

Harper Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2013
10:00 AM

Board Members Present: Dick Blumenstein (through face time), Kathy Abbott, Lisa Mullen (through face time), Randy Heemstra, Lance Lamar, Dave Kott and John Gochis

Meeting was called to order by Dick Blumenstein at 10:00 am.

- The first business item was to propose that Sue Badalucco take the board position left open due to the resignation of Fletcher MacGregor. She would fill this position until August at which time she would need to be put on the election ballot for a new term. Dick Blumenstein made a motion to accept this proposal with a second by Randy Heemstra. All were in favor.
- Board Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2012
The minutes were approved by a motion from Lisa Mullen and a second by John Gochis. All were in favor.
- Treasurer's Report
Two copies of budget information were handed out. One was the year to date budget sheet with an ending balance of \$16,612.86 as of 12/31/2012. This included some 2013 dues which were paid in 2012. The other copy was of the 2013 budget which showed that the ending balance as of 3/1/2013 is \$17,598.88. We have 88 paid members for 2013. This is an increase in membership due to the reminders sent out by Dave Kott. A motion was made by Lance Lamar and a second by Kathy Abbott to approve these reports. All were in favor.

Lisa Mullen also stated that she had worked out a budget including the increase in monies needed for the proposed weed control being looked at by the board. We had a budget of \$8000 but it would need to increase to \$13,975 for these added expenses which could leave us with an ending balance of \$8600 by year end.

It was also suggested that she move the 2013 dues collected in 2012 to the 2013 budget sheet. This will be done for the May membership meeting.

- HLA Standing Committee Reports
The Standing Committee report needs to be looked at and updated before the May meeting. Names of responsible members need to be changed as needed.

Dave Kott - HLA Web Site, Newsletter & Historian

Dave handed out a sample of the newsletter for May. He is trying to condense the articles to a one page newsletter. He also stated that he is trying to write teaser articles to create an interest by members to find out more about the subject in the article. This might get more members to attend the meetings to find out about the happenings on the lake. Any articles for the May newsletter need to be to Dave Kott by the middle of April. John Gochis would like to turn in a thank you article for the dredging project for those who lived with any inconveniences during this project. Lance Lamar will turn in an article concerning the fish planting.

Dave also asked all of the board members to take time and look at the new website. He would like feedback from the members. We need to look at the advertisements and try to increase this part of the site. Dave would also like to expand the site as needed and keep it updated to inform the members of any activities. Dick Blumenstein thanked Dave Kott for a job (Well done!). Dave stated that both Nancy Randall and Lee Trucks had a lot to do with the creation of the website. A question was asked about a blog being created as part of the site. Dave needs someone who has knowledge of blogs to help with this possibility. How do we connect this to Facebook, Twitter, etc.? Dave Kott and Lisa Mullen will meet to discuss this.

Randy Heemstra - Directory, Clothing/ Retail

Dick Blumenstein brought up the fact that since it was pretty costly for the mailing of the directories last year, he would be in charge of walking the directories to the paid member residences. It was mentioned that we should look into the possibility of emailing the directories instead of handing them out. Randy informed us that this year would be his last year for getting advertising for the directories. The board needs to start thinking of someone who might be interested in taking over this responsibility. Lisa Mullen actually maintains the directory listings and makes any corrections as needed. John Gochis mentioned that last year his email address was incorrect on the board member information page of the directory. We need to make sure this is corrected before this year's printing in August.

Randy informed the board that Sue Badalucco will be taking over the clothing/retail responsibility. He will meet with Sue to tell her what this requires. Lisa Mullen made a suggestion that we look at the possibility of creating a magnet with our website address on it. We all thought this was a great idea. It was also proposed that we use the website to promote our apparel. We could have pictures of members wearing the items from different locations like vacation sights, etc. An online ordering system could be created for the website.

Kathy Abbott - Picnic, Welcoming

A discussion was held concerning the possibility of cancelling the picnic (July 20, 2013) due to lack of past year's attendance. Dave Kott has an article in the May newsletter concerning the picnic. It was suggested to leave this article as is and then have discussion pertaining to the idea of cancelling it at the May membership meeting. A motion was made by Dave Kott to possibly cancel this event with a second by Lance Lamar. All were in favor. We will see how the discussion goes at the May meeting and then make a definite decision.

Lance Lamar - Fish, Waterfowl/Weed Control, Lake Maintenance/ Water Testing

No discussion on this.

Dave Kott – Poker Run

We received responses concerning block captains for the Poker run. Jim and Kathy Abbott will call the members to let them know if they will be dock captains or not. They will also email Howie Mullen with the names for the dock captains for this year's event.

- Review of Calendar of Events
No discussion on this agenda item.
- Review of the lake weed survey by PLM
Dave Kott suggested organizing the weed control plan according to the survey results we received from the last newsletter. This would include a contract for controlling milfoil, pond weed, water quality monitoring, continue with the Aquatic Vegetation Assessment survey and reduce the weeds in the launch area 30' out from the shore. It was felt that we could approve this without a membership vote based on the earlier survey results. The areas that were determined members wanted left alone would not be treated. Dave also said he would work with the homeowners in the launch area to explain what would be done. Dave will also contact Bob McDonald, Bob Randall, Bill Royce and Terry Magini to explain what our intentions are since they have been the individuals involved previously. The weed control will be discussed further at the May membership meeting and the map of the survey results will be presented. Harvesting of the native plants was also discussed. A motion to go ahead with the treatment as stated in Dave Kott's email was made by Kathy Abbott with a second by John Gochis. All were in favor.
- Other Items for Discussion
Just a reminder that the May membership meeting will be held at the new location, Elk Township Hall.

After the meeting Randy Heemstra made a suggestion to look into the possibility of having a Community Walk. We could all meet at a lake residence and then proceed with the walk with a lunch afterwards. An entry fee would be charged for a t-shirt and then the extra money could be donated to an area non- profit organization. It was suggested that he bring this idea up at the May meeting during the picnic discussion to see if this might take the place of the picnic for this year.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Abbott with a second by Lance Lamar. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 11:25 AM.