dues and Assessment for 2011 should increase by a net of only \$16!

The Finance Committee could not agree on a recommendation to solve the problem of an ever increasing number of Secondary Dues payers and decreasing number of Primary Dues payers. It did agree to recommend the creation of a Junior Member for individuals between the ages of 21 and 35. It would have full membership privileges and pay dues equal to one half of the Primary Dues.

REVIEW OF 2009 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

*AFTER TAX PROFITS

After tax profits were \$40,064. The year did not end in a loss due to an \$80,331 reduction in the audited depreciation expense for 2009.

*2009 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS of \$94,191 INCLUDED:

- *Golf Cart Replacements
- *Roof Replacement (1st group)
- * Tractor Replacement
- Total \$94,191

AUDIT REPORT

Smolinski and Christman, P.C. has completed the independent auditor's report as of December 31, 2009. The auditors have again issued what is commonly referred to as a "Clean Opinion" and offered very favorable comments regarding the financial operations of the Club. Copies are available at the Club Office for review.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

I would like to thank Bill Burnett, Kevin Evans, Roland Ringquist, Dave Waldron and Charlie Wilson for serving on the Committee. They have spent a large amount of time developing the Operating Budget and Capital Expenditures Plan and overseeing their operation. Also I must thank Lester Livermore for his invaluable assistance in putting all the documents together and Sally Frederick/Annette Clark for preparing the monthly statements.

Respectfully submitted,

Loyal Eldridge, Treasurer
Chairman of the Finance Committee

GOLF REPORT

This past year on our golf course we were witness to many special events and sights, thanks to the hard work of Vicki Huyck, our pro shop manager, and Gary Trombley, our head grounds keeper. These two individuals, along with their staff, provided all of us with many activities to participate in and many beautiful sights on the course itself.

Even though actual golf 'rounds" were down, golf merchandize sales were up, thanks again to Vicki and her innovative ideas and presentations. The rounds were down, thanks to Mother Nature. Spring came and stayed for most of the "so-called" summer. It rained almost 20 days just in the month of June. Many of you long-time yoopers said it was one of the wettest summers they could remember. We also had to deal with snow mold on the greens. This occurred on courses throughout the Upper Peninsula and courses in the upper part of the lower. Gary Trombley worked tirelessly and sought expert advice from university professors who assured him that his course of action was working. If you have been able to be on the course in the last month, Gary was right. Our greens are back. (much better looking, in fact, than Pebble Beach and the US Open of last weekend!).

Community Involvements:

- 1.HSC sponsorship; of the Engadine High School girls and boys golf Teams.
2. Hosted the EHS sports booster tournament
3. Hosted the Fireworks Fund Raiser tournament
4. Hosted the VFW-American Legion tournament

HSC Golf Events:

1. Night Golf throughout the summer months on certain Friday nights
2. Family outings (wedding groups, reunions, etc.)
3. The MMandR tournament (Lake Mill. winners in 2009)
4. The Club Championship held in July
5. Tuesday men's league
6. Tuesday couple's league (two leagues)
7. Thursday women's league
8. Thursday men's doubles league
9. HSC Triathlon (1st year held on one day); great success.

All of the above were well attended in numbers and spirit. Many new champions were crowned.

Course Improvements:

1. All sand traps were improved with an improved grade of sand and manicured with new, longer rakes.
2. Improved cart paths
3. Removal of some key trees allowing more sunlight to the greens. (This is in conjunction with Dr.Frank, MSU professor, who came at our invitation to

offer suggestions concerning the condition of our greens. We even made one of his web sites for one of his seminars. He considers the HSC golf course one of the gems of the U.P.).

4. Improvement of areas along some of the fairways.
5. Daily schedule of care for all fairways, greens and roughs.
6. Gary's Rock Collection!

Gary and his "team" deserve all the credit for our beautiful course. They work year round and take such pride in their work. It shows.

Last, but not least, many thanks to the talented golf committee for their input, suggestions and guidance.

Steve Miller Ron Walker

Bill Burnett Dennis Goerke

John Streeter Judy Hamilton

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. McElroy
Golf Committee Chairperson

CIVIC AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT

THE PRIMARY FOR THE GOVERNOR'S RACE WILL BE ON AUGUST 3, 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 ANYONE.

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.

HERITAGE DAYS WILL BE JULY 25TH IN ENGADINE.

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER! Linda Bennett, Chairperson

AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS REPORT

President Waldron, Board of Governors and Fellow Members,

Our By-laws Committee had one formal meeting this past year on August 21, 2009. As reported at the October 17, 2009 Board of Governors meeting, six items of business were discussed. Briefly, here are the items of business:

1. Members wishing to be heard at Annual Meetings
2. Proxy voting for Annual Meetings
3. "Clean-up" the By-laws
4. Unexpired term of a Governor
5. Future Planning Committee/Past President Committee
6. Transfer of membership to a surviving spouse

Our findings were passed on to the Board of Governors and no By-law changes were required.

In our January 16, 2010 report to the Board of Governors I noted that we were in the process of "cleaning up" the By-laws as it relates to grammar, punctuation, word usage, etc. That task was completed and passed on to the

Board of Governors for approval and subsequent printing. A special thank you to committee members, Ann Elms and Ed Middleton for their editing assistance.

One other item of business this past year was a letter from member, Ike Darling dealing with non-permanent structures. This matter was forwarded to Governor Larson and his Building, House and Grounds Committee for their input. As of this date the matter has not been resolved.

Thank you to the following for their service to the Club as committee members. Roland Ringquist, Jim Smith, Ann Elms, Ed Middleton, Charlie Wilson and Dave Hunt.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Brodberg, Chairman

FISH REPORT

Large Mouth bass have been added to the QGMU Pond along with hybrid bluegills. There is now a map at the sign-in area to help members find the pond which was treated for weeds and algae two weeks ago. Cold Creek Pond has been recently stocked with some very nice rainbow trout. We will also be trying some hybrid rainbows there. These fish grow quickly to above average size and are very tasty. Three Mile Pond has been stocked with big browns and rainbows. LSSU is conducting a study on trout survival at Three Mile and it is imperative all members fishing there complete the new fishing survey. These surveys help us spend our fish budget wisely and provide the committee with data that improves our fishery. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Jocko Pond will be treated by Northern Michigan Aquatics for weeds and algae. It will soon be planted with brooks and rainbow.

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.
6. Possible projects: Gravel wash above Three Mile Pond and tag alder and obstruction removal at Jocko Creek.

Please call Jim Rutledge at (906) 477-0035 or John MacFarland at (989) 413-1598 if you can help. There is a stream project scheduled 7/13 and 7/15. Details will be posted on the web site and in the office. You can also look for Jim's sign at N gate.

Superior Watershed and HSC volunteers just finished two days of stream monitoring.

I would like to thank Terry Thomson, Phil Dennis, Al Knox, and Jim Rutledge for their help. Our streams look healthy and a complete report will be available in the fall. Lake Superior State University is again working with us on our fishery this year. They are 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. LSSU has been actively involved in our project to neutralize the acidity in Cranberry Lake. Lester and the maintenance crew added crushed lime stone to this lake this spring with phenomenal accuracy. 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. Fishermen, please return any pike caught at Cranberry and report any tagged fish to the office. These fish were moved from Pull-up Lake to Cranberry Lake as recommended by the university to help increase perch size in the lake.

LSSU provides us scientific data and guidance that we use to improve our fishery and help us spend our fish budget wisely. We owe LSSU a big thank you for their help!

Elbow Lake will get another lime treatment soon that should correct the acidity. Some decent pike activity at Pull-up Lake has been reported but water levels are still a major concern. One very large northern and a large walleye as well as plenty of perch have been caught at Cranberry Lake.

The Fish, Game & Fowl Committee voted at our last meeting to allow the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service 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. Mike Fodale, Lamprey Control Supervisor, will put on a short presentation on the sea lamprey control program at our next board meeting.

Please remember The Larry McEvers Master Angler Tournament starts July 1st and ends Labor Day. The Youth fishing Tournament will again be held Labor Day weekend. Details are in the office and on the web site. 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". Audience members will also be encouraged to share. Get there early so you can get a good seat, a large crowd is expected!

Respectfully Submitted

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

GAME & FOWL REPORT

I would like to begin by thanking this Board and especially President Waldron for allowing me to fill in as Co-chairman of the Fish, Game, & Fowl Committee over the past year. It was truly a privilege and an honor.

I would also like to thank all of the members who served on the committee this past year. They are; Aaron Fulton, Albert Knox, Dan Crandall, Doug Carrigan, Ike Darling, Jim MacMeekin, Jim Rutledge, Jim Wileman, John McFarland, Keith Hopper, Kurt Larson, Leonard Jakubiak, Teresa Schanski, and Walter Dark.

