# HVLA Board Meeting Minutes 23 March 2011

**1. Call to Order:** The Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

## 2. Roll Call:

## **Board Members:**

	President	Gerard Daly	PRESENT	Lot 143
	Vice President	Bob Augustus	ABSENT	Lot 108
	Secretary	Martin Apprich	PRESENT	Lot 50
	Member	Joe Glaser	PRESENT	Lot 120
	Treasurer	Troy Fluckey	PRESENT	Lot 116
Residents		Judy Denker	PRESENT	Lot 102
		John Christensen	PRESENT	Lot 039

**3. Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Martin Apprich verified that each board member had received a copy of the Minutes from the previous HVLA Board Meeting.

# 4. Reports to the Board:

- **a.** Committee Reports [00:49] Gerard stated that there were no committee members present. Gerard Daly delivered some brief updates on some committee issues:
- (1) Social Committee: The Social Committee hosted a winter party social at the Gun club. Santa Claus made a visit and the Gun Club was full and a good time was had by all
  - (2) SID Report. Gerard reported that he has the minutes for November SID Meeting.
- (3) HVLA Website. Gerard reported on the progress of the HVLA Website. At this time he is close to getting everything updated on the site with contact information and other key information like SID information, past HVLA Board Meeting Minutes, and other references. A notice has been placed on the entrance marquee that the website is back up and functioning.
- **b. Board Report Treasurer's:** [02:34] Troy Fluckey (Lot 116) gave the Treasurers Report. Troy provided copies of the current budget to the board and stated that he has received up to six requests for copies of the current status of the budget, and he will be providing copies to those residents that requested a copy. He stated he will be making monthly updates to the HVLA budget financial statements by the 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> of the month. The overall budget status is doing pretty well. Some projects came in slightly over budget i.e. the common beach area upgrades,

and the boat ramp and dike signs. Troy believes that although slightly higher, were well worth the investment. The current status following dues receipts is at around the \$20,000 mark right now. Troy stated that the status of past dues from previous years was seven residents and one for a double lot. Troy received a correction from the Benders that will be updated in the resident listing. Gerard moved that the current budget statement be approved for distribution. Troy seconded the motion. All members voted in agreement, the motion carried. [06:00] Troy and Gerard began a discussion regarding several lots that were past due for multiple years - lots that are past due for years 2009-2010. Discussion ensued regarding the status of past due HVLA dues payments. Troy stated that although it is the by-laws to place a lien against the property of those that are in arrears, there should be one more phone call from a board member and then possibly another final mailing. Discussion ensued regarding updated resident information. Troy proposed that a phone call by a board member followed-up by another mailing to those residents still delinquent. A personal by-name letter followed by a

[09:25] Gerard raised an issue regarding a bill for damage to the lock at the boat ramp gate. Gerard stated that a resident had cut the lock at the boat ramp on [insert date] Sunday, the day after he got back from the hospital (7 November 10) He (Gerard) had received a phone call from a resident asking to open that boat ramp gate. Due to his condition, Gerard was unable to open the gate, but provided the resident with a list of people that could open the gate. Approximately two hours later, he received a call from another resident, Jeanne Coats (Lot 18) reporting that there was somebody at the gate to the boat ramp. The person cutting the lock had a vehicle parked nearby with prestige license plates - "NITRO." Gerard state that after contacting the Sarpy County Sheriff' office it was determined that the vehicle belonged to the Fredericks (Lot 85). Several weeks went by with no action. Gerard again contacted the Sarpy County Sherriff's office to inquire why nothing had been done. After speaking with the original deputy he had spoken to, the deputy mentioned that he had contacted the resident and that the resident told the Sarpy County Sherriff that he would contact the association and then pay for the damage. In a discussion with the deputy, Gerard stated his position as a representative of the HVLA and that the resident hadn't paid for the damage and that some action would need to be taken. Gerard subsequently was contacted by an upset Donna Frederick. She stated to Gerard that no other HVLA Board Member responded to their request to open the gate. Gerard stated to her that it was normally customary to give a board member at least 24 hours' notice in order to open the gate. That given, most board members stated that they had each opened the gate for residents on short notice. Gerard reported that the Sarpy County Sherriff now has a report on file regarding this incident. The HVLA Board needs to send the Fredericks a bill for the damage. Gerard made motion to levy a fine against the resident causing the damage. The amount of the fine should be sufficient to cover the cost of any necessary repairs and fees incurred by the Association pursuant to the damage to the lock. The proposed amount is \$200.00. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of the fine. All agreed that upon payment of the imposed fine, no further action will be taken by the Board. If not paid, the Board has the authority to file a lien against the resident's property. Troy made a motion to approve an assessed fine of \$200.00 for the damage to the Boat Ramp Gate Lock. Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimous voting of the board.

- **c.** Committee Report Architectural Committee: No Report.
- d. Committee Report Lake Quality Committee: No Report.
- e. Board Report SID No Report

### 6. Old Business:

- **a. Grants/Fundraising**. [18:44] Martin reported that Ginger Apprich (Lot 50) had submitted grant applications to two companies: Lowes, and Home Depot. At this time, there is no current status updates on those applications other than that they have been submitted. He believes that the total amount requested was around \$20,000.
- **b. Fish Stocking.** [19:25] Gerard reported that the Fish Committee did stock the lake with new fish. Troy reported that the HVLA will be paying that bill. Troy has been in contact with Al Mackevicius (Lot 64) regarding the re-stocking. Troy reported that they will have a detailed report available soon. [19:25]

### 7. New Business.

a. [20:15] John Christensen (Lot 039) presented the HVLA Board with several issues (see Enclosure 1) Lot 96 and 97 At the last meeting there was a discussion regarding a partially submerged dock that was a potential hazard to boaters and fishermen on the lake. Jay Armstrong and some friends removed the structure. John also did the research to update the lake perimeter mileage chart. The mileage distance measurements 13,324 (2.52mi) 5, 134 18,458 (3.5 mi) John also offered several alternatives to access at the Boat Ramp (see Enclosure 2). John presented these issues to the HVLA Board. The board will review John's submissions and recommendations. John also reviewed with the HVLA Board his petition regarding his safety and pollution concerns with the use of ice melting devices. (See Enclosure 1) John circulated a copy of an article from a Columbus, Nebraska Newspaper (that he referred to as "Exhibit A") regarding a man from Columbus that was killed when he attempted to rescue his dog which had fallen through the ice and mentioned Randy Gurchin's (Lots 139-140) effort to save his dog which had also fallen into the lake. He also showed the board a University of Nebraska research document regarding goose manure in the lake. (That he referred to as "Exhibit B") He also circulated pictures which showed various views of the lake with partial melting and goose manure. Troy mentioned that through our membership with the Nebraska Lake Association, he is aware of some cases regarding the use of these ice melting devices which have resulted in litigation. Some discussion ensued regarding the nature of the litigation. Joe Glaser (HVLA Board Member, Lot xx) thanked John for his extensive research and concern for pollution and safety on the lake. Judy Denker (Lot 102) discussed her experiences circulating the petition and her conversations with residents that would not sign the petition. Discussion ensued regarding residents' personal experiences on the lake with bubblers, goose manure, and ice usage. Discussion ensued regarding the community aspect of the lake, i.e. the lake itself is not the personal property of any given resident. Discussion continued regarding how to move forward with John's concerns. Troy suggested that the HVLA to accept John's petition for consideration

by the board. John also raised the issue of the house plans/drawings again. The board discussed disposition of these drawings. At this time, the board agreed that John will continue to maintain custody of the house plans/drawings and they will remain property of the HVLA Board. [51:55]

- **8. Other Business.** No other business was raised.
- **9. Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:52.** Gerard will send out a notice to Board Members regarding the next schedule HVLA Board Meeting.

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MARTIN R. APPRICH
Secretary