

LAKE HOLIDAY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 20, 2021
7:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Ray Uzumecki at 7:01 p.m. Meeting conducted through Zoom.

2. **ROLL CALL:** Members present: President Ray Uzumecki, Vice-President Jeff Marco, Treasurer Ahren Lehner, Secretary Ivanauskas, Directors, Jay Wiegman, Greg Wasson, Ray Conley and General Manager Jon Bouxsein. Eleven members in attendance.

3. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING:** President Uzumecki asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting. Secretary Ivanauskas made the motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Marco. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:** President Uzumecki read the following report:

I'd like to start out by thanking all of the members who participated in the latest planning committee survey. Our latest survey had more respondents than we had in the first survey. To my way of thinking that makes the statement that we are going in the right direction, better communicating with the membership. On the subject of communicating I hope everyone who has sent in their email to the Association at one time or another has had the opportunity to explore our new website and app. The new NABR network is not only a communication tool relative to Lake Holiday and its members. It serves as a convenient source of public general information, a resource for individuals entertaining purchasing property, upcoming social functions, at the same time a source for secure factual uninterrupted information relative to Lake Holiday as well as resource for the committees and clubs to communicate within their group. If by chance you have not listed your electronic contact information with the office give some thought to doing so. Please know that your information will not be shared with any other organizations other than our office and the Nabr Network.

As you look around it's obvious that summer is on its way. Green areas are being cut facilities are being readied, lake marker buoys and piers installed. Lake Holiday has so many different resources in addition to the lake for example over 30 green areas. Take advantage of our updated amenities map and re-familiarize yourself with all of the benefits of your membership.

This evening we're going to be discussing the possibility of making changes in the Lake Holiday horsepower regulations currently limiting the availability of many new boat manufactures product line. This has been an ongoing issue primarily because the boating industry continues to develop more energy output horsepower / torque whatever term you may use thru new technology and marketing gamesmanship.

Additionally I would like the board to begin to entertain the idea of possibly setting aside certain hours in a perfect world every day of the week so we do not have to remember what we can do on Monday and what we can't do on Wednesday and what we can't do on Friday and so on, a time when the lake would remain no wake. Many of our members want to go kayaking, paddle boarding or just simply riding around quietly on smooth water without the sound of the motors revving to pull people in & out of the water and other audio disturbance.

Thank you for joining us tonight I hope you avail yourself to participating in the member forum.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Ahren Lehner read the following report:

General Fund total revenues for the month ending March 31, 2021 were \$656,802 and total expenses and transfers were \$392,311. Expenditures for capital items were \$0, resulting in revenues in excess of expenses and transfer by \$264,491.

Total cash and investments were \$4,152,609 and total fund balances (Association equity) were \$6,531,739 of which approximately \$3,379,967 is restricted for the Operating Reserve fund, Lake Maintenance Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Dam Repair Fund, and Infrastructure Fund.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT: General Manager Jon Bouxsein read the following report:

Dues- Per the collection policy, delinquent accounts will be notified that payments not made by the end of the month will result in the account being turned over to our attorney for collection. To date 98% of all dues are paid with the remainder either utilizing the promissory note program or delinquent.

Green Areas- Maintenance has been busy setting docks and cleaning green areas for member use. Bathroom facilities at the beaches are open and the campground is ready for campers. Mowing of green areas has been commenced. We now can move on to the projects that need completing, namely the shelter at Beach II and landscaping around the new signage installed last fall.

Bridge to 2nd Island- Superior has begun moving equipment in and will begin working on scheduled projects. There is some work on other projects to be completed but we have been advised that the construction will begin early this season.

Mowing- Please be reminded that effective May 1st lots must be mowed at least twice each month from May 1st till Sept 15th and then as needed to keep the lot from becoming unsightly. The dates of the mowing schedule are located in the Lake Holiday News.

Goose Control- Our goose control program is in full swing now and we have found several nests with eggs. Even with the successful charitable goose harvest our agreement with the IDNR demands we continue our egg spraying program to keep from being inundated with geese. There will always be recruitment to the population as it is virtually impossible to locate all nests. Additionally, many geese nest upstream of the lake where we cannot go which naturally adds to the population.

7. PRIVATE SECURITY REPORT: Chief Matt Clifford submitted the following report read by Secretary Ivanauskas:

MARCH 16 to APRIL 20, 2021

CALLS TO SERVICE

- 6 – ASSIST TO LSCO SHERIFF'S DEPT.
- 2 – ASSIST OUTSIDE AGENCY
- 1 – ASSIST RESIDENT
- 3 – WELL BEING CHECK

- 8- CALLS OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
- 3- CALLS OF SUSPICIOUS PERSON
- 5 - CALLS OF SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

28 - TOTAL CALLS TO SERVICE

LH PASS CHECKS / FISHING LICENSE CHECKS

LH PASSES CHECKED IN THE GREEN AREAS / BEACH AREAS – 43 TOTAL

21 – FISHING LICENSE CHECKS

CITATIONS

- 12 – SPEEDING
- 3 – UNLICENSED INOPERABLE VEHICLE
- 1 – RUBBISH
- 2 – LEASH RULE
- 1 – GOLF CART REGISTRATION

19 CITATIONS TOTAL

WARNING CITATIONS

- 14 – SPEEDING
- 3 – LH VEHICLE STICKER
- 3 – PASS VALIDATION
- 1 – OBSTRUCTION
- 31 – UNLICENSED INOPERABLE VEHICLE
- 1 – STATE LAW CRIMINAL TRESPASS
- 3 – RUBBISH
- 1 – LEASH RULE
- 3 – STATE LAW (CRIMINAL TRESPASS)
- 1 – GOLF CART (LIGHTS)
- 1 – GOLF CART (SPEED)
- 1 – GUEST POLICY
- 1 – OFF ROAD VEHICLE

63 WRITTEN WARNINGS TOTAL

In late March, LHPS was contacted about a minor vehicle accident in the area of the 2000 block of Suzy Street. A pizza delivery driver backed into a resident vehicle parked on the roadway. LSCO was contacted for a report.

LHPS made contact with solicitors offering roof repair in the area of the 300 block of Outer Drive. The solicitors were asked to leave and two warning citations were issued for criminal trespassing.

LHPS received a call about an activated fire alarm at a vacant resident on the 100 block of Holiday Drive. After completing a perimeter check of the area, contact was made with the owner of the residence to report the activated alarm. The alarm was deactivated by the resident.

A resident turned in a jacket and cellular phone found at the LH Skate Park. LHPS identified the owner of the property and returned both items to the resident's address.

In early April, LHPS received a call of the broken television left in the roadway by Big Bass Cove on the Somonauk Side. The television and glass were removed from the roadway.

A resident reported solicitors in the area of Judie Drive. LHPS made contact with solicitors from a weed spray company. The subject was asked to leave and was issued a warning citation for criminal trespass.

The LH maintenance department found the wood post and metal street marker signs at Eddy Court and Holiday Drive damaged. The broken post was removed for repairs.

8. CORRESPONDENCE FROM MEMBERS: President Uzumecki stated that this is a follow-up to the Executive Meeting wherein a member who last year was permitted a PWC and did not pay their dues on time this year and have lost their PWC registration. They are asking the Board to rethink their position for the following reasons:

- a. This was their first offense in 12 years of not paying their dues on time.
- b. There was a miscommunication in email addresses where the Dues Statement was sent.
- c. This has been an incredibly hard year for everyone.

President Uzumecki asked if any Board members wanted to change their position on this matter. No one came forward so the decision stands. President Uzumecki directed General Manager Boussein to send a note to them informing the Board of their decision.

9. CLUB REPORTS:

LADIES CLUB: No report.

FISHING CLUB: No report.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP: Jim Swanson, Supervisor Northville Township, submitted the following report read by Secretary Ivanauskas:

The Annual Town meeting was held on 4-13-2021.

The voters discussed, reviewed and passed allowing Northville Township to continue to find a new location for the Township and purchase the land.

