

Harper Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2017
9:00 AM

Board Members Present:

Jim Brown, Karen Brower, Jeff Toy, Bill Mullaly, Kevin Storberg,
Annette McCormick and Larry Noble

Absent: Dawn May (Phoned into Meeting)

Meeting was called to order by Jim Brown at 9:03am

Board & Membership Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2017

Changes to be made: removing Karen Brower from handling the Directory to Jeff Toy and Annette McCormick.

The Board minutes were approved by a motion from Karen Brower and a second by Bill Mullaly. All were in favor.

Dawn May submitted the wrong Membership meeting minutes. These have not been approved. Dawn will have these at the next Board meeting on Feb. 3, 2018.

Treasurer's Report – September 2, 2017

Jeff Toy has taken over the Treasurer's report and has been working with Lisa Mullen (past Treasurer) to familiarize himself with everything. He has recreated the check registry for Jan – Dec 2017. The checkbook has been balanced every month. Deposits for membership dues and Fish Stocking are being made. Jim Brown checks the post office every week and takes pictures of the checks and sends them to Jeff. Bill Mullaly made a motion to approve the report with a second by Karen Brower. All were in favor.

Calendar Events 2018

Feb. 3, 2018 Board Meeting 9:00 AM at Jeff Toy's cottage

May 26, 2018 HLA General Membership Meeting 9am Skinner Park
HLA Board Meeting to follow

July 7, 2018 Harper Lake Day 7am-5pm

Sept. 1, 2018 HLA General Membership Meeting 9am Skinner Park
HLA Board Meeting to follow

Committee Reports:

Newsletter, Website & Facebook page-Karen Brower

Karen has been updating all of the Harper Lake information. The newsletter and dues information will be going out in a few weeks. Dues continue to be \$55 with a line item included for Fish Stocking donations. The suggested amount is \$10 per member. Jim Brown will be submitting articles regarding Weed Control and fish stocking. Karen has updated the HLA website with the new Board members and listing for important dates for the coming year. She is also working on changing the

slide show at the top of the web page. Bill Mullaly sent an amazing aerial picture of the lake from this fall. Karen has been posting information on the HLA Facebook page every few weeks. Some of her posts include bear sightings, trash information, and other Irons activities and information. Karen does an amazing job and she welcomes any information to pass along to our members.

Directory-Jeff Toy & Annette McCormick

Past board member, Susan Badalucco, was in charge of the directory for the past years. Now that her term is done the board had to decide whom would be doing this job. Jeff Toy and Annette McCormick will be compiling the list. The hope is to have the list ready for review by May 1st, 2018 and distribution will be over 4th of July weekend. Last year only 2 ads were placed in the directory. It is the hope that more effort will be put into this in the coming year. Each ad will remain \$25 for a business card sized ad in the directory and advertising on our HLA website. Discussion was held on looking back into old minutes for clarification on whom gets the directory, all residents or only dues paying members.

Harper Lake Day-Dawn May, Karen Brower

Jim, Jeff, and Kevin will continue to start HL Day off with the Fishing Contest. The plan is to have more information this year available for the May Membership meeting with clarification of location and rules. Jeff is willing to host the Contest at his dock again. Dawn will create the Scavenger Hunt again this year, making improvements from last years. Dawn would like to find someone else to host the Scavenger Hunt off from their dock with the hopes of getting more people involved. Karen and Dawn will take on the responsibilities of the Dock Party. More information will be discussed at the next meeting with additional meetings, emails and phone calls as needed.

Clothing and Retail-Dawn May

Dawn has taken over the apparel form Susan Badalucco. The inventory is currently being stored at the Santo's cottage as Dawn's cottage is being remodeled. Dawn will be taking an inventory of the current merchandise and contacting O'Keeffe Reef, Inc for a catalog and information on ordering new inventory.

Fish and Waterfowl-Jim Brown

At the last board meeting concerns were raised as to why we only plant Hybrid Bluegills. Jim looked into this question and it is recommended by the DNR to stay with our current plan. While Perch and native Bluegills do reproduce the Hybrids don't as much. This is because 95% of the fish stocking is male species leaving only 5% female. The issue of shocking the lake to rid it of pike and restocking with the preferred fish is an issue that has been discussed. The unknown cause and effect remains a question to be answered. There would also have to be membership agreement. At this time, we are choosing to not make any significant changes to the lake. We will continue to encourage the fish stocking donations.

Buoys-Jim Brown

The Buoys are currently in storage for the winter. Concerns over placement of the buoys will be addressed in the spring. Bill Mullaly has been checking into installing Solar lights on the buoys that will be used to illuminate the buoys but not be offensive to residents close to them.

Weed Control-Jim Brown

We were able to stay within our budget for lake surveys, water quality testing and weed control. We are contracted with PLM Lake and Land Management thru the year 2020. The June survey showed substantial amounts of Eurasian Watermilfoil and treatment was carried out at that time. July was a better survey with only a minimal amount near the boat launch with treatment applied. In September, PLM discovered the presence of a new invasive species. Starry Stonewort was discovered near the boat launch. This is another plant that we will have to contend with. This new plant is being brought into the lake from boats that have not been thoroughly cleaned off after being in another lake. Treatment was carried out and will be monitored closely in the upcoming year. Jim Brown created a detailed map showing the locations of the two different invasive plants. This map will be included in the next newsletter.

Water Testing-Jim Brown

The results of last water testing were not back for this meeting. There have been no signs of threatening issues.

Road Clean up-Jim Brown

HLA is responsible for cleaning up parts of Granger Road. The residents of and around the lake are cooperative in helping with the cleaning efforts. At this time there is no formal date set for clean-up.

Welcoming Committee-Jeff Toy, Kevin Storberg & Jim Brown

There are new residents on the lake and we will be welcoming them with a packet of information. This should also include a Harper Lake Association application and a short letter stating the benefits of being apart of the HLA. We welcome all whom have deeded lake access.

Lake Rake-Bill Mullaly

HLA has Lake Rakes available for use. They are held by Bill Mullaly and Dave and Donna Kott

By-laws-Jim Brown

The By-laws were reviewed 2 years ago with small adjustments being made about information being sent electronically. There are no changes at this time.

Historian- Jim Brown

John Gochis has been the historian in the past. He is still willing to attend to this and has stored information and documents regarding Harper Lakes history. Jim Brown

is also willing to be the HL Historian and expressed concern over safe keeping of any documents regarding HL. It was suggested we look into saving this electronically and having a designated box to store any material that would be available to any that wish to see it. The HL website has our history on it for anyone to view at this time.

Other Items for Discussion

- Insurance Review-There was a \$188 increase to cover liability on the Directors of the Harper Lake Association Board member. This is to protect, in case of a lawsuit, the board members who all volunteer their time to safeguard Harper Lake. Annette McCormick is willing to shop around for different insurance to check on rate compatibility. Another issue brought up was the introduction of Unmanned Air Vehicles (Drones and RC boats) and whether we need to be concerned with coverage on the items. We will ask Dave Kott, our insurance agent, to check with the under writer. Posting this on our website and social media would be a good idea.
- Jim would like a Committee Task Outline to be created. A creation of typical task schedule for all committee members. Example; Fish stocking should be at an earlier date, newsletter article due dates and Directory distribution.
- There have been suggestions of shutting down the Boat Launch for years. Many previous board members have checked into this subject in the past. As of now there are no plans to close the Boat Launch to public access.
- Larry Noble shared information about the rental properties on the lake and dealing with their trash issues. As of now there isn't anything the HLA board can do about this problem. We suggest that owners be courteous and helpful to your lake neighbors.
- New Sign at the Boat launch-The sign at the boat launch needs to be replaced and relocated to a different location at the boat launch where it can be noticed more. It is currently obstructed by a willow tree and the information on it should be updated to meet the needs of Harper Lake. The board is looking into a design person and/or sign maker to create a new one. With the addition of yet another invasive species to our lake it is important to include information about cleaning off any and all boats entering Harper Lake. The sign on the Island is also in need of being replaced. We will be looking into who is responsible for replacing the sign, the DNR or the National Forest Association.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dawn May with a second by Karen Brower. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 11:20 AM.

Next meeting will be February 3 at Jeff Toy's house at 9:00am