Some of the highlights and issues handled by this committee over the past year are as follows:

One of the committee's main projects continues to be the planting and maintenance of food plots. By the end of the fall of 2009 approximately 128 acres of food plots had been planted or maintained. Out of these 128 acres there are approximately 20 acres of MossyOak Clover fields left over from the test of these products that will be maintained as long as the clover keeps growing. However, emphasis has been switched to planting mostly winter wheat, rape, and turnips, which we have found grows best on our soil. The committee will continue to evaluate new products in an effort to find others that will grow in the club's poor soils and growing climate.

Due to budget restraints the purchase of a no till drill was dropped and the committee will continue to use the extension office drill. A no till drill has been proven to be very effective for planting club soils.

Manager Livermore developed the 2009 Deer Season Report for the committee and as expected this was one of the poorest seasons in the history of the club. There were only 21 bucks and 7 doe's harvested total. Of the 21 bucks there were; 2-11 points, 1-9 point, 3-8 points, 2-7 points, 6-6 points, 3-5 points, 3-4 points, and 1-3 point.

Data was collected on all deer brought into the check station and this information will be compiled and presented in a report at a later date. However, due to current economic trends and the fact that the committee will be operating under a very tight budget in 2010 it was decided to discontinue the use of Jim Hammill as our wildlife consultant. Instead we will expand our partnership with the LSSU Fish and Wildlife Department and they will be assisting us with our food plots, deer reports, and other wildlife related projects.

No one has any concrete answers as to why the 2009 deer season was so poor however, it was felt that contributing factors were most likely the two previous hard winters, and too many predators (bear, wolves, and coyotes).

Of these, the only one we can even attempt to control is the coyote. In that regard the committee approved a motion to place a \$20.00 bounty on coyote's that was supported by the Board in the January meeting. The bounty applies to all coyotes harvested by any legal means on club property during the open season on them.

The committee was also very active in the on-going struggle to gain state management of the Grey Wolf population. In that regard a sub-committee consisting of Manager Livermore, Jim Rutledge, and John McFarland drafted a HSC Wolf Position Statement that was approved by the Board in the January meeting. In presenting this document to different state agencies and other organizations it became very apparent to Manager Livermore and various committee members that the Michigan DNRE was not acting on behalf of the hunters in matters relating to management of the Grey Wolf nor do they seem to be concerned about the economic impact they are having on all of the UP.

In an attempt to get their attention and emphasize how important this issue is to the HSC the committee passed a motion stating that until we see evidence the DNRE is firmly on the side of the hunter they are excluded from wolf research on the HSC. This motion was supported by the Board in the April meeting. The result of the motion prevents the DNRE from continuing the trapping and collaring project they have been conducting on club property for the last several years.

The committee has also been involved with a project dealing with controlling and/or eradicating the invasive weed species Spotted Knapweed. Ike Darling has been our lead person on this project and will be giving us an update at this time.

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

SPOTTED KNAPWEED REPORT

The federal grant to study the best way in which to control the spotted knapweed was suppose to be awarded in late April if approved. We have remained in touch with Michigan Technological University who sponsored our proposed program and have been assured that no grants have been awarded or denied. It is believed that due to the urgency of controlling the invasive Asian Carp problem in the Chicago area, it's possible cost and the fact that a definitive solution has not been reached, that the entire award program has been put on hold. In light of the HSC's financial position and without the grant money for operating the three year control program we have no choice but for the time being to revert back to the limited action program of controlling the spotted knapweed. It is therefore recommended that we use the club's existing equipment and a combination of Milestone and 2-4-D to spray the airfield and stored gravel pile, so that we do not continue to spread the problem and to spot spray all food plots that show any sign of infestation. Any remaining chemicals and available manpower should be directed at the worst out break along main trails where the greatest threat of spreading the problem exist. It is most critical that spraying be done the first two weeks of July to stop as much of the seeding as possible. We will do all that we can but your volunteer help will also be needed both in identifying and reporting isolated sightings and helping with the spraying.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE - MILLECOQUIN LAKE WATERSHED

Our local DNRE representative, Darren Kramer, recently informed the committee that we are on the list for over 35,000 fingerling walleye plants but this will not happen again this year. The fact that these fish would not likely reproduce in Lake Millecoquin was a big factor as well as the state's concern for spreading VHS. Also, the upcoming lake specie survey scheduled in 2011 was another consideration. It was mentioned to Mr. Kramer that many HSC members would like Millecoquin Lake to receive walleye plants as soon as possible. If you would like to relay your concerns to Mr. Kramer about these plants feel free to give him a call at (906) 786-2351 ext. 128. The committee is planning to meet with some local businesses to get them to help put polite pressure on the DNRE. Garfield Township will also be contacted for the same reason. The possibility of making a presentation at the Naubinway Pavilion is being explored.

VHS has been confirmed to have spread to Lake Superior. It was thought that the cold water in that lake would protect it from this disease but that now is wishful thinking. The Club has wash stations at the state boat launch on the west side of Millecoquin Lake and on the east side near the new Recreation Building. Please sanitize your watercraft, motor, and trailer when moving from another water body to Millecoquin Lake. Ask your guests to do the same. It is mandatory when putting a craft, motor, or trailer into Club lakes to sanitize them. Also, members are required to strictly adhere to DNRE regulations when using bait fish. These regulations are explained in the 2010 Michigan Fishing Guide.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Hayes, John MacFarland & Jim Wileman, Co-Chairmen

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

To: President Waldron, Board of Governors and Fellow Members

Our primary role as a Committee is to interview those persons who have made application for membership in writing and have been approved by the Membership Committee. Article I Membership: of our Club By-laws makes it very clear as to what is the responsibility of both the Applicant and the Membership Committee.

The main objective of our Committee this past year was to strengthen our interview process. This was accomplished by revisiting our Application for Membership, requiring more information from the applicant. The new Application for Membership is now in use and is providing the additional information we were seeking.

Members can find further information on this subject by reviewing our October 17, 2009 and January 16, 2010 reports to the Board as found in the Council Fire.

By the time of our 2010 Annual Meeting the Committee will have conducted about 40 interviews for the year. As chairman I want to emphasize the importance of the interview. Our time with the applicant is key to the membership process. Interview time is not about reviewing fishing regulations, cabin rates and how much it costs to play nine holes of golf. Yes, these are important, but it's more critical to determine who the applicant is, what are their strengths and why do they want membership in the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club.

Of the approximate 40 new applicants this year, two were put on one year probation, without loss of Club privileges, due to previous Department of Natural Resources violations and one applicant was denied membership. As Chairman, I approved one new member without a face to face interview. This applicant is currently serving our country in Afghanistan and will not be State side until later in 2010. See me personally if you have any questions.

In closing, I want to thank Yvonne for here excellent work in tracking the various forms involved in the membership process.

Also for her ever-present pleasant attitude as she wades through the statistics of membership and deals with yours truly.

Then to President Waldron and Manager Livermore for their support this past year as we worked our way through improving the membership process.

Finally, to an excellent and supportive committee consisting of Ed Middleton, Jim Smith, Dave Waldron, Bruce Gustafson, and Jim Rutledge. Thank you for your work.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Brodberg, Chairman

2010 ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Before announcing the results of the 2010 H.S.C. Board of Governors election I want to extend several well deserved "thank you's".

Ron Spaulding decided after this year's election to retire from the election committee after several years of excellent service. He will be missed and his time and effort was sincerely appreciated.

Jim Beck graciously agreed to fill in this year for Walt Frederick who took Sally on a well deserved month's vacation to California. Jim Beck has agreed to continue serving on the committee and will replace Ron Spaulding.

Additional thanks to Dan Crandall, Jim Papineau and Steve Rogers for their committee work again this year. The last thank you goes to the committee's personal "sticky bun" baker Brenda Streufert.

When opening the ballot envelopes this year there were 3 personal checks included with the ballots for club dues, cabin rentals, etc. Please do not use the ballot envelopes for anything other than your ballot.

There were 503 ballots cast in this year's election and only one was rejected due to being improperly marked. The results are as follows:

John MacFarland	355	Ted Maier	85
Dean Brodberg	318	Robert Horton	81
Ivan Darling	310		
David Pentecost	280		
Kevin Evans	274		
Jerry Peters	202		
James MacMeekin	158		
Judith Maier	113		

Respectfully Submitted, Dick Streufert

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Grievance Committee handled 2 grievances this year. I would like to thank Ed Middleton and Jack Glasscock for their wisdom and diligence in finding and implementing solutions when problems arose. They were absolutely dedicated to treating everyone fairly.

