

2016 Dates

May 28

HLA General
Membership Meeting
9 am @ Elk Twp Hall

Board meeting
will follow

September 3

HLA General
Membership Meeting
9 am @ Skinner Park

Board meeting
will follow

November 12

Board meeting

Harper Lake Association Board of Directors

Susan Badalucco,
President

Jim Brown, Vice President

Kathy Abbott, Secretary

Lisa Mullen, Treasurer

Karen Brower

John Gochis

Bill Mullaly

Jeff Toy

Bylaws Changes To Be Discussed at May Meeting

By Lisa Mullen

Several changes were discussed at the Fall 2015 membership meeting. These proposed changes are detailed below. The changes will be voted on by the association members at the meeting on May 28 at 9 a.m. at Elk Township Hall.

Article III Membership

Section 3

Old: Each member shall be notified in writing at the last address supplied by the member to the Association of all meetings, date, time, place, and purpose of meeting.

New: Each member shall be notified in writing or electronically at the last address supplied by the member to the Association of all meetings, date, time, place, and purpose of meeting and other Association communications as needed.

Article IV Meetings

Section 1

Old: The Association shall conduct two (2) general meetings each year.

A) May date shall be set at the August meeting.

B) An August date shall be set at the May meeting.

New: The Association shall conduct two (2) general meetings each year.

A) May date shall be set at the Labor Day meeting.

B) A Labor Day weekend date shall be set at the May meeting

Article VIII

Section 1

Old: Annual dues are \$55 payable by January 1 of each year.

New: Annual dues are \$55 payable by January 30 of each year.

Lake Treatment & Monitoring

By Jim Brown

As you may know, the Harper Lake Association elected to enter into a five-year contract with PLM Lake and Land Management Corporation. PLM will be conducting three lake surveys and weed treatments through the summer and one aquatic vegetation assessment site survey in the fall. We have enjoyed great service and have trusted the judgement of PLM for a number of years and believe they are well suited to serve us going forward.

The winter of 2015/2016 was mild and the ice cover on Harper Lake was thin and short lived. I contacted PLM to get their opinion of the potential effects and learned that they are very concerned about the Eurasian Milfoil growth being more than usual. They are also concerned that algae blooms may be more common in our region and will be watching our lake very closely.

PLM has set their 2016 tentative schedule as follows:

June 6 th	Lake Survey and Weed Treatment
July 11 th	Lake Survey and Weed Treatment
August 8 th	Lake Survey and Weed Treatment
September 5 th	AVAS Survey

2016 Fish Stocking

By Jim Brown

We are budgeted to spend \$1,500 on fish stocking this year and that should get us somewhere around 1200 hybrid bluegill ranging from 2"-6". The delivery will also include five gallons of fathead minnows, supplied as a supplement to the food chain. The subject of fish stocking has been discussed at all of the recent membership meetings and the board continues to discuss the topic at all board meetings.

I believe the program has been very successful, as I continue to hear folks talk about a noticeable increase in both fish size and availability. Unfortunately we are going to see an end in terms of funding, so we will need to get creative in order to continue the program. I know that in the past there was some success in soliciting donations and there may have been other fund raising activities. I would appreciate any ideas that you may have that would allow us to continue at some level.

Board of Directors Election

By Susan Badalucco

Would you like to get involved with the maintenance and preservation of our Harper Lake community? If yes, notify any board member and request that your name be included on the 2016 ballot.

Are you interested, but not sure if you have the time to commit? Well, if elected at the fall membership meeting, a director may serve for three consecutive two-year terms. The Board meets four times a year, early spring, Memorial Day weekend, Labor Day weekend and late fall. There are several committees to pick from, some require more time than others; some require more skills than others.

If you have more questions, please contact any of the current board members and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Harper Lake Apparel Update

By Susan Badalucco

The new Harper Lake Association apparel selections along with our Loon Logo merchandise will be available for sale at the Spring Membership meeting on Saturday, May 28th.

Looking for a certain item, color or size? Email me at sbadalucco@yahoo.com and I will do my best to get it for you.

This year we will be offering a special T-shirt to raise money for the 2017 fish stocking program. My goal is to have a sample shirt on display at the Spring Membership meeting and will begin to take orders at that time.

Have You Paid Your HLA Dues Yet?

If you haven't yet paid your Harper Lake Association dues for 2016, we've included another copy of the dues form below.

Membership dues are used for invasive weed control, water quality testing, annual fish stocking, lake buoy maintenance, website fees, newsletters, insurance, enforcement of bylaws, membership meetings and administrative expenses.

If you have questions about your dues or need to check to see if you've paid your 2016 dues, contact Treasurer Lisa Mullen at 616.490.0787 or howiemullen@comcast.net.

2016 Harper Lake Association Dues Payment

Harper Lake Property Address: _____, Irons, MI 49644
 Lot # / Subdivision Name _____

	Property Owner(1)	Property Owner(2) <i>if multiple</i>
First/Last Names		
Primary Mailing Address <i>(if different than above)</i>		
Email address		
Can we email communications whenever possible?	_____ Yes _____ No	_____ Yes _____ No
Phone Numbers: Irons		
Cell #1		
Cell #2		
Other Phone		
I would like to volunteer for: <i>(please check if interested; a board member will contact you with details)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Poker Run Dock Captain <input type="checkbox"/> Poker Run Planning/Implementation <input type="checkbox"/> Weed Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Stocking <input type="checkbox"/> Apparel <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Poker Run Dock Captain <input type="checkbox"/> Poker Run Planning/Implementation <input type="checkbox"/> Weed Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Stocking <input type="checkbox"/> Apparel <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Website

2016 Dues: \$55. Please detach the dues payment form from your newsletter and mail it with check payable to Harper Lake Association, P.O. Box 53, Irons MI 49644. Dues payments are requested by January 1 for budgeting and directory purposes. Thank you!

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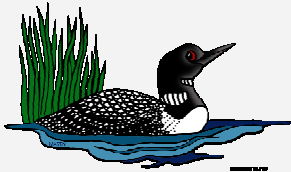
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