

**HVL Safety, Security and Elections Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 6, 2009**

**Members Present:** Bonnie Carter, Linda Conley, Becky Lortz, Jim Plunkett, Vella Reiman, Larry Rohling, Bonnie Starks and Bob Sypniewski.

**Members Absent:** Ginny Boyer.

**Board Liaison Present:** Karen Shell.

**Guests:** Community Manager Bruce Keller, Josie Koch (Lot 1359) and HVL Deputy Earl Wilhelm. (HVL Deputy Tony Hudepohl attended briefly.)

**Approval of Minutes:** The July 2009 minutes were approved as sent.

**Treasurer's Report:** Not applicable.

**Guest Requests:** Chairman Bob Sypniewski welcomed Josie Koch (Lot 1359) to our meeting. Josie wanted us to be aware of a home invasion that had occurred on Longview recently early one morning. She also cautioned us to be aware of suspicious persons appearing in our neighborhoods. She recommended getting license numbers of suspicious vehicles (when possible) and informing our deputies about unusual activity in our neighborhoods. We all agreed that it is important to report these concerns. Linda Conley spoke with her about the Neighborhood Watch program.

**Deputies' Report:** HVL Deputy Earl Wilhelm distributed the Incidents Report for July 2009 (see attached). He answered questions from the committee. In response to a question about procedure, he and Community Manager Bruce Keller explained that a warning is first sent to an HVL resident regarding a problem. If the problem persists, then the resident is cited. We discussed the deer problem and Earl was asked what types of calls the deputies receive about these animals. Bonnie Carter suggested adding a category for deer. Earl suggested adding "Accident/Deer" immediately following "Accident/Crash" in the monthly report. As we further discussed the Animal Problems (including dogs, etc.), Bruce showed us a right yellow door hanger titled "HVL Warning." Each of these newly developed door hangers is numbered. When there are repeated calls or complaints about a situation (animal or other), an "HVL Warning" door hanger is filled out, recorded (on a log kept at the POA office) and then hung on the offending resident's door knob. This is a new procedure and hopefully will be an additional effective way of stopping offensive behavior.

## Old Business:

- Entrance Signs - Bonnie and Linda C. had a meeting with Bruce about these safety information signs. Bonnie said they were now waiting to hear about the cost involved. At that point Bruce reported that each sign would cost \$800.00. We decided four signs are needed. Any decision from our committee about these signs will be made at our September meeting when Bonnie and Linda will give us their recommendations on sign placement.
- Portable Speed Bumps/ Rumble Strips - A speed bump has been installed on the road between Willie's and the Community Building and is being used as a "test area" to see how it works as a deterrent. We will talk about results at our September meeting. No rumble strips have been installed yet. We will see what happens with the speed bump first. White stripes have been painted on the edges of 10 miles of roadway in HVL. Our maintenance crew has done this and favorable comments have been received at the POA office. Linda suggested painting "dotted" lines at the intersection of Longview and Alpine. At the four main entrances the crew will apply wide white line at the stop signs.
- Drug Awareness - August 15 - Earl and Bruce discussed details of the upcoming event. 10 community groups are coming to pass out literature. The Dearborn County prosecutor will be giving a talk. Prizes worth over \$1500.00 have been donated. Everyone hopes for a good turnout. Our committee will be there to help out.
- Review of Resident's Conduct on the Lakes - We are all concerned about this problem. Larry Rohling discussed suggestions for rewording the section in the POA Handbook about Person's Rules relating to Disorderly Conduct. After discussion Linda Conley moved that a recommendation be made to the HVL POA Board that Section XV - Persons Rules - be amended to include the following: 1) Under A. Definition of Terms - Disorderly Conduct - after the word "alarm" insert (**e.g. indecent exposure**). 2) Under B. Persons Rules - 1) Change wording to read "No person shall engage in **Abuse**, Disorderly Conduct **or Harassment** within HVL." (Words in boldface are additions.) She also recommended that the time requirement of a second reading be waived in this instance. Bonnie Starks seconded this recommendation. The vote to accept this recommendation to the POA Board was unanimous. Becky Lortz said that without full time patrol on the main lake, there needs to be a way for a resident to file an observation (or complaint) without concern of reprisal. She suggested having boat stickers with numbers large enough to read from a distance. Responses indicated this is an ongoing problem/concern that needs further study.
- Review of Handbook Rules - Linda told us about the meeting she attended concerning this project. Bob asked her to be the S,S&E liaison for this project and she accepted. We decided to focus on this review during our September and October meetings. Becky will create a form so that our suggestions will be organized with our individual reviews done before our meetings. We can then come prepared to share our suggestions about modifications. She will mail these forms to us ASAP. Linda reminded us we will need to include sentences about suggested fine amounts in each of the sections we "own."

**New Business:**

- Vehicle Windshield Stickers - Dave Patterson spoke at a recent POA Board meeting about reviving this policy. The proposal was postponed until the August POA Board meeting. Stickers on the windshields would be helpful in identifying people as HVL residents. Also the stickers would be visible on windshields when cameras photographed the vehicles. Bruce suggested to Bob that he contact Dave to see if Lakes is going to pursue this idea or if Bob should bring the idea to our committee to discuss and present to the Board.
- Revision to Section XIX.J.1 in Handbook - After listening to Bob's suggestion about additional verbiage, we decided we would include this idea in our discussion at our September and October meetings concerning the Handbook rules review.
- Echoes Assignment - Larry will write the article for September. He will write about the Drug Awareness Day and welcomes input from committee members.

**Recommendations: One.**

Linda Conley moved that the Safety, Security and Elections Committee recommends to the POA Board: **"That the HVL POA Handbook - Section XV - Persons Rules be amended to include the following:**

- 1) Under A. Definition of Terms - Disorderly Conduct - after the word "alarm" insert "(e.g. indecent exposure)."
- 2) Under B. Persons Rules 1) change the wording to read "No person shall engage in Abuse, Disorderly Conduct or Harassment within HVL."

She also recommends that the time requirement of a second reading be waived in this instance. Bonnie Starks seconded the motion. The recommendation was approved.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Bob adjourned the meeting at 9:22 PM. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Lortz, Secretary