

HIDDEN LAKE

Aquatic Wildlife Management Sub Committee

Meeting Minutes 10.14

Location: 36 Lone Pine Trail

Meeting called to order at 5:50

Committee Members:

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Board Member oversight:

Jay Cassella (HLA Pres.) hlapresident1@gmail.com

AGENDA:

- **Review of HLA AWMC minutes from 9/8**

- **Review of HLA BOG Meeting 9/27**

- ⇒ Past vote on application to the State was brought up
- ⇒ Discussion on what next steps the BOG will take

1. Beaver Sightings and Real Time Activity Update

- ⇒ Sighting of 1 beaver
- ⇒ Also noted is that beavers don't carry rabies

2. Committee Goals (Review and Project Deadlines)

- ⇒ **Goals remain the same:** To educate HLA member about wildlife and provide resources. This meeting focused on the beaver situation for a few of reasons
 - This time of year, there can be increased beaver activity
 - Other wildlife may be more dormant.

No deadlines at this time

3. Ongoing Projects

- **Progress report on Tree Protection Project**

- ⇒ All trees have been wrapped on the public beaches
- ⇒ Keha shared the Tree Protection Information Sheet
- ⇒ Discussion of next steps followed
 - Jay will revise Tree Protection Information Sheet and send out the tree wrapping information to the membership tomorrow
 - Jay will send out the beaver information separately around November 1st
- ⇒ Discussion was brought up again about getting volunteers such as Scouts/Lion's Club/HK high school for community service in helping to wrap the trees or give out wire to people who request it

⇒ We will wait and see what the response is to the flyer before asking for volunteers to help in wrapping trees or giving out wire

- **Update: Beaver Hut Signage**

⇒ Members voted to wait until spring to put the signs up

- **Update: HLA Membership Outreach**

⇒ Members will talk to people they know to get an idea of other supporters of living in harmony with the beavers

⇒ Generating a list of supporters was mentioned

⇒ If HLA members have questions about beavers, committee members can research to respond, possibly generate mythbuster to counter false information about wildlife, especially beavers

⇒ Keha will comment on FaceBook with her name and email for those who are interested in living in harmony with the beavers

⇒ Keya may reach out to Diane Honer to attend BOG meetings in October and November

- **Lake Beautification Committee and AWMC**

⇒ Keha had a conversation with Sandy K. (chair of the Beautification Committee) about the joining of the 2 committees. Keha talked to Sandy about postponing the discussion of merging the committees until after January

⇒ Keha will have meeting with Sandy to discuss the goals of the AWMC

⇒ Keha will call Sandy and set up a meeting with her (Betty, Kerri, & MB volunteered to attend)

4. New Business

See outreach suggestions above

- **Any other Ideas?? Suggestions?? Discussion??**

None at this time

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Keep on Minutes: Spring Newsletter-Invasive plants/native plants, fertilizer-non-harmful chemical for the lawn, plantings along the waters' edge, Asian Jumping Worms

Next meeting date: Thursday, November 18, 5:30-7:30 23 Ledge Rd (Jill & MB's house)