

HIDDEN LAKE

Aquatic Wildlife Management Committee ____

Meeting Minutes 10.24.2024

Location: Shore Rd

Committee Members:

Betty Barsevich, Keha Esposito, Mary-Beth Russo, Kerri Wilson (all present)
Karin Bullock (absent)

Associate Members:

Linda Lamitola (absent)
Mary Shea (present)

Guest: Kaylee Wilson (present)

Board Member oversight:

Jay Cassella (HLA Pres.) (present)

AGENDA:

1. Wildlife Sitings

⇒ Timber rattlesnakes, opossum, racoons, fox, beaver

2. Planning for Bat House Workshop

⇒ Bring tables, chairs and drills
⇒ Kerri-coffee and water, Betty-cider and cups, Keha-donut holes
⇒ Keha shared copies that she made of important information on bats and how to install the bat houses

3. Newsletter

⇒ Newsletter—Bats
⇒ Include piece on poisoning rodents and how that may affect bats

4. Fishing Line dangers

⇒ Blue heron was tangled in fishing line. Soby's and Peter L. freed it. Heron seems to be doing fine
⇒ Spring newsletter to include hazards to wildlife like fishing line and lead sinkers
⇒ Members discussed walking around edge of lake during draw down to collect any hazardous materials

1. Status of Pollinator Gardens on Shore and West Shore Beaches

⇒ Not much clean up needed since it's better to leave the leaves and plants for birds and wildlife
⇒ MB will clean out monarda in garden by HLA shed
⇒ Plant milkweed seeds now in both gardens

2. Miscellaneous

⇒ Take down Turtle Crossing signs

Next meeting date: TBD