

**Harper Lake Membership Meeting**  
**August 31, 2013**  
**9:00 AM**

Board Members Present: Kathy Abbott, Randy Heemstra, Sue Badalucco, Lisa Mullen, Dave Kott, John Gochis, Dick Blumenstein  
30 members attended and each one introduced themselves

Meeting was called to order at Elk Township Hall by Dick Blumenstein at 9:00 AM.

**Secretary Report**

The minutes from the May 25, 2013 meeting were approved by the membership. Dave Kott motioned to accept with a second by Dave Martin. All were in favor.

**Treasurer Report**

Lisa Mullen presented the 2013 treasurer report. She stated that we have 95 paid members. We did spend money this summer with the majority of the expenses going to the lake maintenance. As shown on the report there was some income brought in from the apparel sales and a little from the poker run. The ending balance as of 8/31/2013 is \$11,620.34. Sue Badalucco made a motion to accept the report with a second by Karen Moler. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

Dave Kott stated that the lake needed less weed control on the milfoil this summer but needed more on the native weed prevention. Dave Kott and Dick Blumenstein went around with the representative from the PLM to locate the areas of concern. The PLM individual has never been allowed to go on the lake without a couple of lake members just to make sure the proper areas get treated. There was no application to the weeds in the southwest corner of the lake abiding to the request of the neighbors living in that area. Asian milfoil applications should definitely continue in order to prevent a serious condition later on. He also stated the native weeds in the launch area were treated and seems to have produced good results. The members present with residences in that area were very pleased and said the area looked the best it has in years. It was brought up that there seems to be an overabundance of weeds in the cove area of the lake and would like it to be looked at next time for possible application. Nothing was treated in the channel area. It seems that the deeper water area applications might not have been as effective as the shallower areas of the lake. The members present at the meeting agreed that this water treatment should continue if money permits. Nothing has been reported on a negative impact of fish with these applications of weed control.

Water samples were taken and results should be back in October with the results being published on the website. Three samples for e-coli were taken in different areas of the lake.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Voting of Board Members**

Randy Heemstra and Lance Lamar are off of the HLA Board. The new members voted in are as follows:

Lisa Mullen, Sue Badalucco, Dave Kott, Joe Kozak and Jim Brown

A motion to accept the new board members was made by Jerry Krause with a second by Bill Moler.

**Committee Reports**

**HLA Website**

Please use the website! Let Dave Kott know of anything for the website and he will post it on the site. He would like to have other board members to help with the website updates as necessary. John Gochis, Kathy Abbott and Sue Badalucco have offered to help. This month the Harper Lake directory was put on the site. If you want to check this out, please use the password Harper spelled backwards. If you notice any incorrect information being published in the directory, please contact Dave Kott and inform him of the changes.

**Newsletter**

The Harper Lake newsletters have been mailed according to calendar dates. They are also published on the website.

### **Clothing Sales**

Sue Badalucco stated that she has some new fall items and they will be on sale after the membership meeting outside of the township hall. If you have any suggestions on possible new items, please let her know and she will check it out. Items can be personalized through her for a small upcharge. Special orders can also be taken by her.

### **Directory**

The directory information has been updated. Jim Abbott is working on the advertising section. He sent out advertising information to 33 companies with quite a few positive responses. It was suggested by Jim Abbott to change the style of the directory to a stapled bi-fold design. This would be easier to use instead of just large sheets of paper. The directories will be passed out within the next few months after everything is set, proofed and printed. Please let a board member know of any changes before the information goes to the printer.

### **Picnic**

We did not receive any feedback from any homeowners about not having a picnic this year. We assume that it was not missed. If there is anyone who is interested in starting this event again, please let Kathy Abbott know.

### **Welcoming**

No report was made at this meeting.

### **Fish Planting**

A question was brought up about the fish planting. Is this something we should continue to spend money on? The consensus at the meeting was that we still should have the fish planting. Jim Abbott stated that he would like to check out the possibility of doing a fall planting of crappies in Harper Lake.

### **Poker Run**

The Harper Lake Poker Run will be held on Saturday, July 5, 2014. Three members offered to be dock captains for this event. They are the Mays, Kotts and Maginis. We will ask for more volunteers in the survey that will be sent out with the dues in the December newsletter. A few tweaks will be made for next year's event such as more dealers, making sure we get winner's names and better instructions to dock captains. Dave Martin also suggested that maybe we should have a best dock contest and a best decorated boat contest. These ideas will be decided on by the committee for the event. All in all it was a fantastic event with a total of ten prizes being awarded to the best hands of cards.

### **ByLaws**

Lisa Mullen is now in charge of the bylaws. She stated that the bylaws should be good until 2017.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

Bill Mullaly was questioning swim platform locations in different parts of the lake. Is there a rule about where they can be placed in the lake? He has concerns that some of them are out quite far and not lit for night boating. A notice will be put in the newsletter expressing this concern.

Donna Kott shared her concern about the rules sign in the launch area. Do we need to make this bigger or move the location so that the nonresidents using our lake will read and obey by these set rules? Should we include a catch and release statement?

It was stated that we need to take notice of people on the lake not following the rules, but be very polite when pointing this out to them. Communication is essential to the safety of Harper Lake.

There was a motion to donate \$50 to Elk Township for the use of the hall by Dave Kott with a second by Sue Badalucco.

Motion to adjourn by Sue Badalucco. Second by Dave Kott. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM

