

**Holiday Lake Owners' Association, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 14, 2011**

President Larry Ehrig called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**Members in Attendance:** Larry Ehrig, Shannon Hershey, Dale Howe, William Nagel, Duane Selken, and Katie Tomlinson were present, with Dee Brown arriving at 6:42.

Katie Tomlinson read the treasurer's report as of June 30, 2011.

Katie Tomlinson read the current bills.

Larry Ehrig reminded everyone to sign in on the attendance sheet.

Larry Ehrig also reminded everyone present that the meeting was being recorded for the sake of documentation.

Larry Ehrig asked that anyone wishing to address the board of directors is to stand up and state his/her name and address for the record.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Communications Received by the Board - E Kelli Krull-Boats parked in the cove, drinking and trespassing; F Ken and Sharon Even-Blocking cove and drinking.

**Agenda:** Katie Tomlinson made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, Dale Howe seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Security:** Bruce Rhoads reported the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend went well and he learned a lot from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July for next year. He has been watching for underage drivers. Many have really been the required age. He wants to catch an ATV driver who has been driving recklessly, with no back lights. The driver always gets away from him. The ATV is colorful, rainbow-like, has one headlight, has no flag, has wider wheels, and is very loud. He has watched some non-stickered boats put in by Marina staff testing their work, who take a spin and then get right back out of the lake. One was a yellow boat that has been seen at a lake residence since that and a fine letter has been sent. Larry Ehrig said if it was during business hours for the Marina it is okay. Larry also said the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend went very well and it takes a lot of cooperation and work to have things go so well.

**Hearings:**

Matt Gannaway (Letter). He was not present; Larry Ehrig read the letter, requesting the fine for no flag be waived, as Bruce Rhoads had told his wife she had until the next week to get the flag, which she has said had been stolen, on their vehicle. Matt felt Bruce had lied to them and had also snuck down to their place to leave the ticket. Bruce Rhoads responded he had not told them they had a week to get the flag; he was not rude to her. He did not issue a ticket the first day he saw them without the flag, but did write the ticket when he saw the golf cart without one the next day. He had taken it to their place, but had gotten no answer when he knocked. Larry Ehrig told Bruce he had handled the situation properly.

Maggie Adams (letter), She was not present; Dee Brown read the letter, asking that their fine for porta-potties be waived, as they understand the Covenant to outlaw outhouses, which porta-potties are not. There was no other discussion of the letter. Someone asked what the rule is and Larry Ehrig read the rule from the Covenant. Dee Brown said the Board is reconsidering this rule.

Greg Hansen - not present.

Colby Heishman - not present.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes of the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011, meeting were previously read by all Board members. Dale Howe made a motion to accept the Secretary Report as written, Dee Brown seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

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**Treasurer's Report:** Wendy Schwab gave an explanation of the decrease in the balance at the Chelsea Savings Bank by \$97,000. That was money voted to loan to the RIZ at the April 14, 2011, meeting. The check was cashed this past month and so shows up in this report. Dee Brown made a motion to accept the report as of June 30, 2011, as read, Katie Tomlinson seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Bills presented for payment:** Duane Selken made a motion to pay the current bills, Shannon Hershey seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Maintenance Report:** Darrin Ehret read his report:

This was a busy month finishing up projects left over from the spillway project and preparing for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The fences that were removed have all been replaced, and the boat ramp and parking area have been enlarged with more rock. Ditches were all mowed and some areas were brush cut. The landscaping at the flag pole has been redone. I added a bench and boulder to the flower bed. I cleaned a few ditches and installed one new battery in the tornado siren. I have also been busy making road repairs to prepare for the chip and seal coat on the roads by hauling several loads of rock and putting out several scoops of cold patch and grading several areas. I have kept Dustin busy string trimming, mowing and bagging a large amount of cans and bottles. The chipping of the trees at the brush dump has added a few hours of work per week to my schedule. Some people are having a hard time with using two separate piles for branches and yard waste and we are getting a lot of branches that are not cut small enough to fit into the chipper, but I think it has been a good service to lot owners so far. Arlen Faas cut the chain across the highway and removed an old sheep's foot that he had given to the lake several years ago. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration went off without a hitch. The fireworks were great, nothing was torn up that I am aware of. I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wirth for picking up trash after the fireworks. We did have some issues with the electrical at Ryan's Park again this year. REC called me late on Friday night to check things out. They replaced the transformer, and then the main on the breaker panel went out. Ternus Electric replaced the main the following week and I replaced three melted outlets. I received a bid of \$1675 to upgrade the electrical to a 200-amp service. It is currently only 100 amps. Is this something we want to do? I have not heard back with regards to any dock bids yet. I would like to request that I am notified in advance when I am expected to work holidays or weekends.

Kim Pendarvis asked about the size of cuttings for chipping; Darrin explained three inches in diameter and five to six feet long will fit into the machine.

**Accounting Advisory Committee:** None

**Restrooms and Camping:** Kathy Bennett reported everything went well for the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, except for a clogged toilet and the electrical problem of overloading.

**Community Center Report:** Kim Pendarvis reported some donated bushes would be planted. Sue Bim is going to help with further landscaping. She requested "ditch lilies" from anyone who could donate them; they will be planted along the side of the building.

**Fish:** No report. Larry Ehrig said the committee is considering recommending no limit for the bass. They would like to go with the state rules on the quantity limits. Kim Pendarvis questioned the application of that to the smaller lakes.

**Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ):** Sharon Herman said there is no report, but does want to remind everyone of the election coming up in August. Larry Ehrig emphasized the importance of a good turn-out of lot owners. Sharon mentioned several publications that are announcing the election. The terms of Robert Hunt and Mark Baugh are up and both are running for the office this election.

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**Water Quality:** Connie Sjerven reported testing for oxygen levels and they are low. She has some concern about that, but several people commented that the warmer water would make the oxygen levels go down. She has been checking for reports of dead fish. She has contacted the DNR and has not heard back from them. Someone raised a concern about the Marina testing boats in the water and those boats may have material from other lakes on them. Larry Ehrig mentioned that there are signs at all the put-in docks telling people to clean their boats before and after taking them to other bodies of water. Dee Brown expressed concern about the Marina using our lake to test boats that are not from our Lake. Connie Sjerven will talk to the Marina personnel about this.

**Nominating Committee:** Kim Pendarvis reported those running for the Board of Directors positions are Larry Ehrig for Unit 2 and Duane Selken for Unit 5. Absentee voting began today (July 14, 2011). If a lot has more than one owner, a form has to be filled out saying which one has the right to vote. Otherwise, that lot is not entitled to a vote. That form is available at the Office and there is also one in the book of rules; they are kept on file.

**Old Business:**

- A:** Composting pile - Every Saturday, April 30 through October 29, 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. There was some discussion on the need for volunteers and the difficulty getting them. There is a sign-up sheet in the Office. Closing down the compost pile when no one is available was discussed. It was suggested that each unit could be responsible for covering a Saturday. Dee Brown defended the idea of people coming to the Lake to relax and not wanting to volunteer. If the owners want to have the compost the pile, then the Board should pay someone to "man" it. Dee Brown made a motion to hire someone at minimum wage to do the job, Dale Howe seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote. Dee Brown asked Darrin Ehret if his son would be interested. Darrin said possibly. Perhaps two or three people could be hired.
- B:** Playground equipment - Amy Morrow It was decided at the previous meeting to get more equipment another year. Boat docks are a higher priority; this will be taken off the agenda.
- C:** Upgrade docks - Darrin Ehret reported he'd tried to get some bids on the job, but has not any response as yet. It was suggested that he call Bart Ewing. Katie Tomlinson said she had his phone numbers.

**New Business:**

- A:** Independence Day Celebrations report - Wendy Schwab thanked the volunteers who collected money at the gates for fireworks July 2. Amount collected was \$5,527.64. Thanks to Katie Tomlinson for collecting and counting the money. Thank you to all those who helped clean up. Thanks to Ernie and Kathy Tomlinson, Mark and Fauna Nord, and Audrey Taylor for helping with the paddle boat races. It was also suggested that we get porta-potties for the event next year. Thanks to Katie Tomlinson and her helpers for organizing the Carnival games and the golf cart parade. Thanks to Darrin Ehret, TIP and Dana Kilmer for responding to the electrical problem at the camp ground.
- B:** Donation Brooklyn Fire Department - Dee Brown made a motion to donate \$200 to the Brooklyn Fire Department, Duane Selken seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.
- C:** Donation Brooklyn Ambulance - Dale Howe made a motion to donate \$200 to the Brooklyn Ambulance, Katie Tomlinson seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.
- D:** Electric upgrade - West Ryan Park Katie Tomlinson reported there was a problem on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend with the number of campers using the park. Darrin Ehret said the system is not done correctly in the box; no breakers tripped. William Nagel said it should be 30 amps for each breaker instead of the 60 amps they are now. There should be 30 amps for each electrical hookup. There are four per each pole. Dee Brown made a motion to up the service to 200 amps, Shannon Hershey seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.
- E:** Annual Meeting - Saturday, August 13, 2011, potluck at noon, meeting at 1:00 P.M.
- F:** Skydivers/Donation - July 7, 2012, Dee Brown questioned having the event again next year, as the expenses are up without the income increasing. Several people said this was a very popular event. Maybe it should be announced with the speakers, as the fireworks are. Someone suggested that we give a sheet at the

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- gate so people can see what they are coming in for. Perhaps they will give more. William Nagel made a motion to donate \$250 to Skydive Iowa for July 7, 2012, Dee Brown seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote. This money will come out of the gate money.
- G:** Donation Paddle Boat Races - July 7, 2012, Dee Brown made a motion to donate \$100 for the 2012 Paddle Boat Races, Duane Selken seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.
- H:** Recycle Bin - Duane Selken There have been many plastic bags put into the bin; some people throw their plastic drink bottles in a plastic bag and then throw the whole bag into the bin. The service will not continue to be available if that continues. Having cameras there might help. There are already signs posted at the site and notices in the newsletter and on the website. The solution seems to be to pass the word about no plastic bags in the recycle bin.
- I:** Building Permit: U5L270 Sorenson patio. This has been Okayed.
- J:** Septic replacement: U5L92 - Mason, U4L114 - Van Zee. Both have been signed off on. The County also checks on that.
- K:** Dock addition: U5L22, 23 - Holst. This was approved.
- L:** Tree Removal - U1L322 Aves, U1L294 Bracey, U3L221 Sanderson, U1L80 Beatty, U1 L96 Harrison, U2L86 Keeling, U4L205 Pendarvis. All okay.
- M:** Paid Lot Owners as of June 30, 2011 - 784 paid; 32 unpaid. These have been turned over to Small Claims Court.
- N:** Soap Dispensers for restrooms - Michael Ehrig Michael has offered to install them if they are purchased. Katie Tomlinson made a motion to have Darrin Ehret purchase five soap dispensers which Kathy Bennett will keep filled, Dee Brown seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Communication received by the Board:**

