

Harper Lake Membership Meeting
IATA Skinner Park, Irons, MI
September 2, 2017
9:00 AM

Meeting was called to order at Skinner Park by Sue Badalucco at 9:10 AM

Roll Call of board Members:

Sue Badalucco, Jim Brown, Dawn May, Karen Brower, Jeff Toy, Kevin Storberg, Bill Mullaly

Absent: Lisa Mullen

12 members attended and each one introduced themselves

Secretary Report

The minutes from the May 27, 2017 meeting were approved by the membership.

David Kott motioned to accept with a second by Scott Reyburn. All were in favor.

Treasurer Report

Lisa Mullen was absent. Sue Badalucco presented the minutes. 97 dues were collected. Merchandise sales were down leaving the expenses high at this point. There is one more bill for Milfoil treatment and water quality left for the 2017 year. Roger Zeh was given \$150 worth of gift cards for his generous service in publishing the directory over the past few years. HLA insurance was paid in 2016. Extra monies came for the Fish Stocking donations after the fish were planted. This money, \$155.00, will go to next year's Fish Stocking program.

Lisa Mullen completed her term on the board. Thank you Lisa for all of your hard work.

Bill Royce made a motion to accept the report with a second by Larry Noble. All were in favor.

Election of Board Members

There were 12 ballots filled out and returned. There were no write in candidates noted. The following members were voted to begin their two year term:

Jeff Toy, Annette McCormick and Larry Noble

OLD BUSINESS

Asian Milfoil Treatment-Jim Brown

Jim is working on a different format for mapping the lake. He is working on creating an official map that is charted properly to be able to highlight areas that have been treated or need to be treated. Jim Brown and Bill Mullaly were on site for the June 14, 2017 treatment. There were 3 large areas that needed to be treated. Jim Brown, Kurt Wallbridge, Larry noble and Dave Kott were on site for the July 24, 2017 treatment. The last treatment is scheduled to take place on September 5, 2017. The water quality test is done the day after the last treatment of the year. Historically there has never been a problem with the water quality of the lake. 20 Feet of water clarity was reported.

Fish Stocking-Jim Brown

Jim Brown, Bill Mullaly and Kevin Storberg were on the lake for the Fish Planting. 1900 Hybrid Blue Gill were put around the lake at a cost of \$2600. The fish are distributed around the lake using 25-gallon buckets and large trash cans. This year's stocking day was very warm and there was concern about the fish dying. All fish made it into the lake alive. More Volunteers are needed next year. Bob Randall would like the board to check into getting regular Blue Gills instead of Hybrids. Jim will look into this. The hybrid is more aggressive, yet hardier. They do reproduce but how much isn't known. The survivor rate of the Hybrid Blue Gills was questioned but there isn't a true way to check this. Most feel it is worth the money for the enjoyment of fishing on the lake. The State Biologist does encourage and support our efforts of planting fish, but it is strictly volunteer. 3 large Pike were caught over this past winter.

Harper Lake Day-

The first annual Harper Lake Day started with our first Kids Fishing Contest ran by Jim Brown, Kevin Storberg, Jeff Toy and Bill Mullaly. 14 kids, 16 & under, entered the contest held at Jeff and Kathy Toy's dock. Some used boats, some used kayaks and some fished off docks and land. The contest was a Catch and Release contest. The clarification of meeting times and locations was addressed. The committee will be very diligent in clarifying this item next year. Our apologizes to the Kotts for their early awaking on that day.

The second event of the day was the Kids Scavenger hunt held at Steve and Dawn May's dock. We had 22 teams of kids, with 2-4 players per team, participate in the Photo Scavenger Hunt. The kids had until 7pm to finish. Every child received a prize for turning their sheet in and 3 winners were awarded the grand prizes.

The third event of the day was the Float Parade. This year there were 6 docks that hosted, including one that were renters but wanted to join the fun. The theme for the year was Thru the Decades-from 1950's to the 1980's. 40 boats participated and over 60 prizes were handed out during the final drawing.

The day ended with a Boat Parade and fireworks done by the residents of Harper Lake. Thank you to all who volunteered and donated prizes. Plans for next year are being planned.

NEW BUSINESS

HLA Website/Newsletter and Facebook Page - Karen Brower

Karen Brower updates both the HLA website, www.harperlakeassociation.org, and the HLA Facebook Page, Harper Lake Association. Over the past year Karen updated and posted about Membership Dues, Spring and Fall association meetings, updates from the Irons Area Tourist Association, various local events, Harper Lake Day information, pictures from the lake and many other informational items. Excellent Job Karen. If you would like to see any other additional information, please contact Karen Brower.

Clothing Sales- Sue Badalucco

Sue Badalucco had a variety of new apparel at the meeting and a clearance table of older design apparel. It was Susan's last year on the board and doing apparel. Thank you Susan for your time and talents. Dawn May will be taking over the apparel.

Directory-Sue Badalucco

The directory was changed to a Spread Sheet format. Any new and or changed information should be sent in. Advertising charges are \$25 for a business card sized ad. The Directory was available at the meeting and will be mailed out to members.

Other Items:

*Dave Kott proposed to purchase a new sign at the Boat Launch. The current one needs to be updated and refreshed. The board will discuss this at their next meeting.

*The topic of garbage was also largely discussed with the removal of the blue bag drop off site. The HLA board is willing to communicate information and rules but does not enforce them. Karen Brower is willing to post information on this topic on our Facebook page

Motion to adjourn by David Kott. Second by Larry Noble. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.