This will continue in every Annual meeting until land is purchased and was passed at last year's annual meeting.

As stated many times before in my reports, the building cannot be fixed for many reasons and it has to be replaced.

On 4-15-2021 the Regular Township meeting will be held and a discussion, review and vote for the new Road and Township's budget will occur.

Township Board, Road Commission and myself will discuss, review and vote to pass/sign the already approved emergency disaster plan by Lake Holiday Board.

I would like to thank Jon Bouxsein GM Lake Holiday, Lake Holiday Board, Township Board and Road Commissioner John Middleton for all of their help getting this emergency disaster plan approved.

RECREATION COMMITTEE: Nikki Lorenzen submitted the following report read by Secretary Ivanauskas:

The Recreation Committee has hit the ground running planning outdoor events for this Spring/Summer. Stay tuned for upcoming Memorial Day events, Rock the Beach dates, and more info on the 4th of July Fireworks to be held on the 4th of July this year! As always, volunteers are needed and welcome. Please contact Nikki Lorenzen at (815-474-9292, or at lakeholidayrec@gmail.com to volunteer!

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

ENGINEERING ADVISORY COMMITTEE: No report.

LAKE COMMITTEE: No report.

RULES COMMITTEE: No report.

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE: Dorothy Fleming, Committee Chairperson, submitted the following report read by Secretary Ivanauskas:

We have received 2 applicants to serve on this committee. I have met with them and we toured the property and came up with some ideas and projects to be completed and done. The board will meet tonight and approve of these two very qualified members and volunteers. Looking forward to keeping the landscape in as great a shape as it has been in the past. We, of course, will miss Rich Johnson and his excellent input. He has steered us on the right path.

VARIANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Owner of Lot 371 seeks a variance to allow a shed, 8'x8' to be built on the property 44' and 46' from West to East respectively that will encroach the 50' normal pool setback by 6' to 4' due to the topography

Variance Committee Recommends: Grant a permanent variance for the new 8'x8' shed which will encroach into the 50' normal pool easement setback by 4' to 6' that will follow the property in perpetuity. However, the shed, due to the topography of the area in which it will be placed, must be anchored properly and vented to prevent floating during a flood. All relevant documentation must be provided to any new owner with the knowledge that the variance constraints and privileges become the new owner's responsibility along with a written acknowledgement to LHPOA from the new owner expressing their understanding of the variance. All documents will remain on file in the Lake Holiday office until all of the variances have been made compliant. Any existing easement benefitting the Lake Holiday Property Owners Association, set forth in Section 8 of the Restrictive Covenants, shall survive the granting of any variance, with or without conditions, which may intrude on said easement.

Corrective Action Required By Landowner.

Once a decision is made regarding the variance request the owner upon receiving notice from the Association shall have 30 days to acknowledge the decision of the Board in writing to the LHPOA office. Included in this acknowledgement shall be procedures to make any corrective actions within the stated directives and timeline if necessary. Failure to acknowledge the decision of the Board in writing after 30 days of notification shall result in a \$50.00 fine escalating 100% every 30 days until 3 such escalations (90 days) at which time the variance shall become null and void and a \$10.00 a day fine shall be applied to the member account until such time as the nonconforming structure is removed or brought into compliance with the governing documents of the Lake Holiday Property Owners' Association.

Decision of the Board: A motion was made by Director Wasson to accept the recommendations of the Variance Committee to grant a permanent variance for the new 8'x 8' shed which will encroach into the 50' normal pool easement setback by 4' to 6' that will follow the property in perpetuity. However, the shed, due to the topography of the area in which it will be placed, must be anchored properly and vented to prevent floating during a flood. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Marco. The motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING COMMITTEE: Debra Gerdes, chairperson, read the following report:

The Planning Committee continues to focus on three current areas of work.

- Web Platform – The new website was successfully launched the first week of April. The Planning Committee continues to support Jon and the office staff. We also are developing articles that are posted in the Lake Stewardship section to emphasize good practices for residents. Topics so far include Damaging/Hazardous Wakes, Open Fire Burning, and Use of Fertilizer Products. We are also making the transition to using our Committee Room as our main tool of communication and an archive of various documents (agendas, minutes, board reports, survey reports, and works-in-progress from our various teams).
- Strategic Planning – We have begun to study how strategic (or community?) planning might better inform our task as a planning committee.
- 2021 Survey – Last week we provided the board with the LHPOA 2021 Owner's Survey Report, which included separate reports for all respondents, just Sandwich residents, and just Somonauk residents. It also included a cover letter which provided a synopsis of the results as well as compressed data tables to provide another view of the data. We would like to provide this same information (omitting owner comments regarding board/administration issues) to other committees to help inform their work and planning. We invite comments, thoughts, questions, reactions to this report and cover letter

11. NEWSPAPER DEADLINE: April 20 and May 24

12. MEMBER FORUM: None.

13. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **In-Person Meetings:** President Uzumcki asked if this is the right time to return to in-person meetings. There are still restrictions in place and it has come to his attention that we don't have 7 microphones. Until we can get together with no restrictions does the Board want to revisit this decision? Masks and distance will be required which will make it hard to hear each

other in the lodge. He stated he is willing to do it, just doesn't know if there is any value in doing so.

A consensus of the Board was taken as to whether to return to in-person meetings starting with the May Work Session. It was the consensus of the Board to return.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **USI Rate Change (join consortium of other lakes spread cost of representation):** General Manager Boussein stated at this time, he does not have enough information and would like to table this for now and to keep it on the agenda. **(Agenda Item #1 for May Work Session)**

2. **Proposal to Enter into Three Year Contract with Fireworks Vendor:** Director Conley stated that he was approached by the recreation group to do the fireworks for Lake Holiday. He is asking the Board for two things:

1. To sign a three-year contract with J & M Display and receive 15% of free fireworks.
2. Be authorized to spend up to \$9000.00 for the fireworks for the upcoming July 4th.

This amount is more than normally granted because the monies budgeted last year was not spent.

A motion was made by Director Wiegman to approve the three-year contract with the firework company and to authorize Director Conley to spend up to \$9000 for the firework display this year. The motion was seconded by Director Wasson. The motion passed 5-0. Director Conley abstained.

3. **Horsepower Workgroup Discussion:** Director Wiegman stated that this workgroup discussion came about because members are saying they are having a hard time finding watercraft that fit within the horsepower rules of Lake Holiday. He and Director Wasson researched this and at the April Work Session, proposed the following changes to the Lake Holiday Rules

To raise the inboard/outboard motors from 250 to 300 and the inboard motors from 350 to 370.

Rule 4.26 Speed Limit would include the following wording: **On Saturdays, Sundays and holidays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., violations up to 10 mph over the posted limit is a Class B violation. At all times, violations of more than 10 mph over the pertinent speed limit are Class A violations.**

Rule 4.27 Damaging/Hazardous Wakes would change from Class B Violation to Class A violation.

Rule 4.32 Boating Violation Penalty would include the following: Any member receiving two boating citations, within two months of each other, will lose boating privileges for a period of two weeks from the date of the second conviction. A third conviction will result in loss of boating privileges for the remainder of the current year, **and, in the Board's discretion, for a reasonable period the following year if the second violation occurs after August 1st in any given year.**

Proposed changes:

4.26 Speed Limits:

a. Within 100 feet of shore, and in the Idle Speed Zone (Area North of Beach 3), no watercraft may exceed a speed of 5 miles per hour. CLASS C violation.

b. Night operations - no boat may travel more than 5 mph between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Suitable running lights as required by State law shall be displayed during these times. CLASS B violation.

c. On Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., no watercraft may exceed a speed of 35 mph. On Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., a violation up to 10 mph over the posted limit is a Class B Violation, and a violation of more than 10 mph over the 35 mph speed limit is a Class A violation.

d. On Mondays through Fridays, from sunrise to sunset, and on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays between the hours of sunrise and 10:00 a.m., and from 6:00 p.m. to sunset, no watercraft may exceed a speed of 45 mph. CLASS B violation.

