

Hazelhurst Highlights

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WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL ISSUE OF 2017!

The all-powerful editor of the Highlights would like to sincerely thank everyone for their contributions last summer and desperately encourage you to continue the practice this year. You can keep me from running off at the keyboard by simply providing articles of any kind relating to Hazelhurst, the dunes, summer, children and grandchildren, the Great Lakes, nature, whatever. As a single man with adult children, I have virtually no idea what's going in the world around me. I need input from the community.

I have, however, just one tiny complaint to express, which is that, last year, I received a variety of articles reporting on events which had taken place in the area, which was fantastic. But less often, I got notice AHEAD OF TIME that something really cool was ABOUT to take place – you know, as if maybe we would all like to go – I'd appreciate a heads up if you know of something that's is GOING to happen, just drop me a note so the Highlights can predict as well as chronicle.

Be well.

OPERATIONS MEETING MAY 27, 2017

The Operations Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 27 at 10:00 E.T. in the Red Barn. If you cannot attend in person and wish to call in to conference, please let me know so the conference phone can be set up.

Agenda to include but not limited to;

Status of current projects

Committee plans and resource needs for 2017

Other comments or camp needs

Thanks, Larry Bergman

CAMP HAZELHURST 2017

There has been much activity at Hazelhurst over the past year. Several Major Project milestones have been reached.

Pond Rehabilitation, a project that has been in discussion for several years has finally come to fruition. Last fall the rehab was planned, budgeted and approved by the Siteholders. Contractors were selected, the spoils area cleared of timber and in April 2017 SCHLICHT PONDS brought in equipment and completed dredging

in a couple of weeks. The spoils area is currently stabilizing until fall at which time it will be graded and planted with native foliage. Although there is still much work to be done, the project is on track and under budget much to the credit of Pat Gilligan's over site and management.

Beach Bathrooms another project that has been discussed for the past several years while waiting its turn in queue. Last summer an ADHOC Committee was created to establish a location, design, and budget for presentation to the Siteholders at the August Meeting. The Committee's plan was passed with the 2/3 required votes. Final designs and plans were completed over the summer and MDEQ Permits were applied for in September and approved in January. Construction began in April with clearing of the site and building of the structure commenced in early May. Because of the remote location, nestled in the dunes, it was necessary to direction drill in order to install all the utilities. This technology enabled Hazelhurst the ability to install pipe and conduit for almost 300' at a depth of approximately 20 ft under the dune with little to minimal disturbance to the dune and ecology. The project is presently planned to be completed by July 4 Holiday and is currently on budget.

The Rental Facilities, Farmhouse, Family Cottage and Buena Vista along with their respective Chairpersons; Deb Mcgrath, Barbara Wittersheim, Carla Clauser, Paula Flanagan and Bev McBrein are considered to be one of our greatest assets. Their efforts must be appreciated. Last year among other upgrades, WIFI was installed in all units and Linens are now furnished for all units and all seasons. This year it appears that these upgrades have been well accepted and we look forward to further planning.

Hazelhurst has several committees responsible for the many operations and activities of the camp and we would like to recognize and thank them for their continued work.

The Committee Chairs for 2017 are:

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| Barn | Diana Spurgin |
| Beach & Boats | Larry Bergman |
| Beach Walk | Mike Clancy |
| Building & Sites | Nelson Pelletier |
| Camp Council | John Manthey |

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| Conservation | Sharon Lemler |
| Community Relations | Gary Wood |
| Pond | Patrick Gilligan |
| Entertainment | Janice Johnson & Ellen Elrick |
| Fire Safety | Randy Ball |
| Fourth of July | Patrick Gilligan |
| Hazelhurst Highlights | Rick Krumbacher |
| Hazelhurst History | Patricia Craig |
| Junior Activities | Anne Walker |
| Junior Clubhouse | Jo Burda Smith |
| Library | Phyllis Pelletier & Anne Walker |
| Memorial Service | Janice Johnson |
| Monday Morning Coffee | Hilary Critchfield, Ed & Rita Dickey |
| Roads | Don Gray |
| Service Hours | Jeanne Fields |
| Square Dance | Dorothy & Van Ness Simmons |
| Tennis | Lisa Pratt |
| Treasurer | Kevin Oravec |
| Hazelhurst Caretaker | Vern Kits |
| Gabriel Busenburg | Waterfront Director |

WELCOME HAZENHURSTERS TO SUMMER 2017!

Sharon Lemler, HH Conservation Chair

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I am writing as your Hazelhurst Camp Conservation Chair, to remind you that we have casual "play dates with Nature" on Wednesday mornings in the high season, and to ask you to consider leading or co-leading one.

They are fun, informal, and intergenerational. Adults come and participate. Sessions are focused on any kind of nature-loving activity that all ages can enjoy together. We have 7 available dates this summer. Please consider having someone in your family group lead or co-lead a 60 - 90 minute "Nature-lovers' Learning Lab". They begin at 10am, meeting at the Red Barn usually.

The 2017 Wednesday mornings are:

June 28 -

July 5 -

July 12 - Lynne Elrick Scott - activity TBD

July 19 - Zoe Elrick - trip to local prairie restoration project

July 26 -

Aug 2 -

Aug 9 -

Possible themes/topics/activities:

- honey bees?
- birds of Hazelhurst?
- a walk in the woods, pointing out trees, understory, animal habitats, natives-vs-exotics, "snags" and the circle of life abundant in naturally dead and dying trees?
- teaching about the American Chestnut tree, and showing both the remains of the dead ones, the naturally growing young ones in camp, and the newly introduced ones in camp, grown from the seeds of the one at the head of Chestnut Road?
- life and future plans at the pond?
- a creek walk?
- a beach exploration, learning about rocks, sand, dunes, plants etc ?
- examining the dunes restoration plantings and appreciating that we, by our own efforts, can "give nature a hand"! ?
- an outing to one of Chikaming Open Lands preserves, Warren Woods, etc..
- making art from nature (any craft with found art)?
- a treasure hunt of nature items easily found in camp?
- making mobiles with found nature objects?
- tree identification and labeling
- anything else you want to lead that's nature-loving !

It's not about being an expert. It is about continuing the enthusiasm for *cherishing our nature-loving legacy* of the

Prairie Club, emphasizing that the PC members themselves, across the years, have worked to save and care for natural lands.

What you would do:

- Pick a date -please give me your first choice and *also a second or third* choice of dates.

- Pick a theme, and gather materials for it (you can turn in your receipts to me for reimbursement)

- Organize two posters, so we can post it on the bulletin boards and in the Highlights Newsletter. You can give me the info, or make your own posters.

These are a LOT of fun.

Thank you, and please reply to me with your questions, thoughts, and date preferences as soon as you are able. You don't need to know your topic/activity yet.

THANKS SO MUCH!

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES

On Wed., March 15, the PC Board passed the final version of 6 proposed By-Laws for member approval. The passage of these proposed By-Laws will be announced in the PC Bulletin sometime in April. In this Bulletin all members will be notified that they will be getting the full text of the proposed By-Laws sent to them on May 8 with voting procedures and a cover letter explaining some essential details.

I would like to have a letter from me to HH siteholders placed in the next Highlights sometime after May 8 and before the final vote is taken on June 5, if your publishing schedule allows. The reason for "doubling up" on the notice of voting on By-Laws is to emphasize the importance to HH siteholders of at least two of the the proposals: 1) Providing for a general proxy at meetings instead of one for a specific issue; 2) Placing language contained in the HH Lease regarding sale of Real Property into permanent placement in the By-Laws.

The letter follows:

Dear Hazelhurst Siteholders:

You have by now received notification for your consideration of the passage of 6 proposed changes to the PC By-Laws by the PC Board. While all of them are

important, I want to direct your attention to two that have direct and lasting importance to Hazelhurst:

- 1) Providing for general proxies at Hazelhurst meetings.
- 2) Placing language contained in the new HH Lease regarding sale of Real Property into permanent placement in the By-Laws. This last By-Law proposal affords a new level of protection to HH siteholders that will be long lasting.

Please carefully read the full text of all the proposals.
They are important!
Your vote is important!
I am looking forward to seeing you at Hazelhurst!

Thank you,

Douglas Elrick, President of the Prairie Club

PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

- 1) Replace “Chairman” or “Chairmen” with “Chair” or “Chairs” throughout the existing by-laws.

2) Article III. Membership

Section 1. Application.

