

Hello PIHA Community:

Our March Board meeting was attended by 5 members. We had questions regarding our Facebook page, outstanding dues, and the trails within the organization.

The beaches on Lake Huron, which include North Bay, Presque Isle Harbor and Crystal Point are not private and are open to anyone to walk the shoreline. However, our parking access is private and we have a project in the works to control access to our private land. Grand Lake Beach is private and with the new membership card entry, access should be controlled. This change will be implemented soon.

You should have received your dues invoice for 2023 either via email or snail mail. The dues increase is just a tad under 8% in keeping with the dues assessment as described in the PIHA Business Plan (which is available on our website under the Owners tab).

At the February and March meeting, the Board reviewed the proposed budget for the fiscal year of April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024 which was approved.

Several capital improvements were approved with this budget. In last years' budget (22-23), the Board approved a new database as the first step for improved member information and tracking facility usage. This budget year(23-24) we approved the 2nd step of this project which begins with new membership cards. Our new membership cards will be plastic, contain a bar code to identify current members in good standing. This new card will be required to access the clubhouse. As this project moves forward, the card will be needed to access other facilities such as Crystal Point, Grand Lake, and North Bay. As mentioned above a few members have expressed concern that non-members are able to access our private facilities. As this project is implemented, those concerns should be addressed. Watch for more updates from Jacob as he and the staff implement the first step of this new program.

Other capital projects to watch for include new flooring in the craft room, fitness room and the upstairs area. The tile floor in the hallways, locker rooms and bathrooms in the clubhouse will be stripped and resealed. Grand Lake Beach house will have a new Attendant storage shed so the men's room will no longer be full of 'stuff'.

We recently had the company, Perfect Fit, evaluate and perform routine maintenance on all the equipment in the fitness room. Happy to report all equipment is in good shape. A couple of pedestal fans will be installed and Rob Crook has suggested a way to improve air flow. Hopefully that will help keep you cooler during your workout. In addition, Drew Matuszak will obtain a quote to purchase a rowing machine. Thank you, Drew, for working on this project.

We also approved committing to set aside funds for the future pool project. As previously reported, this project is in the very early stages with nothing to report at this time.

In addition to these capital projects, an acceptable settlement has been reached with the insurance company regarding the hail damage! Repairs should begin soon.

The next trail cleanup is scheduled for April 14. Contact Matt Ulrich or Brad Mathis for more information. Thank you to all the volunteers that are working on our trails!

Last summer a proposal was presented to the Board by the Natural Resources Committee for a proposal to commit to Huron Pines on several projects. This was discussed and a decision was made by the Board to decline an official commitment at this time. However, we do continue to work with Huron Pines when appropriate. The Board and the Natural Resources Committee are committed to preserving the resources within our community.

The Social Activities Committee has an Easter Egg Hunt and Crafts is scheduled for April 8. Sign up requested. A full list of activities is on our website and posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

Here's a final reminder to consider running for the Board of Directors. Annually there are 3 positions open, each requiring a 3-year commitment. If you are interested, review the Bylaws Articles VI, VII & VIII, and the Rules/Policy Book Rules 22 to 32. You can find that information on our website under the 'owners' tab. The deadline for submission of your bio is April 10. Dave Larkin is the Chair of the Nominating Committee so all interested parties should contact him at 989-464-9225.

Finally, mark your calendar for our Annual Membership Meeting which will be held on Saturday, June 24 at 11am at the clubhouse. You should receive the ballots to vote for the 3 open positions on the Board of Directors in mid-May. These ballots can be mailed back, dropped off at the clubhouse or handed in at the Annual Meeting. In addition to the results of the election, this meeting will include a verbal financial report by our auditing firm, an update from our Executive Director, BOD Presidents' report and updates on all committee activity. There will be an open forum for member questions. Please plan on attending this meeting. Also plan on attending the first time ever 'Welcome Summer' potluck dinner dance beginning at 6:30pm at the clubhouse. So, bring your best potluck and your dancing shoes!

As we patiently wait for the warmer weather, dream about planning your garden, getting your boat ready and checking off days until summer! Stay safe, warm, and healthy.

Colleen Campo
President PIHA Board of Directors