- A:** Darrin Ehret - Stickers Darrin's neighbor is a renter and has vehicle stickers. He is questioning why the renter has the stickers, when other renters are allowed to have only guest passes. He thought only the lot owners had Association privileges. There was a discussion of renters and what rights they have at Holiday Lake. Dee Brown said it appears there has been some inconsistency in regards to the vehicle stickers. It was decided to implement a policy (effective April, 2012) of having lot owners show proof of ownership for each vehicle before the sticker is issued. Renters could get guest passes. Currently a lot owner could receive up to four stickers without proving ownership. There was a discussion of the number of renters and if the stickers can be monitored. The renters cannot get stickers for recreational vehicles because ownership and insurance (by the lot owner) has to be shown. Someone suggested that renters be brought up at the annual meeting. It was asked if we get money for the fines of the trespassers; the answer is yes, people have paid.
- B:** Mark Morarie - Easement Mark has received a letter stating that the gate between his property and the Lake property will be closed as of June 12, 2011. The original easement agreement was never signed, nor notarized. He's had access to that gate for 45 years and thinks the current Board cannot decide to shut him out. There have been complaints from lot owners about his large farm equipment using the Lake roads. Mark said originally that easement is the reason that part of the Lake area was purchased. When the road to his house was not kept up, his family was told to use the easement road. Mark stated that he is going to take the matter to court to have it settled. In addition Mark currently owes a corporate assessment.
- C:** Kim Pendarvis - Compost pile and storms After the last storm, Kim had a lot of sticks in her yard and is asking the compost pile be opened during times after a severe storm. She's had to make a pile in her yard and Darrin Ehret has not had time yet to get to her place with the chipper. Darrin assured that he would be there soon to do the chipping of her debris.
- D:** John Nielsen - Drinking, Trespassing in boats. John's complaint is that people are parking in the cove for an excessive amount of time, partying and swimming. People are urinating in the Lake and he feels that is not fair, since the lot owners there have to have septic systems, but others can use the Lake in that way. Some are getting to the Lake through his property when he is not there. He feels there ought to at least be a time limit for those boats to be there. It's been a problem for a while. Larry Ehrig pointed out that

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it is stated in the rules (page 8 of 48) excessive drinking and profanity is prohibited; he read the section stating the state rules always supersede any Holiday Lake rules. He read the state regulation that states it is illegal to "anchor a vessel in the traveled portion of a river or channel in a way that will prevent or interfere with any other vessel passing through the same area." Larry stated this implies that there is to be swimming only at the million dollar beach at Holiday Lake. If the kids are swimming in these areas, the parents should be getting the kids over to the beach. He said he could be out there patrolling again and giving fines. When he asked if there were Board objections, Dee Brown said she did not completely agree. She does not think it is the Board's responsibility to fix all the disputes between lot owners. If an owner sees violations, he/she should come to the Office and file a complaint. People who do not have lake front lots, have the right to use the Lake; if they are blocking traffic, then lot owners should come and file a complaint. John Nielson said he could take their numbers and call the DNR; he doesn't think people really want the DNR out here enforcing rules. Someone asked about hiring Lake Patrol; Larry said he does watch for stickers. He reiterated that swimmers can't be blocking the boat traffic. Shannon Hershey asked if he was being told he couldn't swim in the Lake, except at the beach. Larry said he can only swim at the beach or in front of his own lake lot.

**E:** Kelli Krull - Boats parked in the cove, drinking and trespassing Last weekend she was out with her boat and couldn't get into her parents' dock. The parked boat would not move. She doesn't think the boaters should be allowed to hang out there.

**F:** Ken and Sharon Even - Blocking cove and drinking He only has a slip in that cove, but doesn't think the boaters should be in that cove so much and so long.

Our next board meeting will be August 11, 2011, at 6:30 P.M. in the Holiday Lake Community Center.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dee Brown, seconded by Duane Selken, motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Minutes taken and typed by Dale Howe

Dale Howe-Holiday Lake Board Secretary

Attest to:

Larry Ehrig - Holiday Lake Board President

**Decisions made by the Board after the meeting:**

Maggie Adams - the fine stands. The Board will revisit the rule about the porta-potties. Since the rule is in the Covenant, there will have to be an amendment to that Covenant. We will talk to the lawyer about the best way to proceed.

Greg Hansen - the fine stands. He was not present at the meeting.

Colby Heishman - the fine stands. He was not present at the meeting.

Matt Gannaway - the fine stands. If Bruce rescinds the ticket, the Board will waive the fine.