

Harper Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes  
March 29, 2014  
10:00 AM

Board Members Present: Dick Blumenstein, Dave Kott, Lisa Mullen, John Gochis, Kathy Abbott (facetime) Karen Brower, Susan Badalucco

Absent: Jim Brown

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

- Board Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2013  
The minutes were approved by a motion from Susan Badalucco and a second by Dave Kott. All were in favor.
- Treasurer Report  
Lisa presented two reports, one ending 12/31/2013 and one as of 3/27/14. A balance of \$11,175.34 was shown as of 12/31/2013. A balance of \$15,430.34 was shown as of 3/27/2014. The reports were approved by a motion by Dave Kott and a second by Susan Badalucco. All were in favor. Lisa noted that we have 101 dues paying members for 2014 and that this exceeds prior years; Dave reported that he expects 5 more residents to pay.

#### HLA Standing Committees

##### Susan Badalucco – Clothing/Retail

Susan has started to price out t-shirt prices for poker run based on the suggested quantity of 250. She received one estimate over \$2,000 for silk screening. Karen has contacts and offered to provide Susan with contact information. Susan has concern that 250 units is too many and will continue to get quotes for 75 and 100 units. Susan is working on new merchandise for the spring meeting.

##### John Gochis – Historian

John has scaled back his research attempts during the winter months. Dave suggested he reach out to Ralph Fairbanks for Harper Lake history.

##### Dave Kott – Newsletter

Dave asked for feedback on the Spring newsletter and requested that all articles be submitted by April 25<sup>th</sup>. Dave asked Kathy and Jim to contact the possible dock captains. Dave suggested that we include the advertisers in the newsletter and Dick likes the exposure of the advertisers. It was agreed by all that they should be included. Karen suggested that a list of the advertisers be included as oppose to printing their business cards to keep costs down. Dave reported that the cost to print the newsletter will increase. Lisa asked why the newsletter was printed in color; Dave explained it was because of the pictures. Lisa suggested we consider eliminating color to reduce

printing costs. Susan suggested we email newsletter to as many members as possible to reduce printing and mailing costs and still mail the newsletter to those members we do not have email addresses for.

#### Jim Brown – Poker Run

Dave reported that we have 10 residents who offered to be dock captains; as mentioned above Dave asked Kathy and Jim to reach out to these 10 volunteers.

#### Kathy Abbott – Directory

The issue of whether non-paying dues property owners should be published in the directory was the main topic of discussion. Dick stated that because the title of the directory is called the “Harper Lake Association Directory” that only property owners who have paid their association dues should be included in the directory and if we want to change this to include all property owners then we have to go to the membership for a vote. Kathy pointed out that for the past several years the directory has included all property owners, she suggests we stay with what we have done for the current directory and go to the membership for a vote at the May meeting. Dave agrees with Kathy to some extent; he has three categories of property owners: residents who paid 2014 dues, residents who paid 2013 dues but not 2014 dues and residents who have not paid any dues. He suggests that we include property owners who paid 2013 dues in the directory because he feels that they will eventually pay the 2014 dues. Also, he recommends that we only distribute to those who have paid 2014 dues. Dick voiced several concerns about including personal information in the directory for non-paying property owners.

1. Do we have their permission to publish their information?
2. Who is going to maintain the roster for non-members since they do not submit an updated information sheet?

Lisa stated she feels that when a property owner pays their dues and returns the update information form they are giving us permission to publish their information. Lisa also commented that non-paying dues residents have been sent several reminders, the last one was 30 days ago. These residents have been given many opportunities to submit their dues and forms.

Dave Kott made the following motion:

The directory is to include property owners who paid the 2014 dues and property owners who paid the 2013 dues but have not paid the 2014 dues. The directory is to be distributed to only 2014 dues paying Association members. Lisa will do a follow up communication via letter and email to those property owners who paid 2013 dues stating that if we do not hear from them they are giving permission to include their 2013 name and contact information. Kathy Abbott second the motion. All were in favor.

Joe Koczak was very unhappy with our weed control protocol and deciding not to belong to the association. However, he would like to contribute \$55 as fish planting donation. Dave would like to include him in the directory. All agreed.

Fish committee – Dick Blumenstein

Dick stated that the application has been submitted for weed control. Also, he is in the process of filling out the permit for the fish planting. He asked the company what do they plan on stocking this year; according to them we will get

660 2"-4" Blue Gill

660 4"-6" Blue Gill

5 Gallons of minnows

Dick is attending a workshop in Boyne on invasive weeds in Michigan. There is no charge to the Association.

Dick asked if the Association should remain members and pay dues for Michigan Lake and Streams and McNalms. Motion made by Dave Kott to pay the membership dues for MLAS, second by Dick Blumenstein. All were in favor. Dave Kott made the motion to not pay the dues to McNalms this year and a second by Dick Blumenstein. All were in favor.

- Other Items for Discussion

Dave was approached shortly before today's meeting by a fellow resident asking if she could attend the meeting. Dave was not sure and asked the resident to contact Dick; Dick did not hear from the resident prior to the start of the meeting. Dick informed the board that the board meetings are public meetings and the public has the right to comment before or after the meeting but cannot participate in the Boards discussions.

Karen suggested we write up proposals for the directory issue to be distributed to the members at the May meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Mullen with a second by Dave Kott. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 11:15.