

**APRIL 23, 2022**  
**GENERAL MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Doug Otjen at 11:15 AM at the pool house. There were 15 property owners present and 12 proxy votes thus making a quorum.

Doug introduced the current board members and had each member of the audience introduce themselves.

Minutes from the board meetings in February 2022 and the minutes from the general meeting in April 2021 were approved as presented. It was noted that the minutes are posted on HIEA web page as well as in the secretary's book. Even though there was no in-person general meeting in 2021, the board continued to hold meetings to keep things going with HIEA.

Pam Gummel gave the treasurer's report describing where the association's funds are being spent and the need to increase the association's annual fees due to the increased expenses in the current economy. There is also an effort underway to build up more reserve funds to cover future repairs. The USDA requires the Association to have a certain amount in reserve in order to maintain our status with the loan.

Doug noted that water tests of our system show excellent water quality. NW Water does monthly testing of the water. There is no more adding of chlorine on a regular basis to the system. NW Water says this will tend to mask problems if there are any in the system. This was well received by the property owners. Dave Fall/McQuiston noted that the pump house will be needing some maintenance such as painting, roof cleaning and possibly a check of the well pump.

Dave Asselstine noted that the pool needs more volunteers. There will be an attempt to maintain the facility with volunteer help from the property owners. If this does not work out, there will be a need to hire the maintenance work. This would definitely increase the fees for the members. There will be a work party on Saturday, May 21 to get the pool ready for the swim season. The opening will be Memorial Day week end. If anyone cannot make the work party, they can do any of the necessary work at their convenience by notifying Dave.

Further information on the pool was also introduced. Friday afternoon get togethers (TGIF) are occurring again. The guidelines for pool use will be the same as last year. These are mandated by the State and County Health Departments.

WiFi has now been installed at the pool. The password is posted in the pool house. The capacity for the pool house is set by the fire department and is posted in the pool house. The fire district is also requiring that the hydrant located along Dana Drive needs to be flushed once per year.

The two auxiliary roads within the development are in good shape right now. One goes to the water tank and the other to the well and pump house. Drainage issues have created problems before.

Ryan Cunningham is now maintaining the web page and has it current. On the site are minutes from

meetings, By Laws and Articles of Incorporation, current happenings of HIEA and other information. That web page is [harstine.org](http://harstine.org).

Doug gave a special thanks to Dave Asselstine, Brenda Asselstine, Tom Walker, Dave Fall/McQuiston and Lynn McQuiston for all the work they do on the water system and pool. Without their volunteer help and time committed to these projects things would not be running as smoothly. Doug also thanked the board members for their willingness to meet by Zoom to keep the Association going through the Pandemic.

Judy Davis read a letter from Rex asking if anyone was interested in having a community garden in the parking lot next to the pool. It was noted that area is the county property and would need to have permission to do so. It was stated that HIEA was formed to operate the water system and the pool, all other activities are independent from the Association. If property owners want to take on other activities, they would need to form their own groups to organize, finance and manage such activities.

Doug mentioned that he had been compiling a brief history of the south end of the island from bits and pieces he had accumulated. He invited anyone that had information and wanted to contribute to the history to get in touch with him.

Elections for board members was held for the positions occupied by Dave Asselstine, Pam Gummel and Marilyn Laubach. Doug asked for nominations from the floor, but none were made. Connie Otjen moved that the three current board members be approved for reelection to their positions. The second was given by Scott Weldy. The vote was unanimous to retain the board members.

Ryan made a motion and Paul Kohl gave the second to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Laubach, secretary