

UPPER HAY LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

June 22, 2026

Welcome and Call to Order: 5:04 pm

Attendance

- Members:
 - Present: Brad Schultz, Brad Kaus, Dennis Feltgen, Neil Beaverson, Whitey Larson, Claire Steen
 - Absent: Jack Woodruff
 - Vacancies: Two

Reading/Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting on June 1, 2026, and the Minutes of the Annual Meeting on June 4, 2026.

A motion to approve and accept the Minutes as written was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Neil offered several edits for the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, which were noted and accepted. A motion to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes as amended was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Dennis asked if the Board of Director Meeting Minutes could be posted on the UHLA website. The postings would cover one year of meetings since the last annual meeting. The Board concurred. Dennis will work with the webmaster to implement the addition.

Treasurer's Report:

There is a total balance of \$53,725 in checking, savings and CDs.

This reflects a bump of \$1,215 from annual fees and \$375 from additional contributions. There are 53 paid members, 22 of whom are from Hay Lake Lodge. Current membership is down from a few years ago when there were 100 paid members.

A discussion took place regarding ways to increase membership. Brad K. offered to remove the names of those who have paid, then send a reminder notice to the balance of emails of those who have not paid, of which there

are 68. The reminder notice will explain that we did not see you at the annual meeting and you have not paid your dues, adding we'd love to have you participate by submitting the enclosed form with a \$25 check.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Weed remediation at Hay Creek Outlet

At its April 27th and June 1st meetings, Board members had discussed the proposal removal of weeds to clear a 300 foot by 6-foot pathway on Hay Creek from the bridge to Upper Hay Lake. The approximate cost is \$4000 per day for up to five days. A factor in the cost is the weeds having to be downloaded at the public landing, which is on the other side of the lake and is very time-consuming. In addition, the weeds will return next year and beyond, requiring additional funds.

The Board decided not to move forward with removing the weeds due to the poor cost/benefit factor, agreeing that the \$20,000 cost for a benefit that is largely aesthetics is not justified.

This determination was reported to the membership at the annual meeting on June 4th, and a lively discussion took place, with lake resident Chuck Hadley firmly in favor of the project. A motion was passed to get more information from the contractor before making a final decision whether to move forward.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Board has done the research to its satisfaction and remains opposed to the project. However, if lake resident Chuck Hadley feels strongly about the weed remediation, he should take the lead in obtaining more information and specifics costs and then present those findings to the Board for consideration. Brad S. will contact Chuck Hadley

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New Business

Shoreline Restoration Feedback:

Claire Steen stated she has not been approached by anyone regarding shoreline restoration.

The Board agrees there is a lack of understanding of how the shorelines are damaging the lake, particularly from the weeds and algae.

Brad S. will provide a Newsletter article with DNR links along with highlights as to why we do shoreline restoration.

August Social Event

The event is scheduled to take place at Shiners in Jenkins on August 6th from 5pm-7pm. Subs and beverages can be ordered off the menu by each member at their expense.

Boat Races

At the annual member meeting of the Upper Hay Lake Association there was discussion on getting more involvement in the lake and associated activities. One suggestion is to organize youth boat races, specifically kayaks, canoes or other forms of non-motorized effort such as paddle boarding. This would take place later in July or August. In order gauge interest, Brad K will send an email to determine if the local youth (under 18) would be interested, including age, preferred mode, timing of events, etc. Responses would be due NLT July 5th.

If the responses are favorable and a date is agreed to, Brad S. will approach the Hay Lake Lodge to discuss using its launch area. The liability of the UHLA and Hay Lake Lodge will need to be determined.

Wake Boating link/map subscription

Brad S. proposed that the Board purchase a link and map subscription (at a cost \$150) that shows where it is safe to do wake boating on the lake. The link would be placed in the Newsletter in the hope that it would raise awareness of safest area for wake boating. A minimum of 20 feet dept is recommended. However, members of the Board expressed concern that

the DNR would not permit the wake boating areas to be marked with buoys and the areas and that the areas are not enforceable. After further discussion, the Board decided not to purchase the link, but information can be placed in the Newsletter regarding the link for purchase along with a map and depth of our lake.

Newsletter topics

Topics that will be covered in the next Newsletter will include:

- Bright daylight lamps along the shoreline at night
- Membership dues
- Shoreline restoration
- Algae concerns
- Wake Boats
- August 6th social event

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.