**Harper Lake Membership Meeting**

**May 24, 2014**

**9:00 AM**

Board Members Present: Kathy Abbott, Dick Blumenstein, Sue Badalucco, Dave Kott, John Gochis, Jim Brown, Karen Brower

39 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 August 31, 2013 meeting were approved by the membership. Sue Oleneack motioned to accept with a second by Roger Zeh. All were in favor.

**Treasurer Report**

Dick Blumenstein presented the 2014 budget report since Lisa was not able to attend. He stated that we have 110 paid members which is the highest amount we have had for quite some time. The ending balance as of 5/21/2014 is $14,051.26. Jim Abbott made a motion to accept the report with a second by Nancy Randall. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

Dick Blumenstein attended a meeting about lake weed control and learned that in order to treat the native plants in the lake as planned, the weeds need to be at least 12” high. Our weed population may not reach this height due to the cold winter conditions. He asked the members if we still wanted to go ahead with the treatment as planned or should we wait and reevaluate this as the time gets closer to the proposed treatment date. There was a motion made to let the weed committee make this decision for the homeowners by Jim Abbott with a second by Jeff Toy. All were in favor.

Dick Blumenstein stated that water testing had been done on Harper Lake by PLM with great results. Everything tested was within the normal range. Some of the testing results showed that our lake is more conducive to the warm water type of fish.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Committee Reports**

**HLA Website**

Please visit the Harper Lake website! Let Dave Kott know of anything for the website and he will post it on the site. The directory is posted on the site and in order to access the listing please use the password REPRAH which is HARPER spelled backwards.

**Newsletter**

If anyone wants to write articles for the newsletter, please do so and send them to Dave Kott. We are considering scaling back on the newsletter size because of the printing cost. We are also considering an emailed newsletter to some homeowners in order to alleviate some of the cost.

**Clothing Sales**

Sue Badalucco had a great variety of new apparel at the meeting with quite a few members purchasing the new items. There was also a clearance rack of old designed apparel. She stated that if any other sizes and colors are needed, please contact her and she will get them ordered. She does not carry a large amount of children items because of the size range. If you want a child size in an item she could possibly get it special ordered.

**Directory**

Kathy Abbott distributed the new directories to the association members at the meeting on Saturday. The remainder of the directories were left at the members’ residences on the lake by Dick Blumenstein and Sue Badalucco. Jim Abbott presented a proposal for the directories for next year. The proposal was as follows:

1. To the extent possible, include the following in the Harper Lake Directory
	1. All property owners on the lake
	2. Property owners on adjacent roads who have had a history of belonging to the HLA
2. Add the caption “Published by Harper Lake Association” to the directory
3. Distribute the directory only to paid HLA members
4. Charge a nominal fee ($2.00) for additional copies of the directory to paid members
5. Decide on a definite date for directory changes
6. Decide on a definite date for publication of the directory

After a long discussion, Nancy Randall made a motion to continue the directory in the same manner as before. We will publish all Harper Lake homeowners’ information and update the information as the changes are received. It will again only be distributed to paid HLA members. The board will agree on dates for the final updates and publication. This was seconded by Bill Mullaly. All were in favor.

**Welcoming**

Nancy Randall is in charge of welcoming new neighbors. We need to get her copies of the directory so that she can include them in her welcome packets.

**Fish Planting**

The fish planting took place. Dave Kott and Bob Randall watched as the small fish were released into the lake. The release included 640 2”-4” blue gill and 641 4”-6” blue gill with 5 gallons of flathead minnows. Instead of just releasing them in one spot Bob and Dave dispersed them around different areas of the lake.

**Lake Maintenance**

Dick Blumenstein informed the members that the Milfoil treatment will take place on June 16th. Sue Olenaeck asked about the muck pellets which were described in the PLM newsletter she received. Dave Kott stated that he had tried them a few years ago and they were no very successful in getting rid of the muck. If you would like to work on cleaning up your lake area you could contact the DEQ and get a permit. Lisa Mullen has done this and has information on how to go about doing this.

**Poker Run**

The Harper Lake Poker Run will be held on Saturday, July 5th. The dock captains have been finalized. We have the following homeowners listed:

Jim & Kathy Abbott – Headquarters

Roger & Kathy Zeh, Jim & Kathy Abbott – Dealer location with ending celebration

Jon & Debbie Casper, Frank & Janice Maggini, Steve & Dawn May, Diane & Mike Miller, Bill & Julie Mullaly, Kim & Gary Santo, Dave & Mary Joslin, Curt & Kim Walbridge – dock captains

Sue Badalucco & Scott & Phyllis Reyburn – apparel sales

The committee will meet to make final plans for the event. It was suggested to possibly have a map of the lake with docks noted that are stops. A final flyer will be distributed as time gets closer.

**Harper Lake History**

John Gochis has lived on the lake for 11 years and is interested in getting information on the history of the lake. If you have any information, pictures or letters etc. and would like to share it, please contact him. His main question is how did the lake end up with 100 homes around it? He will gather the information and put together an article to share with all of the homeowners.

**OTHER ITEMS**

Dick Blumenstein attended a weed control seminar which he found very interesting. Some of the items talked about were:

1. 49 of 50 states have lake weed problems
2. One of the problems associated with this is swimmer’s itch
3. The weeds are brought into the lakes on boat trailers and props
4. All treatment has an impact – doing nothing is the worse
5. Mechanical control is the worse type of treatment that can be used

He also showed the members a map of Harper Lake and where milfoil would grow if we do not continue the treatment plan. It was a very large area of the lake. We can never actually get rid of the milfoil but at least we can control it as much as possible.

It was noted that destruction has been made to the island area. Axes have been used on the trees and forts have been made. If you notice any of this being done, please ask them to stop.

A motion was made by Jerry Krause to pay $50 to Elk Township for the use of the hall for the meeting. A second was made by Roger Zeh. All were in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Nancy Randall. Second by Dave Kott. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM