

Houghton Lake Lake Association of Michigan (HLLA)
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2025

Call to order by President, Jim Jackson at 6:00 p.m.

Members attending – Jim Jackson, Ted Calabrese, Luann Calkins, Richard Calkins, Mark Webber and Doug Pavlovich

Don Lambie was absent

Two members of the public were present

Motion by Jim Jackson and supported by Ted Calabrese approved minutes from last meeting-motion carried by all members. Luann Calkins will get the minutes to Melissa Sullivan for publication

Presidents Report:

- a) Legal Issue-Jim talked to the State Police, only way to pursue is by hiring an attorney and the HLLA does not have the funds to do that at this time. Motioned passed to put this to bed and not pursue.
- b) Neighbor- He has removed his vehicles/"stuff" from the HLLA property.
- c) Discussed the issues that Don ran into when he called past members. He was told the organization was political and people were hesitant to be a part of it. It is going to take time to build the HLLA name back up.
- d) Jim went to the township to get input on boat storage outside. He has not received response back.
- e) Neighbor offered \$45K for the building and property. Neither are for sale at this time as it is the only source of income.

Treasurers Report:

- a) Review of balance\$12,244.90
- b) Discussed Property taxes of \$249.85 – requested approval to pay the taxes. Jim Jackson did find out that the HLLA does have to pay property taxes.
Motion by Ted Calabrese and supported by Jim Jackson to pay taxes – all approved
- c) Rick Calkins attended the HLIB meeting, no current treatment going on. Good reports from canal residents. The HLIB meets next on Oct. 2nd at 6 p.m. at the Lake Twp Hall. Mark Webber plans to attend.

Motion by Jim Jackson and supported by Daryl Seegmiller to approve Treasurers report.

Old Business-

- a) Youth Fish Profit/Loss report is being worked on – Mark Webber and Rick Calkins will discuss and put figures together.
- b) Chain saws were dropped off at Yard Bird – have not received call to pick them up

New Business-

a) 2026 Events -

- *Youth Fish
- *Cardboard Boat Race
- *Duck Race
- *Veterans Event
- *Scholarship Fund
- *Michael J Fun Run

b) Need Houghton Lake business list, Ted Calabrese said he would get a list. Discussed need to contact the businesses and ask for support for the 2026 events vs getting support for individual events.

c) Mark said he would get with his source for membership cards.

HLLA to start attending current events with table for sign up. Ted Calabrese to attend the Blues Festival.

Paint and Sip – Scheduled for Sept. 25 at Bocelli's and is open to the public. Flyers were generated. HLLA members will meet at 5:00 to set up, pre-purchase tickets on line. 25 people maximum, 3 minimum. 8X10 picture cost is \$35/pp. Kathy Calabrese is donating some bottles of wine for auction baskets (3). Kathy and Luann will put the baskets together....wine, a couple wine glasses and maybe chocolates

Open Discussion-

Don Lambie suggested we put an ad in the newspaper (at the last meeting) as many people do not visit the website nor use facebook. Luann passed out a copy of an ad that Cheryl put together. Was tabled for now.

Motion by Rick Calkins and supported by Ted Calabrese to adjourn the meeting.