Any person 16 years of age or older may apply for membership to the Club upon the recommendation of two voting members and one member of the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall inform the general members of the names of applicants it recommends. The general membership shall have at least two weeks from the date of the mailing of the information to submit comments. After the comment period, the Club Board of Directors (“Board”) may elect the applicant to voting membership by a favorable vote of a majority of the Board.

Section 2. Dues and Classes of Membership.

The Board shall determine dues and classes of membership. The Board may establish non-voting classes of membership. As used herein in these By-laws:

- (i) “member” shall refer to a voting or non-voting member;
- (ii) “voting members” and “voting membership” shall refer to the classes of members eligible to vote;

(iii) “general members” and “general membership” shall refer to all classes of members collectively.

3) Article IV. Meetings of Members. Section 5

Section 5. Proxies.

Each member entitled to vote at a meeting of the members may authorize another voting member to act for him or her by proxy, but no such proxy shall be valid after thirty days past the date of the meeting for which it was originally provided. Proxies by voting members must be in writing and provided to the Club President prior to the meeting.

4) Article VIII, Section 2B

B. The Finance Committee shall oversee the Club finances and the preparation of an annual budget. It shall also oversee all Club insurance and make recommendations to the Board regarding same. As promptly as possible after the end of each Fiscal Year, and no later than the Annual Meeting of each year, the Finance Committee shall cause to be prepared and delivered to the Board a full, detailed and complete set of consolidated financial statements of the Club, prepared in accordance with sound accounting principles, including a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement, together with the report of any internal audit of the financial statements. An independent audit of the books and accounts of the Club may be conducted upon the authorization of the Board.

5) Article VIII. Committees, Sections 4A and 4B

Section 4. Camp Committees. Camp Committees shall include Spring Grove and Hazelhurst.

A. The Hazelhurst Camp Council shall consist of eleven members. Six of the Council members shall be elected by the siteholders, two at each annual siteholders’ meeting for three-year terms. The Chair of the Buena Vista, Family Cottage, and Farmhouse Committees, appointed by the Board, the Hazelhurst Camp Chair, elected by the siteholders, and the most recent available past Hazelhurst Camp Chair shall be members of the Camp Council. The Hazelhurst Camp Council shall make the rules and regulations of the Hazelhurst Camp, subject to the approval of the siteholders and the Board. A rule only slightly altered by amendments may be

approved by the siteholders and forwarded to the Board for ratification; a rule whose intent is significantly altered by amendments, as defined by Robert's Rules of Order, shall be returned to the Camp Council, which will revise the rule and at a subsequent meeting resubmit the rule to the siteholders and the Board for final approval. Proxies by siteholders must be in writing. No proxy shall be valid after thirty days past the date of the meeting for which it was originally provided. The Hazelhurst Camp Chair shall appoint a Hazelhurst Operating Committee, which shall have general charge of the camp and be responsible for its control and maintenance. The Board shall be responsible for the provisions of Campsite Leasing Agreements.

B. The Spring Grove Camp Council shall consist of nine members. The Chair and Co-Chair of the Camp, House Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance, Pond, Equipment Maintenance, Publicity, Conservation and Activities Chairs make up the Spring Grove Camp Council. The Spring Grove Camp Council members shall be elected by the Spring Grove Site and Season Pass holders, three at each annual Siteholders' meeting, for three-year terms. The Spring Grove Camp Council shall make the rules and regulations of the Spring Grove Camp, subject to the approval of the Spring Grove site and season pass holders and the Board. A rule only slightly altered by amendments may be approved by the siteholders and forwarded to the Board for ratification; a rule whose intent is significantly altered by amendments, as defined by Robert's Rules of Order, shall be returned to the Camp Council, which will revise the rule and at a subsequent meeting resubmit the rule to the siteholders and the Board for final approval. Proxies by siteholders must be in writing. No proxy shall be valid after thirty days past the date of the meeting for which it was originally provided. The Spring Grove Camp Council shall also act as the camp Operating Committee, which shall have general charge of the camp and be responsible for its control and maintenance. The Board shall be responsible for the provisions of campsite leasing agreements.

6) Article IX. Section 6. Real Property

A. Hazelhurst

The Club owns the real property known as 13430 Prairie Road, Harbert, Michigan 49115, located in Section 9, Township 7 South, Range 20 west, Chikaming Township, Berrien County, Michigan and referred to as "Hazelhurst", "Camp Hazelhurst", or "Hazelhurst Camp".

