

Oak Hills Lake Development Association
General Membership Meeting Agenda
October 24, 2022 – 6:00 PM at Mary Dunbar's Home

Invitees: Mike Puyau P Roy Johnson P Jerry Goss P Susan Puyau P
Mary Dunbar P Mike Montalbano P Martha Austin P Steve Baker P
Jackie Lauve P Keith Miller A Walter Smith A Mark McElroy P

Special guests:

Mark McElroy-OH Lake consultant
Ellen Elias – GOHCA President

I. Mike Puyau @ 7:10 pm.

II. Review of previous minutes: Did not review previous minutes from 2019.

III. Treasurer's Report: Mike Puyau

a. Assets/ Expenses

Mike reviewed expenses. Entergy expenses have been going up over years, now around \$200 per month; Mark McElroy, lake consultant - \$110 per month, last few months \$350 for Hydrilla expenses; plus \$1,539 for carp fish purchase; insurance \$1,543; crawfish boil \$945; offset by \$145.30 for guests attending the boil.

b. 2022 dues 6 non-payers, 48 Lake residents paid.

c. Bank \$45,805 in bank.

IV. Old Business

a. Lake Health: Mike M/ Mark:

Hydrilla/Grass Carp: Mark M. gave his report on health of lake. The Hydrilla is a first time problem, its source is unknown; it is a submerged plant that grows up from the bottom with tubers, it's tough to eradicate, could use herbicide (very expensive) and also rain negatively impacts the chemicals. If we had known that we were going to have no rain, it would have been good to apply. Plan is for the grass carp that we put into lake to eventually eat the Hydrilla. This could be expected to happen around March 2023. The carp will eat 4 to 5 times their weight. Mark expressed his opinion that Hydrilla will be gone next year as a result of the grass carp and some herbicide applications. Discussion that fishing may be negatively impacted for a while. There was lots of discussion from lake owners on the Hydrilla problem. The Hydrilla also creates additional problems like protecting the duckweed and algae from dissipating and washing away.

Bilwood Smith voiced his opinion that the only longterm solution is to dredge lake and make it 5 feet deep. Discussion about this centered on very high expense (\$500k?) and environmental & permit concerns. Several attendees expressed a desire for a very aggressive herbicide application after the drawdown.

Apple Snails: After Mark's presentation ended Mike P. talked about apple snails; if you see them, destroy them. In meantime he and other neighbors will continue to trim the bamboo, etc. See the website for more information on Apple Snails!

b. Dam & Weir Issues/Clean-up: Mike P.

Mike talked about the weir report we commissioned a few years ago in response to Ruth Kovacs concerns about weir stability. Mike said in the future some items need to be addressed discussed such as tree clearance.

The bamboo cleanup was handled by Mike P. and Brian H., who cut & cleared away bamboo on both sides of the road that goes over the dam.

c. New Residents around the Lake:

Mike P. introduced the new Residents who were in attendance:

Matt Kollar & Jessica Baker, 1134 W. Lakeview Dr.

Brad & Katherine Musso, 821 E. Lakeview Dr.

V. New Business

a. Oak Hills Security Ellen Elias

Ellen Elias, President of Greater Oak Hills Association, was introduced to the Lake Association Residents. She talked about recent crime issue; cars being broken into, and one car being stolen, and 1 gun stolen from a car. Cameras are located at the three main Oak Hill's entrances (Highland Rd, Siegen Rd, Perkins Rd). These cameras were paid for by the Greater Oak Hills Civic Association and can read license numbers and take pics of pedestrians). She also talked of discussions with Iberville Terrace to hopefully get cameras installed at the 3 places where OH can be entered from Iberville Terrace. To follow law enforcement protocols a call must be made to E.B.R. Sheriff's department, 389-5074 for them to look at the camera recordings. If any OH resident sees suspicious behavior, please call 389-5074 and they will check out car/pedestrian pictures. She was glad to report that a very high percentage of OHLDA members are also members of GOHCA.

b. Lake Drawdown to start about Nov 1st (Mike Puyau/Mark McElroy)

Mark discussed the Drawdown strategy that was begun in November 2013. The drawdown occurs every 3 years. We have done 3 drawdowns to date. The 4th will begin Nov.1, 2022 thru February 2023. This has contributed to the lake's beauty and good health until this year's Hydrilla problem. He mentioned the leaf litter problem our lake has and how the Lake drawdown allows the sun to cause greater leaf decomposition and easier removal. Lake owners can dig up and remove leaves and debris from their lots while the water level is low - Just don't rake the debris, but rather dig it up and remove it!

a. Call (Nominate and vote) for new Board Members!

New board members were nominated and approved:

Peter Kovacs, Ralph Lorio, Fletcher Baker. Those continuing on the board are Roy Johnson, Jerry Goss, Mike Puyau, Susan Puyau, Jackie Lauve, Mike Montalbano, and Martha Austin. The board met after the meeting to elect officers: (President: Roy Johnson, Vice President: Peter Kovacs, Secretary: Jerry Goss, Treasurer: Mike Puyau).

The dates for the 2023 board meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday in January, April, July and October). The 1st board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at the home of Mike & DeEtte Montalbano.

VI. Holiday Party at Home of Devera and Jerry Goss- Set Date

The Christmas/Holiday party will be held at the home of Jerry & Devera Goss on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at 6:00 pm. It will be a potluck dinner with the Lake Members bringing their favorite dishes. Music will be by “Partly cloudy” (provided by Walter Smith).

VII. Move to Adjourn

It was moved and approved to conclude the annual meeting at 8:15 pm

Jerry Goss

Secretary