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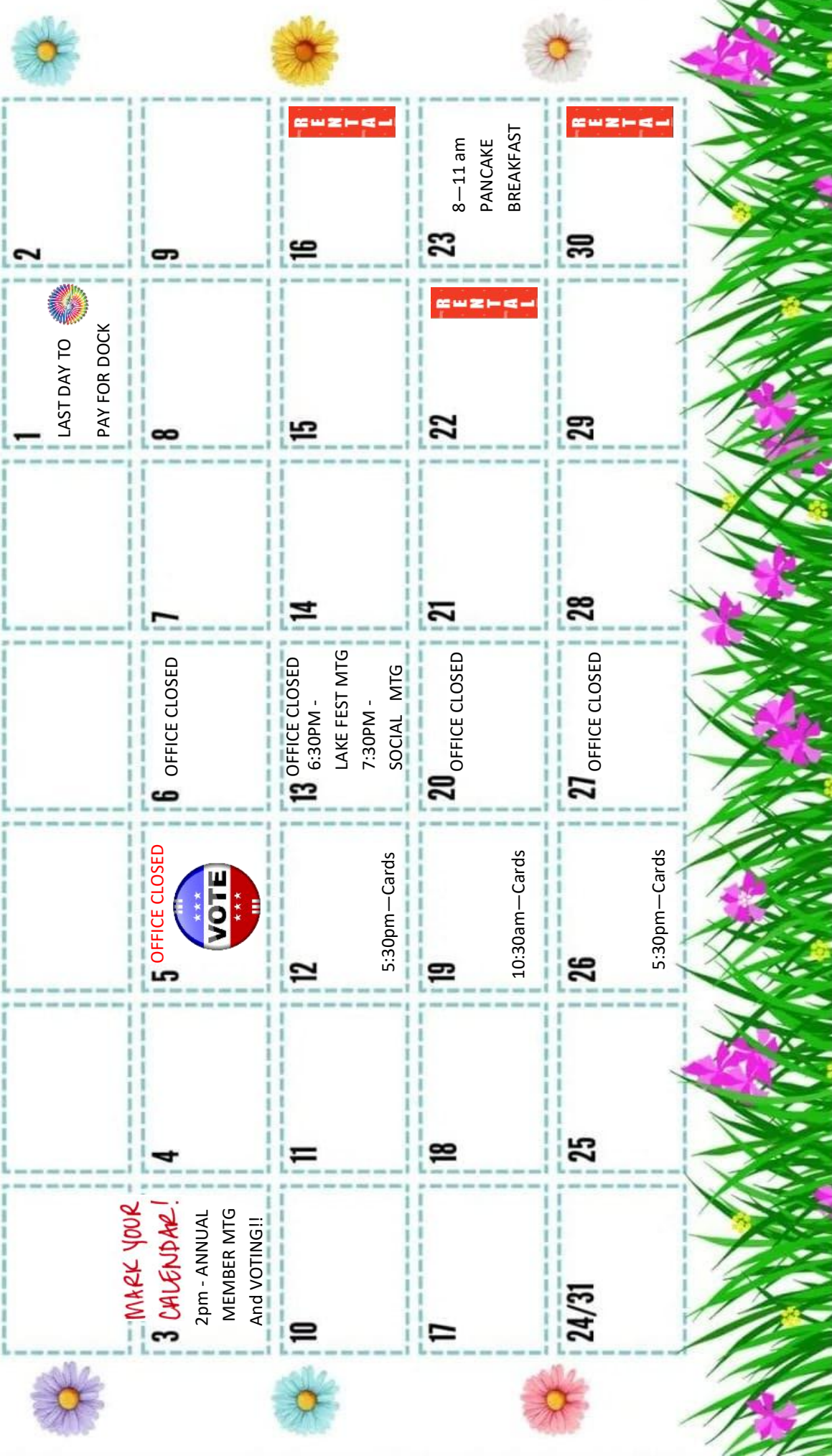


# May 2026



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3 <b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR!</b> 2pm - ANNUAL MEMBER MTG And VOTING!!	4	5 OFFICE CLOSED 	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7	8	9
10	11	12 5:30pm—Cards	13 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30PM - LAKE FEST MTG 7:30PM - SOCIAL MTG	14	15	16 RENTAL
17	18	19 10:30am—Cards	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21	22 RENTAL	23 8—11 am PANCAKE BREAKFAST
24/31	25	26 5:30pm—Cards	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28	29	30 RENTAL



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 10:30am—Cards	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4	5	6 <b>RENTAL</b>
7	8	9 5:30am—Cards	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11	12	13 <b>RENTAL</b> 1-4pm: Water Poker Run
14	15	16 10:30am—Cards	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18	19	20 <b>RENTAL</b>
21	22	23 5:30am—Cards	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25	26	27
28 <i>Worship &amp; Praise</i> 9:50 AM - CHURCH ON MAIN BEACH	29	30 5:30am—Cards				8—11 am PANCAKE BREAKFAST

# APRIL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by HLPOA board president Eric Griffin at 7:02 pm. with 32 members signed in.

All stood and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Attendance was called with Eric Griffin, Henry Jarrett, Chris Hassmann and Lynda Snyder all present. Chris Pheiffer was out of town on a work-trip.

Minutes from the January 16 HLPOA Membership Meeting were approved as posted on Next Door and printed in the February Beacon with a motion by Henry and a second from Chris H.

## **President's Report: Eric Griffin**

Eric gave a brief membership quarterly meeting "new format" update, with this being our 1<sup>st</sup> Zoom membership meeting in many years. He reminded all that an informative email with a meeting link and code was emailed to every member we have an email address for. Members were asked to submit topics, concerns, or questions to be addressed at this meeting to the office to appear on the meeting agenda. They will be addressed under new business tonight. He also asked that members attending the meetings submit their questions etc. prior to the meeting so we can be more prepared to answer. Also noted we will be watching time as we do not want to be here for "hours".

## **Vice President's Report: Chris Pheiffer**

Eric read through Chris Pheiffer' maintenance department's updates. Chris apologized for having to miss the meeting due to a work travel commitment. (1<sup>st</sup> membership meeting Chris P. has missed during his 3-yr term!) Chris as all the directors provide detailed reports and updates in each month's Beacon. The April Beacon was mailed out to ALL members Tuesday April 14, as it contains the voting information, candidate's statements and ballot. He reported that the main beach bathrooms are now open and the East Beach port a pots will be delivered around May 9. We are also seeking another part-time summer employee. (We love to hire "lake kids" for our summer maintenance crew. Part time position between 30-40 hrs./week.) Please contact Josh or the office if interested.

## **Treasurer's Report: Henry Jarrett**

Henry had the March financials available as handouts (again these are published in the April Beacon.) He noted the expenses are right on track... At this point in the year most of dues, lot fees, and assessments are in. These are what we "live off" all year, but we are tracking pretty much as budgeted.

Our 3 accounts currently total approx. \$500,000.00. The goal is that our retained earnings continue to grow as we have major capital expenditures ahead. The concrete spillway and dredging to name 2.

Henry reiterated that he will not be running for another board position, but feels the financials are in better shape than they were when he took over 3 years ago. He credits the formation of the Financial Committee and their vision for creating a 3-5-year plan. As well as a procedure manual.

Henry thanked the 5 members of the Finance Committee – Rose Ann Vondrasek, Judy and Bill Murray, Brad Nelson and Alan Olsen.

# APRIL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES cont.

## Secretary's Report: Lynda Snyder

Lynda stated that she and Renee attended the OLCA Spring Conference last week at Choctaw Lake. This is a great networking opportunity twice a year as all member lakes were created around the same time as our lake. Conference includes breakout sessions for lake and office managers to roundtable as well as 1 for board members to roundtable. Various lake association topics are also presented by lawyers and tradespeople. We at Holiday Lakes will be hosting the 2026 fall OLCA Conference September 16 and 17.

LakeFest and Social Committees met Wednesday night. Lake Fest will be a more laid back, backyard neighborly picnic type event celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup>! Plans are moving along and it will be another memorable LakeFest!

As mentioned previously, a full report can be found in the Beacon.

## Director's Report: Chris Hassmann

Chris first gave a brief update on the Lake Sustainability Committee. They have been trying to schedule meetings but are basically waiting for the final report from Osborn Engineering on the concrete spillway. They would like to digest that and formulate a timeline for any repairs dependent on what the report tells us. Also on the table for them is the dredging issue and how we will approach dredging and how we propose to pay for it. In line with dredging shoreline protection and getting that in place will be a priority. They hope to develop a plan for 2, 4, 6, 8-year timeline for moving ahead and dredging areas that are in the most need first. He mentioned again that the spillway has to be our first priority, because without a spillway, we won't have a lake.

Chris then gave a quick report from the Safety Committee. He referred to the recent underage golfcart accident and stressed golf cart, ATV, side by side safety on our cart paths and roadways. Chris published in depth information on golf cart and UTV safety at Holiday Lakes this month's Beacon.

Brad N 1280 asked if Chris H was "in charge" of overseeing all lake dredging.

Chris replied that the Lake Sustainability Committee is making plans to address the dredging issues. The plan is to protect our lake for the future so that our children and grandchildren will always have our lake to enjoy.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Eric announced that there are 2 board seats to be filled in this election and introduced the candidates asking if they wanted to introduce themselves and share a bit of their backgrounds. (Please note: this meeting was never scheduled as a meet the candidate night.) Candidates were introduced in the order their candidate statements were filed in the office.

Brad Nelson bought here at Holiday Lakes in 2013 and moved here in 2015. He and his wife have 2 children and 6 grandchildren. Brad retired after an IT career involving global consulting with heavy

## APRIL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES cont.

concentration in the accounting/finance field. His goals as a board member would be: Strengthen the processes and internal controls to get a “stronger grip” on things. He would also like to see more disciplined budgeting to support the board. This would be beneficial 1.) If in fact we ever need to borrow money; we will be in a better position. 2.) this will ensure consistency 3.) provide more transparency to the members 4.) better prepare for upcoming expenses and 5.) provide better decision making “tools” to make “the right decisions” for our community.

Brad also was instrumental in starting the records retention committee. He went through over 60 years of stored boxes of paperwork. Many of the boxes were damp, water and rodent damaged... more or less in shambles being stored under the lodge here in the damp dirt floor “basement”. The committee made several sorts and pass throughs sorting and organizing before destroying things we are not required to keep. ALL old paperwork that was not being kept was destroyed on site. All the old trustee notes, Beacons, legal documents, drawings and plot maps etc. were kept as well as ANYTHING else we are legally required to keep. The next step is to go through and digitize as much as possible, thus preserving as well as making all this historic information much more accessible. Mention of AI being used to recall or collate this digitized historical information was also mentioned.

Brad thanked Henry for his service to the board and mentioned that Henry will stay on the Records Retention Committee.

Eric then gave a brief update on Chris Pheiffer once again stating that this work trip was unavoidable, and that it was the first membership meeting Chris had missed in his 3-year term. He stated that Chris is the current Vice President of the board and that he has done a “phenomenal job”.

Jeremy Buurma introduced himself. He stated that he didn’t have anything prepared as he didn’t know what was happening at the meeting tonight. (Understandable, as this meeting was never promoted as a “Meet the Candidate Night” we simply opted - since 2 candidates were present to let them have the floor and introduce themselves tonight.) Jeremy grew up on the lake and has watched the lake “rise and fall” over the years. He works for the government now but has also worked in small business too. With this diverse experience he can see all processes that happen at the lake. He is committed to making the lake enjoyable for all.

\*\*\* All 3 detailed candidate statements are printed in the April Beacon. \*\*\*

### **Items submitted prior to meeting:**

Wake Boats in restricted areas of the lake:

There are no existing rules on wake boat areas. At this time there are only RECOMMENDATIONS on where you should wake surf. Our recommendations are surfing from the dam to the lodge (while staying away from the actual dam) as you need deep wide water to create the best wake area for surfing. Any farther south the lake is too shallow and too narrow.... the main channel in from the marina is again not wide enough and we need to protect the spillway area so that cove is not conducive to wake surfing either.

## APRIL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES cont.

Several years ago, some protection was put in place to limit the size of the wake boats on our lake. Even with the 4,000 lb. dry weight these boats and the wakes they create cause shoreline erosion, stir up the shallow bottom and murky the lake as well as other safety issues. The newer larger wake boats are just too heavy and too long for our little lake.

Jen B 703 stated the wakes affect pontoons when they pass by. It was recommended that wake boats be aware and that pontoons turn directly into the wake to avoid the wake coming over the pontoon fences or rocking the pontoon profusely. She also asked why isn't the recommendation a rule?

Eric asked the contingent present if they would be in favor of a rule limiting where wake surfing can happen. Overwhelmingly in favor of a new resolution limiting the wake boat surfing area on our lake. WE will have a drafted resolution by the next membership meeting regarding this topic.

Eric then mentioned the golf cart incident involving underage and overloaded golf cart. The member will be assessed the appropriate fine and we hope a lesson was learned by all.

Vicky 1267 Asked since we have cameras posted around the lake, why can't we look at them and identify people that are breaking our rules? The fact being that the cameras are set off by motion, there are thousands of frames shot. If Josh would have to look through all the shots each day...nothing else would get done. It is important that we all do our due diligence and if **we see something, do something**. Take a picture, get a sticker number, file an official complaint with the office...then we can go back and look at the camera footage in the area at the approximate time and hopefully identify the situation.

Jack K 35 Asked if when filing and signing a complaint the member that files the complaint remains anonymous? Yes, we do not divulge that information.

Beth W 53 Asked how long does the camera store images? 3-4 weeks

Rose Ann 943 Asked Josh if he looks at the recorded videos? Josh replied only if there is destruction observed or if an official complaint is filed.

\*\*\* We have seen vehicles on our CART paths which are NOT PERMITTED (dirt bikes, co-carts, minibikes) but we can't always identify the rider, so once again, if you SEE SOMETHING, DO SOMETHING. Discussion ensued.... About trying to identify people fishing or on our paths that shouldn't be. You as a member have every right to ask questions.

Jeremy B 840 Added, you may also notify the Huron County Sheriff Dept.

Melissa H 1315 As mentioned in some of our Neighborhood Watch meetings with Sgt. Schowe.... We are able to call if concerned with non-members using our green areas, roads or trails. She and Chris have approached people fishing on the causeway with no wrist bands but mentioned a member's name giving them "so called PERMISSION" to use our member only facilities. They need the member to provide his wristbands to the "visitors" or to be present with "his visitors."

## APRIL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES cont.

Cindy J 347 Asked where the cameras are, and if any are on the roads over by Big Bass as there seem to be kids with small carts on the roads. There are no cameras right there.

Jack K 35 Asked if there is a No Solicitation Policy. Yes, but we do grant some of the local school groups permission to fundraise here on occasion. They do come to the board with details and ask for specific times to be allowed to canvass the neighborhood. We try to post this on Next Door to make the community aware when this happens.

Peg J 1301 Asked if it was right for a construction company to go door to door after the recent storms to solicit business. No, and you can inform them of our no soliciting policy. There are signs posted within our community stating the same.

Eric brought up the fact that after consulting with our lawyers, and in order for the leased public restaurant here to be more ADA compliant 2 of the upper deck outside tables have been converted with electric lifts to adjust the height when needed. Eric also mentioned that areas that are not public (our beaches, docks etc.) ADA compliance reads a bit differently.

**New Business:** From floor

Vicky R 1267 Noticed that driving around at night some areas are more lit than others. HLPOA pays for electric around the lodge, maintenance building, beaches and entrances. Many members contract with Firelands to have a light mounted onto a utility pole at the end of their driveway. Cost is \$10/ month added right onto your electric bill.

Question was raised about new signs appearing on Niver Rd: Wind Farm RUMA Approved Route. This is a predetermined ROAD USE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT typically mandated to manage road damage during the construction of the 71 wind turbines comprising the Emerson Creek Wind Farm Project.

Jen B 703 Asked if the stumps and downed trees could be cleaned up at the corner of Timothy Dr. and Holiday Dr. We will look into that.

Mike R 148 Newer member looking to build a house on his property and asked if the sewer project is defunct. There was some confusion with the recent Huron County Health Department's temporary suspension of EXISTING septic and aeration systems O&M programs. This has nothing to do with the S5SD and our proposed sewer project. We are hoping to get an update from S5SD board president Tom Secor soon. In the meantime, feel free to contact him with any sewer district questions at:

[tsecor@southern5sewerdistrict.com](mailto:tsecor@southern5sewerdistrict.com)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectively submitted,

Lynda Snyder

## Holiday Lakes - Revenue

REVENUES - General	Current Month	YTD	2026 Budget
LOT CHARGES	2,239.80	21,632.60	24,700.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES	38,937.71	329,207.10	355,775.00
ENTRANCE FEES.	2,000.00	6,000.00	24,000.00
LATE FEES	-	639.39	2,000.00
FINES	983.56	1,983.56	2,500.00
5YR PLAN	11,200.00	95,805.00	101,650.00
NEWSLETTER ADS	810.00	9,357.00	10,000.00
LODGE RENTALS/BEACH RENTAL	1,800.00	2,175.00	6,000.00
MARINA DOCK RENTALS	2,660.00	22,325.00	17,500.00
MARINA BOAT STORAGE	1,125.00	16,975.00	31,050.00
MARINA BOAT PULLOUT AND LAUNCH	3,050.00	2,803.87	12,000.00
MARINA BOAT REGISTRATION STICKERS	3,585.00	7,585.00	14,000.00
REVENUE - SALE OF LOTS	-	-	45,000.00
MISCLANEOUS CASH RECEIVED	-	15,095.14	7,000.00
DONATIONS MADE TO HOLIDAY LAKES	571.00	1,767.00	1,000.00
RENT FROM RESTAURANT	3,009.00	11,660.00	42,000.00
INTEREST INCOME	825.90	2,307.92	10,000.00
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	550.00	1,350.00	5,000.00
GAIN OR LOSS ON SALE OF ASSET	-	-	10,000.00
<b>Total Revenues - General</b>	<b>73,346.97</b>	<b>548,668.58</b>	<b>721,175.00</b>
REVENUES - Committees	Current Month	YTD	2026 Budget
FESTIVAL INCOME		-	24,000.00
SOCIAL INCOME	15.00	23.00	15,000.00
LAKE CONSERVATION	20.00	670.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Revenues - Committees</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>693.00</b>	<b>41,000.00</b>
	Current Month	YTD	2026 Budget
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>73,381.97</b>	<b>549,361.58</b>	<b>762,175.00</b>

# Holiday Lakes - Expenses

<b>EXPENSES - Operating</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>
<b>SALARY &amp; WAGES</b>	19,959.80	59,626.88	187,000.00
<b>PAYROLL TAXES</b>	2,873.79	6,633.99	20,600.00
<b>MAINTENANCE REG &amp; DES FUEL</b>	1,087.42	4,616.13	15,000.00
<b>MAINTENANCE - LAKE, BEACHES, &amp; BLDG</b>	3,784.20	14,918.11	50,000.00
<b>MAINTENANCE - EQUIPMENT</b>	4,291.09	10,616.63	35,000.00
<b>MAINTENANCE - SUPPLIES</b>	861.80	4,845.60	10,000.00
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS, MEMBERSHIPS</b>	262.39	730.03	8,000.00
<b>UTILITIES - ELECTRIC</b>	1,685.67	6,948.36	24,000.00
<b>UTILITIES - NATURAL GAS</b>	347.85	2,991.97	4,000.00
<b>UTILITIES - WATER</b>	173.70	675.30	3,500.00
<b>UTILITIES - PHONE/INTERNET</b>	602.20	1,536.02	4,000.00
<b>SANITATION, TRASH EXPENSE</b>	260.00	1,335.99	7,500.00
<b>SECURITY EXPENSES</b>	107.24	107.24	5,000.00
<b>OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	473.11	2,692.93	10,000.00
<b>POSTAGE</b>	133.32	882.12	2,000.00
<b>IT EXPENSES / TECHNOLOGY</b>	1,544.40	4,483.05	3,000.00
<b>REAL ESTATE TAX</b>	-	20,000.94	20,000.00
<b>S5SD ASSESSMENT</b>	-	-	10,500.00
<b>PROFESSIONAL- ACCOUNTING</b>	-	1,850.00	6,500.00
<b>PROFESSIONAL- LEGAL</b>	386.25	7,382.50	15,000.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	-	3,846.57	5,000.00
<b>INSURANCE</b>	41,499.00	41,590.00	41,500.00
<b>BANK CHARGES / CREDIT CARD FEES</b>	5.80	(96.37)	2,000.00
<b>BWC EXPENSE</b>	-	711.70	3,000.00
<b>TRAVEL, MEETINGS &amp; SEMINARS</b>	-	-	3,500.00
<b>INCOME TAX OWED - EST</b>	-	-	4,400.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>80,339.03</b>	<b>198,925.69</b>	<b>500,000.00</b>