With the above changes to 4.26, we can, and probably should, delete 4.21 and 4.23.

Rule 4.29(2): "Watercraft and pulled skiers, wake boards or tubes must be 100 feet away from all watercraft structure or shorelines." In the proposal made at the work session, I originally deleted the words "and pulled skiers" If read literally, a skier -- who is behind a watercraft that is 100 feet from shore -- who leaves the wake on the shore side would arguably violate the 100 foot limitation. In other words, if a skier using a 75 foot rope went outside the wake and came even with the boat, he would violate the rule even though the watercraft (the entity that creates the displacement problem) is properly 100 feet from shore. This would effectively require a watercraft pulling a skier to be 175 feet from shore (and, given the language of the rule, from a dock), which is not possible in some parts of the lake.

Proposed change: Focus on the distance between the boat and shore, rather than the skier or the tube.

Rule 4.29(2): It is virtually impossible to stay 100 feet from shore AND 100 feet from other boats in some parts of the lake. Much of the concern is about damage to shorelines.

Proposed change: All persons operating a watercraft having in tow or otherwise assisting a person on water skis, wakeboard or tubes, must be careful and prudent in their operation and keep at a reasonable distance from persons and property so as not to endanger the life or property of any person.

Rule 4.29(4): Wake surfing off the wake of a motor is prohibited.

Proposed change: Wake surfing is prohibited.

Rule 4.32 Boating Violation Penalty: Should be changed to a third violation rather than the second violation.

There was much discussion about whether there should be a horsepower limit for watercraft. More horsepower doesn't necessarily mean faster speeds. We still have speed limit rules on the lake.

President Uzumeci also stated we need to also discuss wakes, and noise.

Secretary Ivanauskas stated there could be two separate motions.

1. To publish the proposed rules changes.

2. To publish the rule change to eliminate the horsepower limits for all watercraft.

Vice-President Marco inquired as to what prompted these requests. Is this something all members are requesting or just one or two?

Discussion continued about whether a survey should be done to get member input on these topics. A Director commented while surveys can be helpful, the members elect the Board to make these tough decisions.

Secretary Ivanauskas made the following motions:

1. To publish the proposed rule changes. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Marco. The motion passed unanimously. **(Agenda Item #2 for May Work Session)**.

2. To publish the rule to eliminate horsepower limits on all watercraft but to retain the length limit of less than 21'. The motion was seconded by Director Wasson.

General Manager Bouxsein inquired does this also eliminate the horsepower for PWCs as well. It took the Board three months to increase the horsepower limits for PWCs.

Director Wiegman is concerned that if we eliminate the horsepower limits there are boats that have 550 horsepower under our length requirements. If we do that, we have thrown out our control. He is in favor of increasing the limits but not eliminating them altogether.

More discussion about making more horsepower categories and charging fees accordingly. Director Wasson has been in favor of charging a \$1.00 a horsepower so members who have a 400 horsepower boat would pay \$400 to register their boat and members who have a 5 horsepower boat would pay \$5.00.

There is a motion on the table to publish the rule change to eliminate horsepower limits and to retain the length limit of less than 21'. Vote was taken. Five ayes, 1 nay. The motion passed. **(Agenda Item #3 for May Work Session)**.

President Uzumecki asked for a motion to publish a rule about noise, radios and language on the lake. The motion was made by Secretary Ivanauskas and seconded by Director Wiegman. The motion passed unanimously. **(Agenda Item #4 for May Work Session)**.

President Uzumecki also asked if we want to entertain a time to make the lake no-wake for those members with non-motorized watercraft. He did some research on this matter and found there are 394 members with non-motorized boats who could enjoy this time on the lake. That is 46.2% of boats registered. Below is a table reflecting that information.

