

Harper Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2013
10:00 AM

Board Members Present: Kathy Abbott, Sue Badalucco, Lisa Mullen (facetime), Dave Kott, John Gochis, Dick Blumenstein, Jim Brown

HLA Member Present: Jim Abbott

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

- Board & Membership Meeting Minutes – August 31, 2013
The minutes were approved by a motion from Sue Badalucco and a second by John Gochis.
All were in favor.

- Treasurer Report
A balance of \$10,858.34 as of 10/30/2013 was shown on the report. The report was approved by a motion from Kathy Abbott and a second by Sue Badalucco. All were in favor.

- HLA Standing Committees
 - Sue Badalucco – Clothing/ Retail
In order to help with balancing the 2014 budget, Sue offered to increase our profit of apparel sales by increasing the cost to members a few dollars per item. She also stated that she would be willing to design a t-shirt for the Poker Run with sales being held at her dock during the actual event. The other apparel items will be sold at the Abbott's house during the final activities of the Poker Run. She would appreciate volunteers to help with loading and unloading the boxes in the proper locations. It was suggested that she order approximately 250 t-shirts based on last year's attendance.
 - John Gochis – Historian
John stated that he has been talking to Irons residents about history around Harper Lake. He has come up with some interesting facts but would love to have more input. He will write an article for the December newsletter asking for any pertinent information regarding the history of Harper Lake.
 - Dave Kott – Newsletter
Dave needs all articles by the end of November for the December newsletter in order for him to get it published by the mailing date.
 - Jim Brown – Poker Run
We have two dock captains assigned for the 2014 Poker Run but are in need of five more.
 - Kathy Abbott – Directory
Jim Abbott attended the meeting to express his concerns about delaying the directory until all of the 2014 dues paying members are received. This would cause the distribution to be delayed until Memorial Day weekend. When he asked for advertising from individuals he told them it would be published by the end of October. He also expressed his concern about having only paid members names in the directory. Some of the board members agreed that all property owners should be published in the directory but only the paid members should actually receive a copy.
After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the advertisers would be included in the December newsletter. Jim Abbott will send a pdf file to Dave Kott of the advertiser's business cards in order for them to be published in the newsletter. Jim will also give any checks he has received to Dave for deposit.
A letter will be written by Dick Blumenstein explaining that the directory will be delayed this year. These letters will be sent to all of the advertisers who have already paid for their spot in the directory. Jim Abbott will send Dick the excel sheet with the advertisers information.
The final decision was made to have the deadline of dues and information update as of February 15th with a March 15th date for the publishing of the directory. Dave Kott will send a reminder letter at the end of January to all property owners for dues and any information updates.
The website will contain the same information as the directory but will be updated as needed after the March 15th directory publication.

- Calendar Events 2014 (no changes were made)

Dec. 1, 2013	Articles to Dave Kott for newsletter
Dec. 7, 2013	Newsletter Mailing
March 29, 2014	Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Kott's
April 25, 2014	Articles to Dave Kott for newsletter
May 1, 2014	Newsletter Mailing
May 24, 2014	Membership Meeting 9:00 AM Elk Twp Hall
	Board Meeting 10:00 AM Elk Twp Hall
July 5, 2014	Poker Run (Times and Location TBD)
July 25, 2014	Articles to Dave Kott for newsletter
Aug. 1, 2014	Newsletter Mailing
Aug. 30, 2014	Membership Meeting 9:00 AM Elk Twp Hall
	Board Meeting 10:00 AM Elk Twp Hall
Nov. 1, 2014	Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Abbott's

- Development of 2014 Budget

It was decided that the intent of this board is to have approximately \$7000 in the bank account after 2014. After looking at the proposed budget there was concern that we are spending more than we are bringing in from the dues, etc. Because of this we increased the Retail income to \$1000 from \$800; Poker Run income from \$150 to \$500. This gives us a proposed income of \$6550. After a long discussion concerning the expenses proposed, we made the following changes:

Fish Committee	\$1500
Directory	\$300
Native Plant	\$2000
Contingency	\$0
Website	\$250

This gives us a proposed total expense at \$10,350. This means that we are proposing spending \$3800 more than we will collect from the property owners. Lisa Mullen will write an article for the newsletter explaining this dilemma and what might need to be done for 2015. This will need to be discussed at the membership meetings this summer. Where can we make cuts to make up for this deficit or do we need to raise dues? Are property owners willing to spend their own money for weed control in their areas of the lake? Do we really need to continue stocking fish in Harper Lake? These questions were all brought up as possibilities to overcome this problem.

A motion to accept this 2014 budget was made by Dave Kott with a second by John Gochis. All were in favor.

- Other Items for Discussion

John Gochis shared his concern about the letter being published in the December newsletter from Joyce McDonald. He stated that he had never seen the letter before Dave sent it to him as a board member even though his name was listed as a concerned property owner. It was decided that the names would be removed and just Joyce McDonald's name would be left on the letter.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Abbott with a second by Sue Badalucco. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 12:15.