

**HAGERMAN LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 8, 2009  
SKI BRULE MICHIGAN**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am by President Bill Reed.

There were 42 voting property members present.

Voting rights at this time are limited to members living on Hagerman Lake.

Bill Reed introduced Steve Sheffin from Ski Brule who gave a short talk about Ski Brule.

The 2008 minutes were read and approved. JoAnn Wedegartner made the motion to approve the minutes and John Hjelm seconded. Minutes approved.

The Treasurer's Reports for 2007 and 2008 were read and approved. Bob Erickson moved to accept and Karen Luebbers seconded the motion. Passed.

The Iron County Coalition of Lakes will need to be reissued a check for \$25.00 as soon as they get a checking account.

Steve Sands asked how many residents of Hagerman Lake had paid dues. There were 189 letters sent out and there were 102 paid members before the meeting started.

The Hagerman Lake Association can pursue Federal Grant money since we have an agreement with the Federal Forest Service.

Kent Palmquist, Pete Frisk and Pierre Gendron are on the nominating committee.

There was discussion about staggering election of officers.

Jerry Pangrazzi asked 'do by-laws explain staggering'?

Kurt Spears, Sales Manager from GAD, Great American Disposal explained trash removal pricing \$85.50, quarterly in advance or \$30.00 monthly, seasonal customers with a 3 bag limit of trash. There is no recycling. Trash pick up twice a month. There is a container available for purchase from GAD for those residents who leave on Sunday.

Kurt also mentioned the possibility of a large dumpster one weekend for 'housecleaning' weekend.

Bill Reed informed us that in December 2006 the Forest Service sent a letter to some people about the MUD LAKE PROJECT. It was about the water in North Bay and the Ottawa Forest. The project would do three things:

Some trees would be dropped into the water.

Fish cribs would be put into place.

Rice would be planted. 200 pounds of the seed is scheduled for North Bay.

This has been approved for North Bay and implementation may be done by September 2010.

Discussion—Why plant rice? Forest Service said it was to put things back the way it used to be.

The Memorial Day Weekend informal meeting can further discuss the Mud Lake Project.

Park Maintenance is a volunteer program, Thursdays from 9-12 for park clean-up. Rick McVey will trade present picnic tables for ones in better condition.

Motion by LouAnn Meier and seconded by John Hjelm to continue park clean-up. Motion passed.

Pete Frisk gave Web site information—[hagermanlake.org](http://hagermanlake.org). Please go online and check the accuracy of your own directory information. The password was given to association members, but can't be written here because it is, well, a password. Email [pete\(at\)hagermanlake\(dot\)com](mailto:pete(at)hagermanlake(dot)com)

Pete Wedegartner gave a report, a separate attachment of his report. Pete also reported that the entire Midwest is in a drought cycle. The lake springs do not have water to feed Hagerman Lake. Hence lower lake level.

Questions raised about the control of the lake's water level by the dam on the lake's only water outlet were discussed. There are no problems at the Outlet Creek. Be it known that Dennis Anderson (through whose property the outlet passes) is as concerned with water levels as any other property owner on the lake. Dennis has done nothing to thwart the intentions of the government entities responsible for setting lake levels. Lake Level is set by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Our algae problem is mainly caused by phosphates, algae's main nutrient. Phosphates accumulate over years because they do not dissolve easily, but suspend in water. The main source of phosphate is lawn fertilizer.

Fertilizer is marked with three numbers, such as 10 10 10. The middle number is phosphorous. The first number is nitrogen; contamination from that is also a problem for lakes.

Indeed, *both* are illegal: See the Stambaugh Township Green Belt Ordinance as a link on the same webpage that brought you here. The *law* does not allow the use of either nitrogen or phosphorus in the 75-foot greenbelt surrounding the water. Read it; this is the law. The portions applicable to our use of fertilizer are **highlighted in red**, but everything else there applies, too.

The predominate algae in our lake has been identified as MOUGEOTIA. This is *not toxic*, and is also natural. Just not appreciated in abundance.

A suggestion was made to send out a newsletter about the phosphates and algae problem.

There will be no Hagerman Lake-Wide Garage Sales in the future.

The Boat Parade will always be on July 4 beginning at 3 pm. There is also a food drive/donation the 4th weekend of July.

Bob Hillabrant reported via DNR that Zebra Mussels are in Hagerman Lake. The mussels need to attach to something in order to survive.

A test to see if they are near your property is to suspend a brick into the water by your dock. If the mussels are near they will attach to the brick—they like rough surfaces. Throw the brick away if there mussels are on it.

Jack and Jeanne Marino can no longer do the Hagerman Lake Association pick up on M-73. Volunteers are needed to replace them.

Jerry Pangrazzi moved and Ron Nicholson seconded to allow all paying members (ones who pay dues but do not own property on Hagerman Lake). At the present time all dues paying members can vote. There was discussion of the 2/3 majority, is it of members present or all paid up members.

The motion was withdrawn pending further study.

Motion to study voting policies by JoAnn Wedegartner and seconded by Pierre Gendron. Motion passed.

A motion by Beth Hjelm and seconded by Karen Petts as to Who Can Vote and how can By-Laws be amended. Motion passed.

New board members were elected. They are President: Bill Reed, Vice President: Pete Wedegartner, Secretary: Janet Bly, Treasurer: Dave Lindahl, Directors: Gayle Nicholson, Bob Hillabrant.

Officers terms are to be staggered, even years, President and Treasurer, odd years Vice President and Secretary. All present board members will serve two years, President and Treasurer to serve for three years. The third Director will be the outgoing President.

Discussion of a gradual dues increase and/or assessment. Don Patton moved and Pete Frisk seconded that we increase dues to \$50.00 and that we need to be good stewards of the lake. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.