Respectfully,
Jim Rutledge

TAX, LEGAL AND AUDIT REPORT

TAX: All property taxes were timely paid, they totaled \$182,997.68.

LEGAL: Only one legal concern is outstanding at this time. It involves a club member's impending bankruptcy and the club's responsibilities therein, including our concerns about unpaid back taxes plus assessments.

AUDIT: We received a very satisfactory audit report from our Audit Firm on June 14, 2010. Copies of the report are available for study at the club office.

I would like to thank my committee, Roland Ringquist, James Smith, Jeff Smith and Charles Wilson.

I would also like to thank our staff, specifically, Sally Frederick, on the portion of our committee's responsibilities and we are looking forward to working with her successor, Annette Clark.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Middleton, Chairman

FUTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

This committee consists of the following past presidents; Ray Siegrist, Roland Ringquist, Charlie Wilson, Jack Crandall, Robert O'Connell, Bill Schwab, Dean Brodberg, Bob Laraway, Jim Smith, Bruce Gustafson, Steve Rogers, Jim Rutledge and chairman DeWayne Evans.

Note: Even though Jim Rutledge is a "Past President" he was still on the Board this past year and chose not to participate on this committee until his term is up (today).

Over the past year the committee voted to retain its official name as the Future Planning Committee and not as the Future Planning/Past Presidents Committee or the Past Presidents Committee.

They also voted to adopt the following Purpose and Mission Statements as the official statements of this committee.

Purpose Statement

The Future Planning Committee consists of all of the past presidents of this great club who are 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 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 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 Chairman, Future Planning Committee

BUILDING, HOUSE AND GROUNDS REPORT

Several projects had preparations made over the winter and are scheduled to be completed this summer. The project list has had completed projects removed and new projects scheduled. We welcome HSC member's suggestions for improvements and have added several of those suggestions to our project list. It is satisfying to look around the HSC grounds and see the many positive improvements that have been made possible through the efforts of the HSC staff and the many volunteers.

Some of the completed projects are the roof replacement and eaves at the recreation center, campground cabins finished and painted, pit toilets repaired and painted, trails have been graded and hopefully are still in good shape after all the rain. This is only to name a few.

Some projects on our list for the summer and fall include; installing the remainder of the dry hydrants, sealing cranberry lodge, boundary signs, brushing at lookout point, only to mention a few.

Many projects are ongoing and may need additional volunteers, such as boundary signs, brushing, of trails, etc.

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

Respectfully submitted
Kurt Larson, Chairman
Building, House and Grounds

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 have increased the number of days the trap will be open to accommodate more practice rounds. For June, 2010, we opened Tuesday, June 1st and follow with openings every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30pm, and every Sunday at 3:00pm. One variation was on Thursday, June 17th, when we opened 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.

Our annual Turkey and Championship shoots were held on July 11th with 14 turkeys won by the shooters.

The Eastern U.P. championship trophies were awarded to:

Ladies Division - Jude Hamilton - Men's Division - Jeremiah Wileman

Club Championship trophies were awarded to:

Women's	Men's
1 st Place - Jude Hamilton	Jeremiah Wileman
2 nd Place - Pat Mack	Brent Vallier
3 rd Place - Rachael Miller	Matt Brouwer

For the very successful 2009 season, a big thank you goes to Terry and Jude Hamilton, Frank and Pat Smidth, Tom Fagerlin, Aaron Fulton and Mike McElroy.

Respectfully Submitted
Dennis D. Goerke, Trap Range Chairman

ARCHERY RANGE REPORT

Our HSC 3-D archery range was up and running early this spring. A few new targets have been put out to replace worn targets, and the entire trail system through the range has been trimmed and thinned for easy walking and maintenance access. I would like to thank DeWayne Evans, Keith Hopper, Dan Plue, and some of my guests for their volunteer services they have given to our range set up and range improvement.

As of June 5th, 2010 we have 79 rounds of archery shot on the course towards our 2010 archery event activity. A tournament occurred on May 23rd with 28 archers participating and again on June 5th, with 18 archers participating. Last year we used the archery range as part of the triathlon event, with a great turn out for a first time event. It looks as though this year's triathlon already has 140 participants signed up. What a great way to attract new potential members to our club! I would like to thank Lester and the HSC Board for supporting the fund raiser archery tournament we held benefiting "The Dream Project" a mission that provides hope and homes for orphaned children in Mozambique, Africa. We were able to raise \$507.00 for the mission and create awareness of a worldly need. We also had several folks visit our club in support of this tournament; some who have now expressed an interest in club membership simply because of their visit; and your support. Awareness is a double edge sword that can benefit the poorest of the poor which at the same time showcase the heart of our own membership.

