

Harper Lake Membership Meeting
May 25, 2013
9:00 AM

Board Members Present: Kathy Abbott, Randy Heemstra, Sue Badalucco, Lisa Mullen, Dave Kott, John Gochis, Lance Lamar
24 members attended and each one introduced themselves
Meeting was called to order at Elk Township Hall by Randy Heemstra at 9:05 AM.

Secretary Report

The minutes from the August 18, 2012 meeting were approved by the membership. Joe Landis motioned to accept with a second by Nancy Randall. All were in favor.

Treasurer Report

Lisa Mullen presented the 2013 budget report. She stated that we have 95 paid members compared to 80 members at this time last year. A thank you was expressed for all of Dave Kott's hard work getting the increase in paid members. Bill Royce questioned the fact that we had such a large balance in the account. Randy Heemstra suggested he wait to see what the meeting discussion was and then decide if there still was a concern. The ending balance as of 5/22/2013 is \$17,854.60. Nancy Randall made a motion to accept the report with a second by Donna Kott. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Asian Milfoil Treatment/PLM Contract/Weed Control/Water Testing

Dave Kott stated that because of last summer's extremely hot weather the weed growth in the lake became over abundant. Since we have not had a gypsy moth problem for a number of years, it was decided to take those funds and move them for weed control. If we do not continue to monitor Asian milfoil it could choke out the lake. Also there is a need to control the pond weed especially around the launch site. We will still be trying to keep a balance of good weeds for the fish population in the lake.

We have signed a contract with PLM to help with the weed control. They began with a lake survey showing the weed problem areas. Because of the results it was decided that some changes needed to be made in this area. Some of the water testing will now be done by PLM instead of lake volunteers. Asian milfoil will be treated early summer with another herbicide being used after July 4th. An e coli test will take place at the end of July along with a clarity water test. A schedule of all of the testing will be posted on the Harper Lake website.

John Gochis did bring up the question what happens if the gypsy moth returns. Where will the needed money come from? It was stated that even with the new PLM contract a balance would be left in the account so it could be used for that.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports

HLA Website

Check out the new website! Let Dave Kott know of anything for the website and he will post it on the site. He would like members to take pictures of themselves in Harper Lake apparel during their vacations. He will add these pictures to promote apparel sales. Lisa Mullen will look into the possibility of connecting facebook to the website so that we can post the great happenings on the lake.

Newsletter

It was stated that Dave Kott is doing a fantastic job with the newsletter.

Clothing Sales

Sue Badalucco was introduced as the new clothing sales volunteer. She had a great variety of apparel at the meeting with quite a few members purchasing the new items. Sue stated that if any other sizes and colors are needed, please contact her and she will get them ordered.

Directory

Randy Heemstra is still in charge of the directory. If anyone has changes, please contact him so that the information can be correct in the new directory. He also stated that we need to utilize the businesses who advertise as much as possible.

Picnic

It was decided that we will hold off having a Harper Lake picnic for a year since the attendance has been dwindling. We might have an impromptu pontoon boat picnic sometime this summer as an extra lake activity. It was also suggested that maybe we need to have the picnic at the beginning of the summer next time so that the new lake residents could be introduced to everyone.

Welcoming

Nancy Randall is in charge of welcoming new neighbors. She is in need of directory copies so that she can add those to her welcome packets. She informed us that we need to welcome the following residents to Harper Lake:

Derek Drudy
Ann & Gary Kozak
Bill & Julie Mullaly
Phil & Annette McCormack

Fish Planting

The fish planting took place. Dave Kott, Nancy and Bob Randall watched as the small fish were released into the lake. It was noted that crappies have been caught on the lake recently. A question was made asking if crappies have been part of the release program. They have not been since 1992. A population of them must still be in the lake. It was suggested that we all need to convey catch and release to the local community so that our fish stay in our lake.

Poker Run

The Harper Lake Poker Run will be held on Saturday, July 6th. The dock captains have been finalized. We still need to get a final location. A suggestion was made in regards to the prizes. Last year there were too few winners with a large amount of money as the prizes. Maybe we should consider giving out more prizes of less money. The dock captains will still be reimbursed \$50 each. The committee will meet to make final plans for the event.

ByLaws

Lisa Mullen is now in charge of the bylaws. No report at this meeting.

OTHER ITEMS

Randy Heemstra will leave the board. We need to replace him. Think about residents who might be interested in volunteering their time on the board.

Dave Kott handed out new ORV road trail maps for those interested. ORV's have been approved for all 12 months out of the year. Everyone needs to check the road rules before heading out.

Volunteers are needed for the road clean up around Harper Lake. The board will discuss the road clean up expansion at the meeting following.

Nancy Randall stated that the trash bins need to be removed. She feels they are an eye sore.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Royce. Second by Lance Lamar. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM