

Hicks Lake Weevil Meeting
May 15th 2010
Hartwick Township Hall

Mike called meeting to order at 9:15am.

Minutes of last year's meeting read by Leisa Ritzer. Motion made by Nancy Beckwith to pass the report of the minutes. Seconded by Chuck Bailey. Motion carried.

Mike talked about what was on the Hicks Lake website and asked for any suggestions on what residents may want added to this site. He informed the residents that were at the meeting, that when material is e-mailed out that is done as a blind carbon copy so that email addresses are kept anonymous.

Mike gave an update on the treasurer's report.

Motion made by Nancy Beckwith and seconded by Dan Miller to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Next a review of the 2009 planting was discussed and plans for the 2010 planting were discussed. Motion made by Jo Miller and seconded by Pat Deshamps to commit to the 2010 project. Motion carried. We will be doing another mailing and we are requesting if you would still like to donate that we would like to have donations by June 15th. The June 15th date will help us to determine the amount of weevils that we can purchase for the July planting.

Discussion of placement of weevils- The group talked about where the weevils had been planted in the past and wondered if we should continue to put the buoys up in these areas so that we could continue to see if progress is being made in these areas. The group felt we should consult EnviroScience about this and see what they recommend.

Don Dobbs suggested that we put something on the website on trying to educate the residents on what we were looking for in terms of weevil activity and milfoil damage due to weevils.

Planting of weevils for 2010- The group discussed that we have let EnviroScience to determine the placement for the weevils for this year. Don Dobbs volunteered to take them out in his boat.

Next the group talked about how to get more residents to participate in donating money for the purchase the weevils. A suggestion was made to put a map on the website and high-light which residents contributed. It was thought that this may encourage others if they had saw that their neighbor had donated.

Rob Blake Made a motion that we put donor signs up in our yards. Don Dobbs seconded. Motion carried. Sandi Altemann will check into cost and will design something for the signs. She will post the ideas on the website. Don Dobbs will check and see if we can put the sign up at the public access.

After discussion of how to get more residents to participate it was brought up that if we got more money that we did not want to carry a lot of money over for next year. Motion proposed by Sandi Altemann that we will get as many units as we can and only carry over a small portion of money so that it can be used for mailings throughout the year. Seconded by Dan Miller. Motion passed.

Fundraising ideas- Chris Altemann is going to check with Adam Riggleman about possibly getting a donation from the Barnyard 400. This is an event that is held three times over the summer and the owner donates to different causes in the area.

Garage sale- Jo Miller and Pat Deshamps will work on this. At this time they are thinking about doing this Labor Day weekend.

Cornhole tournament-Mike talked about how this would work and maybe we could do this in conjunction with selling food. The group talked about maybe having the tournament at the township hall, this way we could do it rain or shine. Mike will get it clarified if you can use the hall for this type of event. Watch the website for updates.

Sandi Altemann thanked Mike for all his work on keeping this project moving forward. The group also thanked Shannon Ritzer for her work on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

Leisa M. Ritzer