Blessings and thank you.
Walt Dark

MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Board and Members,

Typically in this report I would relist all the same things that were talked about by all our other committee Chairmen and other than those present that get to hear the pleasant sound of my voice, I probably am more effective at lulling you to sleep than sharing new information. The Hiawatha Sportsman's Club is unique in so many ways. 35,000 acres, with streams, lakes, buildings and a golf course. But while sitting at my desk, thinking about what had happened over the last year, I found myself thinking not about the land or the buildings but about the people.

What a strange group we are. There is such diversity of interests amongst our members. I refer to the Hiawatha Club as our own "little coalition of the willing". We come from very different backgrounds, totally different interests and reasons to become members. I know members that have only used the Club as a place to roam the land looking for that magical stand of aspen where grouse jump late and fly straight. Others have never looked down the barrel of a gun and find the Paintin Place to be somewhere that ideas and beauty can be shared with friends. Golfers? Are they allowed in our Hunting Club? Of course, we have been golfing on Hiawatha since the course was opened in 1930. Fishermen enjoying the subtle sound of the water flowing as they try to entice a lunger from under a log, almost never ponder our budgeting processes or whether or not our insurance coverage is appropriate. Nor do they concern themselves with the time and energy that so many members at the museum invest in persevering and sharing the rich history of this Club and its members. And then we have our deer hunters... Some of which may not set foot on this land of ours until November 14th. Their brief encounter with this land that many call home is just as important to them as the months that some spend walking our beaches. Together we, our "coalition of the willing", share the responsibility and joy of being stewards of this special place. To each of us, a different, but to all of us, special and unique.

Respectfully submitted,
Lester Livermore, Manager

PROGRAM REPORT

The Program Committee met four times this year in preparation for the Annual Dinner Dance which will be held this evening. In addition, we have been in communication via e-mail and phone to confirm all of our plans throughout the year.

I want to thank this year's committee members for all of their hard work: Ann Elms, Bonnie Eldridge, Sharon Evans, Pat Gustafson, Maggie Laraway, Barb Oertel, Linda Rogers, Lynda Rutledge, and Vel Smith. We've had a lot of fun planning for this event and it's truly been a pleasure working with such a great group of people.

I'd also like to give a special thank you to club manager Lester Livermore for all his help, Francie Dittrich for her help with the signs and Mike and Mary Beth McElroy who will be helping out with our entertainment tonight.

We are looking forward to a fun evening tonight as we celebrate our wonderful club with the theme "Shipwrecked in Paradise". We hope to see many of you there.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Waldron, Program Chairperson

HIAWATHA NATURE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

We will be having our first meeting at the club office on June 28 at 10 am to facilitate opening the museum this year on Wednesday, June 30th We would especially like to thank Mr. Bob Laraway for putting together the additional message boards over the winter which we will be placing around the club in the next week or so. When you see them, please feel free to stop, raise the top and pull out the club's weekly calendar of activities. We instituted these sign posts last year, and are hoping folks will be more inclined to use them to help in their planned weekly activities.

We have four excellent evening programs this summer; Catching the Big Fish with our liveliest fishermen sharing their tips and secrets for great fishing at 7:00 pm in the museum. On July 12 our program will feature our food plots and their effect on our habitat and environment. On July 18 our featured speaker will discuss the history of ship wrecks on the great lakes and then on August 11, Dan Hall will be our featured musician playing guitar and singing songs of interest to upper Michigan. This year will have one beach picnic on August 4th, numerous trail hikes, our annual corn roast, and this year HNHS along with Manager Livermore are sponsoring our second annual pig roast. We had an excellent turn-out last year with over one hundred folks and families in attendance. This year's pig roast is scheduled for July 17th at 5:30 pm. I suggest everyone arrive early because we're only going to have one pig this year. Ted Maier will be our master chef again and a pig roast with all the fixings is a real summer treat.