Unless approved by written ballot of at least two-thirds of activated Hazelhurst Sites (one vote per site), the Club shall not:

- 1) sell, convey, exchange, transfer, lease (other than by its Siteholders lease), encumber, mortgage, pledge for security or otherwise dispose of any portion of the real estate referred to as Hazelhurst;
- 2) establish paths, roads, water lines, sewer lines or other utilities adjacent to, in, or upon Hazelhurst;
- 3) increase or decrease the present number of active or inactive Sites or the number of its rental facilities in Hazelhurst;
- 4) construct any new buildings or other structures in Hazelhurst; and/or
- 5) cease to reserve and maintain all of the area designated and marked "Reserved for Club Use" on Plat No. 1 (and comprising substantially the beach and beach slope of the tract covered by said plat) for the general use of the Club and its members.

No portion of Hazelhurst shall be sold or mortgaged unless the proposal and terms of the transaction are first approved by at least two-thirds of the members of the Board and by at least two-thirds of activated Hazelhurst Sites (one vote per site), then approved by the voting membership (by means of a majority of the voting members of the Club responding with a letter ballot and two-thirds of those responding voting for it to be authorized).

B. Spring Grove

The Club owns the real property known as 3716 N US-12 Spring Grove, IL 60081, located in information from property records, and referred as "Spring Grove" or "Spring Grove Camp". No portion of Spring Grove shall be sold or mortgaged unless the proposal and terms of the transaction are first approved by at least two-thirds of the Board and by at least two-thirds of activated Spring Grove Sites (one vote per site), then approved by the voting membership (by means of a majority of the voting members of the Club responding with a letter ballot and two-thirds of those responding voting for approval). If all or a portion of Spring Grove Camp is to be sold, Spring Grove Camp lessees, or such

of them as desire to do so, shall have the right of first refusal to purchase the entire tract, or that portion thereof which the Club proposes to sell, at the same price and on the same terms as are offered by any other purchaser.

C. Other Real Property

No other real property shall be purchased, sold, or mortgaged unless the proposal and terms of the transaction are first approved by at least two-thirds of all the members of the Board, then approved by the voting membership (by means of a majority of the voting members of the Club responding with a letter ballot and two-thirds of those responding voting for it to be authorized).

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May 26 – June 8, 2017. Rated R. 1 hr. 50 min.

Follows a woman who was recruited to write w a r

propaganda for the British Government in 1940.

BABUSHKAS OF CHERNOBYL

June 6, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Film and discussion.

TOMMY'S HONOR

June 26 – 15, 2017. Rated PG. 1 hr. 50 min.

Scotland, golf, the Open Championship of 1860.

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May 27, 2017: Journeyman - a tribute to Eric Clapton by Shaun Hague

June 1, 2017: Easy Leaves. FREE benefit concert

June 3, 2017: Grassroots Festival and Fundraiser

June 4, 2017: Auditions for Three Oaks Against the World - an original play by Allen Turner

June 9, 2017: Open Mic, hosted by folk musician, Kirk Saffle

June 10, 2017: Irish duo Byrne & Kelly, folksingers

June 17, 2017: America Sings! Robert Swan and the Harbor Country Opera celebrate Flag Day (3 days late)

June 18, 2017: Devon Allman (son of Greg Allman), with James Neary and The Bevy Blue

June 22, 2017: Open Mic with host Mario Moreno

June 22, 2017: singer/songwriter competition deadline - enter now!

Please join us for

The Prairie Club's 109th Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 10th

FREE for members and their children

\$10.00 non-member adults

\$5.00 non-member children 6 - 12 years old

RSVP by June 5th

10:00 a.m. New Member Meet & Greet Coffee

11:00 a.m. Register & Purchase Prairie Club Items

12:00 p.m. Lunch

After lunch Annual Meeting presided by Club President

Douglas Elrick

Monarch Butterfly Presentation

Tour of Cottages

Join us the following day as we Kayak the Galien River

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PLEASE WRITE!

The Highlights is “by, for, and about Hazelhursters!”

We like stories, poems, news, etc., related to Hazelhurst and Hazelhursters.

Please remember that shorter articles are more likely to be read...and we do reserve the right to edit! Send your submissions to:

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