Class	Total	Percent			
Non-motorized	369	42.96%	Non-motorized & 1-20 hp	394	46.24%
1-20 hp	25	2.93%			
21-100	140	16.43%			
101-200	188	22.07%			

201-300	97	11.38%			
301-350	33	3.87%			
Total all	852	99.64%			
Class	Total	Percent			
42% of the registered craft can only run during day light hours					

Vice-President Marco stated that almost 50% of the members deserve a no wake time to enjoy their watercraft.

Treasurer Lehner made a motion to put this on the May Work Session to entertain a no wake time. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Marco. Vote was taken. Four ayes, 2 nays. The motion passed. **(Agenda Item #5 for May Work Session)**

4. Approve Landscape Committee Member: President Uzumeci stated we have two members who wish to join the Landscape Committee. They are Marty Germann and Steve Welch.

Vice-President Marco made a motion to approve Marty Germann and Steve Welch as members of the Landscape Committee. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Lehner. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Fishing Club Request to Host Sectional High School Fishing Tournament: Fishing Club member Doug Anderson addressed the Board with the following information:

- a. The tournament will be held May 6th with a rain date of May 10th.
- b. Ten schools will participate.
- c. There will be two practice sessions this Saturday and Sunday.
- d. DNR will be here date of tournament. Weigh-in will be held between 2:30 and 3:00.
- e. Every boat will have an adult captain and each school will have two to three boats on lake.
- f. All safety protocols will be followed.

A motion was made by Director Wasson to approve the request to host the high school fishing tournament on May 6th. The motion was seconded by Secretary Ivanauskas. The motion passed unanimously.

Doug Anderson also stated there will be a celebration of life for Bob Bailey on May 16th. It will be a time to celebrate Bob. Everyone can attend.

6. Schedule Special Board Meeting to Review Committee Budgetary Responses: President Uzumeci stated this meeting is to discuss budget ideas that committees have submitted for next year's budget. This will be a Zoom meeting and everyone who wants to attend is invited.

All Board members were in agreement to hold this meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

15. DECLINE TO PURCHASE PROPERTIES AND APPROVE NEW MEMBERS:

Membership Applications to be Approved:

House	116	\$375,000
House	621	\$201,500
House	746	\$240,000
House	1817	\$178,500

Vice-President Marco made a motion to decline to purchase the lots as read and to approve for membership the individuals proposed in accordance with the provisions of the Lake Holiday Property Owners Association; and, upon successful real estate closings and the payment of all required fees and assessments. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Lehner. The motion passed unanimously.

16. APPROVE NEW RENTERS: None.

17. ADJOURN OFFICIAL MEETING: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Secretary Ivanauskas and seconded by Director Conley. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Member Forum:

A member was disappointed that the survey was thought of as a popularity contest by two Directors. The Planning Committee spent a lot of time on the survey and representing opinions of the members.

Another member stated he has never seen the results of the first survey. Maybe they were in the Lake Holiday News but he doesn't remember seeing them. President Uzumeci stated that the survey was published in the Lake Holiday News but the comments from the members were not because there was 55 pages of them. The recent survey hasn't been shared yet because it just concluded.

The same member also stated he has never seen an in-depth response from the survey and would be interested in seeing the 55 pages of comments from the first survey. He also stated that with regard to changing the horsepower limits, (it is already almost May) to address this for 2022.

Vice-President Marco inquired as to whether these 55 pages of comments could go on the new website. It was determined they could.

Agenda Item#1 for May Work Session: **USI Rate Change (join consortium of other lakes spread cost of representation).**

Agenda Item #2 for May Work Session: **Proposed Rule Changes for Rule 4.21, Rule 4.23, Rule 4.26, Rule 4.29 and Rule 4.32.**

Agenda Item #3 for May Work Session: **Proposed Rule Change to Eliminate Horsepower Limits and to Retain the Length Limit of less than 21'.**

Agenda Item #4 for May Work Session: **Propose a Rule about Noise, Radios and Language on the lake.**

**Agenda Item #5 for May Work Session:
time**

**Propose Rule to Establish a No-Wake
on the Lake.**

Prepared By:
Peggy Savage, Minute taker

Submitted By:
Secretary Michael Ivanauskas