# HOLIDAY LAKES

## Poker Run on

### The Lake 1-4 pm

### June 13th 2026



#### What Is a Poker Run?

Travel around the lake to docks indicated on your map picking up a [playing card](#) at each stop. Meet your neighbors and enjoy the lake. Then go to the main beach to pick up a final card and meet your fellow participants. The goal is to end up with the best poker hand at the end of the run.

Please vote for your favorite host house!

#### Entrance fee \$25 per hand

Each registration is numbered

Play as many hands as you'd like

You will get a numbered wrist band for each registration.

Maps will be provided the day of the event at the lodge .

**FIRST** place is awarded 30% of the take

**SECOND** place is awarded 20% of the take

50% will go to maintain/improve the golf cart trails

Don't forget the 50/50 drawing!

**Return to the main Beach by 4PM**

**Winners announced at 4:10 PM**



## Poker Run Rules

1. Participants must have a numbered wrist band to participate.
2. Each entry is allowed to draw one card at each of the stops.
3. The card you pick up will be numbered to correspond with your wrist band
4. If playing more than one hand/wristband you cannot combine numbered cards
5. Participants must complete the run and be back to the lodge no later than 3:30
6. In case of a tie, there will be a draw for High Card to determine the winner



## partypoker Poker hands

Royal flush



A royal flush is an ace high straight flush.

Straight flush



A straight flush is a five-card straight, all in the same suit.

Four of a kind



Four of a kind, or quads, are four cards of equal value.

Full house



A full house contains a set (3) of cards of one value and a pair of another value.

Flush



A flush is any five cards, all of the same suit.

Straight



Five cards of sequential value. Every possible straight will contain either a 5 or a 10.

Three of a kind



Three cards of the same rank.

Two pair



This is two cards of one value and another two cards of another value.

Pair



One pair is two cards of the same rank.

High card



The hand with the highest card(s) wins.

# MAY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Holiday Lakes Property Owners Association was called to order at 2:01 by board president Eric Griffin with 24 members signed in.

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken with all 5 board members present.

**Board president Eric Griffin** gave a quick overview of the ZOOM meeting format and why it's important to have items for discussion submitted ahead of time to be placed on the agenda. He mentioned the importance of our annual meeting as required by our bylaws on the first Sunday in May.

Eric then stated as soon as the ballot committee was done counting the ballots, the outcome of the election would be announced. He then thanked outgoing Treasurer Henry Jarrett for his dedication to the board and gave Henry a chance to speak.

Henry in turn thanked the board and admitted that he is stepping down after a total of 7 yrs on the board (at different times). He stated he would like to still be involved with committee work as there is still so much to do. Henry feels the finances are in much better shape than they were 3 years ago. He finished up by saying we all want what is best for the lake, as it's a wonderful place to live and enjoy.

**Secretary Lynda Snyder** thanked all former directors who were asked to stand and be recognized. 2 - Paul Zdroik and Henry Jarrett were present. The longest member was also recognized as Buckey Rick who has been here since 1965, with a close 2<sup>nd</sup> being Chris Hassmann.

The Volunteer(s) of the Year were then recognized. Lynda stated that Brad and Jane Nelson were receiving the award for their undertaking of the undaunting task of the new Records Retention Committee. This was a much-needed committee as we were inundated with papers, files, bills, ledgers, files etc. stored in musty cardboard boxes and rusty old filing cabinets in the earthen floored storage areas under the lodge. Mouse damaged, wet, moldy and faded records were sorted and resorted to determine what we needed to keep. Everything we were not required to keep was destroyed on site. Jane and Brad were instrumental in this undertaking and in cleaning out our under-lodge storeroom. They have also helped with our pancake breakfasts and Jane has been a huge addition to our Social and LakeFest Committees. Congratulations to our 2025-2026 Volunteers of the Year Brad and Jane Nelson.

## **President's Report: Eric Griffin**

Still awaiting the ballot count. Eric thanked Josh for all the mowing and early spring work he and the crew have done, stating that the grounds are looking especially good this spring. Eric also thanked Renee for all her hard efforts during the overly busy spring. The office is so very busy with walk-in and phone calls at this time of year, and Renee handles it well.

Eric mentioned that just last Friday May 1 the board and Josh met with a representative from Osborn Engineering to go over the spillway evaluation and testing that was done. We are just beginning to digest the details, but we have some areas that will need attention soon. The last spillway work was

## **MAY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING cont.**

done in 2007 and currently our spillway was assessed as being in fair condition; meaning there is minor deterioration, and is performing function as intended, but rate of deterioration has begun to accelerate. More details to follow as the Lake Sustainability Committee has a chance to go over the report. The report will be posted on the website in the next few days.

Eric then reiterated the fact that The Brass has decided not to renew their lease which expires at the end of December 2026. We are actively pursuing finding another restaurant to partner with.

Also mentioned was the memorial bench and tree or bush that has been funded by private donations in memory of long-time member, former director and former OLCA member Kay Hartz. We have the plan, just not the location, but we are working on it!

The minutes from the May 4, 2025 Annual Meeting were approved as printed in the Beacon and on Next Door with a motion from Chris P and a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Chris H.

### **Vice President: Chris Pheiffer**

Chris gave a brief maintenance update reminding all that his report was published in the April Beacon and gone over again at our quarterly membership meeting on April 16.

Chris quickly highlighted the following items:

Weir Dam cleanouts and redesign of 2 of the biggest Weir dams over the winter. These dams are crucial for limiting flow of sediment into our lake.

Cart path maintenance and repair and already this young “season” damage has already been done near the maintenance building. Also damage in the just opened beach bathrooms. Please if you see something ...SAY something. Filing a complaint is necessary. The complaints remain anonymous but alert the board to the issue and give us a place to start tracking from.

Mention of Record Retention and with the storage areas cleaned out and old items purged out Josh and crew were able to redesign and make better use of storage areas under lodge.

New landscape design at the lodge with donated boats. We are still looking for another donated sit IN kayak for this display.

Stated that 5 RFPs were mailed out to interested restaurants that have an interest in partnering with us after the Brass leaves.

Still looking for another part time “lake-kid” (high school or college age) for 30-40 hrs per week in the summer. Contact Josh or the office if interested.

### **Treasurer’s Report: Henry Jarrett**

Henry stated that the April financials were not available yet, but the March numbers were printed in the April Beacon. We are in good shape at this time of year with most of our dues collected. He stated we have \$500,000.00 in the bank. Henry said again that he is here to help with committees.

# MAY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING cont.

## Secretary Report: Lynda Snyder

Lynda reminded all that LakeFest would be held July 25, 2026 and that we would be celebrating our country's 250<sup>th</sup>. Sponsor sheets will be going out soon, but there are sheets here NOW for anyone interested. We have several sponsorship levels available. We are planning a more laidback backyard community picnic social this year, with a few changes (i.e. different food set up) from the past several years. It will be an AMAZING and memorable Red White and Blessed event! Hope for nice weather!

Next Lake Fest meeting is May 13 @ 6:30 with Social Committee following at 7:30. All are welcome.

Reminder: MAY 17 @ 2:00 pm here at the lodge, the S5SD will have a community informational meeting. S5SD President Tom Secor will give a project update and hopefully answer any questions you have. We will also ZOOM the meeting. Watch your emails for the ZOOM invite.

Reminder: A NEW rule put into effect MARCH 2025 stating that ALL STICKERS need to be PURCHASED and VISIBLY DISPLAYED by JUNE 15 or an immediate fine will be assessed. This rule was put into effect last year and we gave warnings with a entire year's grace period. This year we are implementing the immediate fine (\$250) if you are found without a current sticker on your boat, jet ski, trailer or cart. NO excuses! It is a RULE and 1 that needs to be followed. Stickers can still be purchased for "NEW to you" boats, jet skis, trailers or carts at any time of the season.

It has been noticed that there are boats sitting outside marina storage buildings with No OH #'s on them. This is a STATE law, and an ODNR enforceable law once said boat is put into the water with no OH #! Our HLPOA rules state that your OH #, lot number and current HLPOA sticker are ALL REQUIRED TO BE ON YOUR BOATS before they go into our lake!

Current wristbands need to be worn or be on your person when you or your guests are on our beaches or green areas. There have already been instances of non-members fishing from our green areas this spring.

## Director's Report: Chris Hassmann

Chris thanked Henry for his time and dedication to our board and lake.

Chris then gave this report from the Lake Sustainability Committee and the Safety Committee:

We received the engineer's final spillway report this week and met with him on Friday.

We asked him a few additional questions plus requested a proposal on the next steps which would be the development of a repair schedule, request for bids from the contractors, and monitoring the repair work. They can also assist with finding grants or low interest government loans. The Lake Sustainability Committee will be closely involved as that plan takes shape.

