

Aquatic/Wildlife Management Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes 7/12/2021

Members Present:

Betty Barsevich
Jill Carey
Jay Cassella (HLA President)
Keha Esposito
Mary-Beth Russo
Carrie Wilson

1. Establishment of Sub-Committee

- HLA President presented the Aquatic/Wildlife Management Sub-Committee to BOG, hence the establishment of the sub-committee with the following members:
Betty Barsevich
Jill Carey
Keha Esposito
Mary-Beth Russo
Carrie Wilson
- Keha Esposito elected as chairperson of the sub-committee.
- Mary-Beth Russo elected as recording secretary.

2. Signage

- Discussion of content of sign that will be posted about 20 ft from the beaver lodges.
- The 3 signs will read and include a visual of a beaver:
Beaver Lodge
Do Not Go Beyond This Point
- Chairperson will present the sign with cost to the BOG at next HLA meeting, July 26th.

3. Short Term Goals of Committee

Goal 1—Save the Trees

- Keha will contact Diane from the Chestnut Beaver Wildlife Organization to set up a meeting with Carrie, Diane, and Keha.
- Work will ensue to recruit volunteers to help wrap trees.

Goal 2—Signage

- As previously stated, Keha will present the signage agreed upon to the BOG, along with the cost and possible locations.

Goal 3—Wildlife Education

- Committee will focus on providing relevant and pertinent information on the aquatic/wildlife in and around Hidden Lake.
- Jill offered to create an infographic of the information.
- Information for this volume will include
 - How to attract Monarch butterflies (Carrie)

- Bird Feeders and Audubon Society (MB)
- Beavers-facts and contributions to environment
- Geese
- Hummingbirds
- Infographic will be disseminated to HLA members via email (President) and in brochure holders at mailboxes mid-August.

4. HLA Outreach

- Jay will send out email introducing the Aquatic/Wildlife Management Sub-Committee to HLA membership. The email will include Keha's contact as chairperson with the goal of identifying others who wish to support aquatic/wildlife that enhance the lake environment. There may also be others who wish to volunteer to protect the trees.

5. Miscellaneous

- All members agreed to keep logs of beaver sightings.
Mill Bay—Betty
North Cove—MB/Jill
West Cove—Carrie
South Cove—Jay

6. Next Meeting

- August 16 5:30 p.m. MB and Jill's house (23 Ledge Rd.)