Members of the Hiawatha Nature and Historical Society strongly believe that our members bring the life of this club to the fore front. Our programs and activities epitomize what our club is all about and we encourage everyone to join. Our membership fees have stayed the same throughout the years, \$5.00 for a family or \$3.00 for a single. HNHS membership offers numerous benefits including but not limited to: fellowship of its members; all of our beach picnics and corn roasts; an outside field trip; interesting and relevant evening programs at the museum related to the club's habitat and environment; Informative Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon exhibits; children's activities at the Naomi Children's Museum on Sundays with Mary Beth McElroy, books and videos for adults and children; historic memorabilia in the Hiawatha Memorial Hall of the

Museum,; Museum area trails of bygone years and self-guided tour maps; and finally historic lumber camp sites and self-guided tour maps in Hiawatha Hall.

We strongly encourage all club members to get involved. Volunteer to host a Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday afternoon at the museum, assist at one of our many HNHS sponsored activities, attend our meetings, or just come in and browse through the museum.

I also encourage everyone to peruse the annual calendar posted in the last Council Fire. All of our activities are listed there along with dates and times and they will be posted on various bulletin boards throughout the club. Our mission statement: "Preserving the Heritage and Nature of the Club." Says it all

Respectfully submitted,
David Pentecost, President

ART REPORT

THE ANNUAL ART and HOBBY SHOW come share with us our 60th year. According to the book Our First Fifty Years 1927-1977. The first Art Exhibition was held in 1950, the last Sunday in August at the H.S.C. Dinning Hall. It consisted of 5 exhibitors. (in contrast) our 2009 ART and HOBBY SHOW, which was held the first weekend in August had 35 exhibitors, 5 of which were new, and it was attended by over 444 visitors. This year's show, right here in this Activity Building will be July 31st, and August 1st, and will feature the Fabirc Art of Tay MacMeekin, with a July 30th (new this year) evening sneak preview Open House. Want to know more? Come celebrate with us.

ART CLASSES 2010

Once again will be taught by Barb Hobbs and Gen Cousineau. Barb will focus on basic drawing and watercolor mixing with her new water colors and possibly printing. Gen's focus will be pencil drawing and acrylic painting. The classes will meet on Thursday July 1-8-15 and 22. (Please note these changes) The seven through thirteen year olds will meet **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** with supplies provided. The teens, fourteen year olds through adults will meet at **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Supplies are available, but if you want to bring your own you are welcome to do so. (PLEASE NOTE) for both groups, pre-registration is suggested. Class size will be limited, for better class participation and will start on time; For pre-registration please call Barb (a.m. classes) 477-6805; Gen (p.m. classes) 477-6955.

WORK SHOPS

Just two weeks ago, the art club was privileged to host the Marquette Water Color Artist, Carl Mayer in a three day workshop right here in this Activities Building. Carl shared with us his many words of wisdom for successful water color painting through has 50 year love affair with this medial "Timing is Everything". Last year's 2009 workshops started with Helga Flowers water colors in June and ended in August with Brenna Rizzardi's silk painting; Which, leads me into what we are all about. Our goal/purpose as an Art Club is to provide H.S.C. members and families with opportunities to participate and appreciate in the Arts.

Thirty minutes prior to Brenna's workshop starting, Teresa Schanski came to our door asking if there was any room left for her Mom, Audrey Cole; in less than 20 minutes Audrey was sitting front and center with all her materials. Her enthusiasm was so great, she came in an extra day to finish and then took it to the fish fry that evening to share with her teacher. Now that's what I call motivation. As I have said before our door is always open. We have a library, Videos for study, art show, classes and our very own stationary.

The Art Club meets every Tuesday for adults. Our location is Paintin Place, the building next to the Rec Center. We are handicap assessable.

And in conclusion as always, thank you, Lester, office staff and Board of Governors for your continued support.

We are here for you, because of you.

Faithfully Submitted,

Francie Dittrich, President

For more information:

Art class registration contact:

Gen Cousineau (adult/teen classes) 906-477-6955

Barb Hobbs (7-13 year olds) 906-477-6805

Art Class 2009" (Read) Council Fire Article Hiawatha "Art Club Winter Update", by Barb Hobbs. Winter Issue.

Workshops and all other Art Club Activities check www.hiawatha.com/2010 coming events weekly Activity Sheet, and Club Bulletin Boards or call Francie at 477-6755.

DATES to REMEMBER:

Art Classes Thursdays July 1-8-15-22

Art Show: Registration/set up July 30; Sneak Preview July 30 Evening; Show July 31, and August 1st.