We will also use the bathymetric survey to prioritize dredging areas, monitoring annual silt buildup, and refining shoreline protection standards. This will, along with the spillway repairs, be included in a comprehensive sustainability plan. Cost will be a significant consideration in development of

## MAY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING cont.

this plan. We will share more detailed timelines as the spillway schedule becomes clearer.

On the safety side, we're heading into boating season, so we are emphasizing water safety. However, considering recent and past incidents, Golf cart and UTV safety needs to be on everyone's minds also. Golf cart and UTV drivers must be 16 or older. Parents must be responsible for enforcing this with their children and may be fined for violations. Please check your boats, trailers, and equipment now to make sure registration, lights, and safety gear are ready for the season. On the water, remember to keep to the right shoreline, maintain proper spacing, and operate at idle speed in coves and after dark. Jet skis are not permitted after sunset, and navigation lights — not docking lights — must be used at night.

The board has been discussing recent complaints about surf boats. As mentioned at the most recent membership meeting, a recommendation was made for surf boats to stay in the area from the dam to the Lodge. This is the deepest, widest, and safest area of the lake for surfing. Educating membership with surf boats about this, along with some commonsense courtesy reminders will be a top priority this year.

Both committees appreciate everyone's support as we work to keep Holiday Lakes safe, sustainable, and enjoyable for all.

Peg J 1301 Asked about the difference between a wake boat and a wake surf boat.

A wake boat is optimized for producing a high, hard wake for jumping at 15–25 mph, while a wake surf boat is designed to create a larger, longer, steeper wave at slow 9–12 mph speeds.

Anita F 1330 Stated even though the surf boats are recommended to stay towards the center, they don't and often come very close to docks. In fact, their dock was hit by a pontoon boat last year.

It was also asked if ODNR couldn't provide some on water enforcement as in a water patrol as has been done in the past. Fact is the ODNR is short-staffed and needed more on larger lakes.

Bill G 820 Announced that you can report to the ODNR. Things such as no OH numbers etc. Take a picture, send it to the ODNR and they will issue fines

### ELECTION RESULTS:

Our directors serving their 3-year term (2026-2029) are: re-elected director Chris Pheiffer and newly elected director Brad Nelson. Also, the vote was in favor of waving having to fully funding our reserve account. Thank you to all that took the time to vote.

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

Question was raised about the number of cormorants on our lake this year. They are a very destructive bird and very aggressive fishermen. They will migrate to the western basin of Lake Erie once

## MAY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING cont.

once boating traffic picks up on our lake. In the meantime, anything you can do to scare them off... DO. Their acidic feces kill trees and vegetation as well as foul the water. They congregate in large flocks and can devastate our fish population. They are protected by a 1916 Migratory Bird Treaty with Canada, so we are unable to hunt them to thin them out.

Ron R 1117 said that the cormorants are seen in abundance in the trees at the East end of the lake on Meadowview Rd.

Anita F 1330 Asked about closing the spillway gate later than March 1, allowing more time in the early spring to work on shorelines or docks, knowing that the lake usually fills up fast in the spring (although this year it took almost a month.) This is something the Lake Sustainability Committee is and will be looking into especially with the spillway issue looming on the horizon. Josh monitors the ice level on the lake and would leave the gate open after March 1 if there were still ice on the lake. There are a lot of factors that will go into figuring this out as we move forward. It has also been suggested that a better gate system be placed (our gate is at the very bottom of the spillway and is hand cranked open and shut) It was then brought up about opening the gate when large rains are forecast to help with the water flooding over some members' docks. The amount of water that opening the gate would let out would not make a difference in a heavy rain situation. What water flows over the top of the spillway in situations like very quick and heavy rain is what makes the difference.

Kelley G 750 Announced that she is looking for host houses/docks for the Saturday June 13 ON WATER poker run.

Rose Ann V 943 Asked if we lose a lot of fish when the spillway gate is opened? Bill G responded that we do not. He is a proponent for the seasonal raising and lowering of the lake and stated that the fish adapt to the leveling. He stated that raising and lowering the lake is actually good for the fish population and creates more oxygen in the water.

Anita F 1330 Asked if the Bras is leaving by their own choice. Yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49pm

The newly elected Holiday Lakes Property Association Board of Directors met to assign officers for May 2026 - May 2027 on Tuesday May 5, 2026, following the election of 2 directors and the HLPOA Annual Membership Meeting May 3, 2026.

The 2026-2027 HLPOA board will consist of:

President: Chris Pheiffer

Vice President: Eric Griffin

Treasurer: Brad Nelson

Secretary: Lynda Snyder

Director: Chris Hassmann

The signers on the Holiday Lakes Property Owners Accounts with PNC Bank shall be:

Chris Pheiffer, Eric Griffin and Brad Nelson

## MAY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING cont.

The Treasurer, Brad Nelson, shall be listed as the “controlling party” who will have the authority to open new accounts, apply for or modify extensions of credits and is authorized to sign for any changes to the ownership structure of the association. (HLPOA)

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Chris Pheiffer, President

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Eric Griffin, Vice President

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Brad Nelson, Treasurer

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Lynda Snyder

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ON-WATER POKER RUN	SAT, 6/13, 1—4p
PANCAKE BREAKFAST—4TH OF JULY	SAT, 7/4, 8-11a
LAKE FEST FAMILY NIGHT	FRI, 7/24, 6P
LAKE FEST—"RED, WHITE & BLESSED"	SAT, 7/25—ALL DAY
PANCAKE BREAKFAST—LABOR DAY	SAT, 9/5, 8-11a
"EARLY" VETERANS' DAY BOAT PARADE	SAT, 9/5, 12p
DUCK RACE	SUN 9/6, 3-6p
HARVEST PARTY/ TRUNK-OR-TREAT	SAT, 10/10, 5p/6p
ADULT HARVEST EVENT (TENTATIVE)	SAT, 10/10, 8-10p
FALL POKER RUN	SAT, 10/24, 1-4p
WILLARD PARADE OF LIGHTS	FRI, 11/20, 6:30p
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# Holiday Lakes Boating Recommendation – Wake Surfing and Wake Management



To support safety, protect shoreline property, and maintain an enjoyable lake experience for all residents and guests, the Holiday Lakes community encourages the following boating practices:

## Wake Surfing Recommendation

Wake surfing is **strongly recommended** to take place only in the area between the dam and the lodge, where lake conditions are most suitable and impacts on shoreline and neighboring properties are minimized. Residents are encouraged to avoid wake surfing in other areas of the lake to help preserve shoreline integrity and reduce disturbances.

## Wake Management and Courtesy Guidelines

Operators of wake boats and other vessels capable of producing enhanced wakes are encouraged to follow these courtesy practices:

- **Maintain Distance from Shoreline** — Operate as far from the shoreline as reasonably possible to reduce erosion, protect docks, and limit wake impact on other boaters and property owners.
- **Manage Wake Size** — Use ballast and operating practices responsibly, avoiding unnecessarily large wakes outside the recommended surf area.



- **Be Mindful of Noise** — Keep music and onboard audio at a respectful volume to avoid disturbing nearby residents and other lake users.

**Practice General Courtesy** — Remain aware of other boaters, swimmers, and anglers, adjusting speed and activity to maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone.

### Purpose

These recommendations are intended to balance recreational enjoyment with the long-term health of the lake, the protection of shoreline infrastructure, and the peaceful atmosphere of the Holiday Lakes community.



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## Quarterly Membership Meeting Schedule for 2026

Holiday Lakes Property Owner's Association quarterly Membership Meetings are designed to foster more meaningful communication about lake business, community events, and ongoing projects — while respecting everyone's time and availability.

**Meeting Schedule:** Effective for 2026, Membership Meetings will be held **quarterly: July 16 - October 15**. Our **Annual Membership Meeting** will remain the 1st Sunday in May, **May 3, 2026**.

**A Fresh Format for Better Engagement:** Alongside the new schedule, we're introducing an updated meeting format that puts **member input front and center**. Each quarterly meeting will include **Community Agenda Items**, giving members a chance to shape the conversation and raise topics that matter most.

We believe this new approach will strengthen collaboration, improve transparency, and make our meetings more impactful for everyone involved. Thank you for being an active part of the Holiday Lakes community — we look forward to this next chapter with you!

**Please submit agenda items by contacting the office at least one week before the meeting.**

**Additionally, you can now join our Membership meetings remotely, via Zoom!**

**(Links will be emailed each Quarter, allowing you to join).**



**Stickers and Wristbands are now available. Members must be in Good Standing to receive either of these items.**

To keep our community safe and compliant, all members must follow the updated registration guidelines for boats, golf carts, UTVs, and trailers.

**Sticker purchase and display deadline: June 15, 2026**

- All golf carts and UTVs must be registered with HLPOA.

**Current HLPOA stickers must be clearly visible on each vehicle.**

**Trailers:** Any trailer kept on Holiday Lakes property (including the marina) must have a sticker

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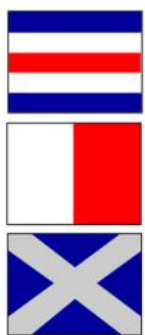
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**Social Comm Mtg: 7:30pm**  
May 13, June 10, July 8

All of Holiday Lakes events are planned by two committees; Lake Fest & Social Committee. Every year they gather once a month to plan and execute the Pancake Breakfasts, Poker Runs, Lake Fest, Duck Race as well as each Holiday Event. If you would like to be a part of each one of these events, whether it be planning or helping, please join us at the lodge. These events are not only a great way to meet other members but it's always a great way to get involved in your community.

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##### September 19, 2026 - Ohio Boating Education Course

Bass Pro Shops - Rossford location -  
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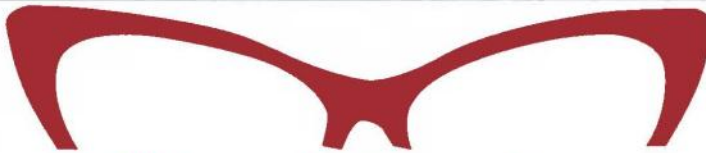
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