

**Harper Lake Association Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, August 31, 2019**  
**7:30 AM**  
**Skinner Park-held prior to Association Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by Jim Brown at 7:30am.

Roll Call of board Members: Jim Brown, Karen Brower, Dawn May, Ann Storberg, Kevin Storberg, and Annette McCormack. Absent Bill Mullaly.

**Secretary Report-Dawn May**

The minutes from the May 25, 2019 Harper Lake Association Board meeting were approved by the board. Kevin Storberg made a motion to accept the minutes with a second by Jim Brown. All were in favor.

**Treasurer Report-Ann Storberg**

The Bank Statement balance as of August 31, 2019 was \$17,459.75.

2019 Harper Lake Association Membership due, at this time, are 85 properties.

We are on budget and a few double paid. Annette and Ann will work on cleaning up the mailing list. Doing a 2<sup>nd</sup> mailing on non-paying members was discussed. We would like to get at least 94 dues payments this year. The highest number, to date, was 104 paying members.

Harper Lake Day donations are \$367.50. Fish Stocking donations are \$799.88.

Directory Ads are \$100, 4 @ \$25. SAD is completed and came in under budget due to the use of the Michigan Township Legal counsel, instead of hiring our own.

We discussed if we should change the amount for the HLA dues. Per our bylaws, a reduction can only be done by a vote of the membership at a regular meeting, after a notice has been sent out. The dues for 2020 will remain the same at \$55. The board will propose a dues reduction for 2021 prior to the May 23, 2020 membership meeting. Ann suggested we create a detailed explanation of where the dues will be used in the future.

Jim Brown made a motion to accept the Treasurers report with a second by Kevin Storberg. All were in favor. Motion passed.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### **Harper Lake Association Web Site, Newsletter and Face Book Page**

#### **Karen Brower**

Karen will publish the fall newsletter with information about the SAD, fish planting information and dates for 2020. The website will be updated with information regarding the SAD, District documents, and updates on the board. Karen will continue with Facebook updates, including information about the Dublin Store fire.

#### **Directory-Annette McCormack**

Annette reported that no directories have been returned in the mail at this time. Do we want to continue to do the directory annually or bi-annually? We will discuss at the December board meeting. We would like this to go out next year before Memorial Weekend and include an updated Lake Rules magnetic sheet. Annette and Ann discussed eliminating the extra tabs on the spread sheet to eliminate confusion. Kevin and Annette will work on creating a letter to distribute to business for ad placement. This should include a bill attachment for easy payment. We would like to follow up with phone calls to the business the letter is distributed to. (Find out who lives in the “Pearl” house. I have no idea why I wrote this down. Does anyone remember?)

#### **Retail-Dawn May-**

Dawn reached out to O’Keefe’s Reef through an email inquiring if they would be willing to create a separate web page for Harper Lake apparel on their business site. They are not able to do this as it is too costly for them. They suggested we put together 6-12 items/designs and make an order form. Members could email them the order but payment would have to be determined. Does the Association want to make money off from the orders? They usually do a turn-around of two weeks on their orders. (They did a website order for their Support Dublin Store T-shirts after the fire. I’m wondering if they are willing to do the same for us now? I feel like I haven’t done the HL apparel justice and would like someone else to take this over. Can we talk about it at our next meeting please?)

### **Harper Lake Day 2019-Dawn May**

The event was held on Saturday, July 6, 2019. The theme was Sports.

The Brown family and the Toy family hosted the 3<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fishing contest.

We had a total of 16 fisher-persons. 14 return participants and 2 new ones.

1<sup>st</sup> place winner was Emma Gill. Her bluegill totaled 22 inches and she won a rod and reel. 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner went to Trenton Brown with a 7.5-inch bluegill which brought him a new tackle box.

The Kids Scavenger Hunt was held on the May family dock. We had 56 scavenger hunt participants. Most kids went home with a prize.

We had 6 dock captains, 220 participation cards turned in and a total of 70 prizes donated or bought by the HL Assoc. Next year's date for Harper Lake Day is July 4, 2020 with the theme of Celebrating America and Harper Lake with Red, White and Blue Patriotism.

### **Buoys-Bill Mullaly-Kevin Storberg**

The buoys will be taken out by Kevin and new board member Bob Hayes.

### **Granger Road Clean up-Jim Brown/Storberg's**

Kevin and Ann will be arranging a road clean-up crew sometime in October. Ann filled out the Road Clean up form and submitted it.

**By Laws- Jim Brown-** We will need to review the bylaws at the Fall 2019 meeting and make amendments for the SAD and change of dues amounts.

**Welcoming Committee-Kevin Storberg-** Need to check to make sure all new cottages have been invited to join Harper Lake Association and given a welcome packet. Kevin will be looking into the Welcome Packets. KEVIN!!! DO THIS!!!

### **Lake Rake-Bill Mullaly/Annette McCormack**

The Lake Rake is available. It's always available. It's currently hibernating.

### **Lake Water Quality-Jim Brown**

Not scheduled for the 2019 season. Will look into for 2020.

## **Fish & Waterfowl-Jim Brown**

On June 6, Jim Brown and several HLA members helped with the fish stocking program. On that day they placed 1,000 hybrid bluegills and 14,000 fat head minnows. Jim contacted the volunteers from the volunteer sign-up sheet handed out during the Spring Membership meeting. Jim reminded us that we obtain our permit from the State of Michigan and we get our fish from the Cadillac Fisheries. They usually contact Jim about a week out through an email.

## **Lake Weeds-Jim Brown**

Weed control costs for 2019: \$3509.00

June 12, 2019	2 ½ acres, Eur. Milfoil, mostly by sunken island	\$1397.00
July 22, 2019	1 ¾ acres, Eur. Milfoil, sunken island & boat launch	\$962.00
August 8, 2019	2 acres, starry stonewart, all at boat launch	\$750.00

(Started treating starry stonewart in 2017)

We have concerns about the Boat House testing their boats at Harper Lake. Kevin offered to talk to Chad, the owner, about using other lakes or making sure all boats are cleaned before entering.

## **Other Business:**

We would like to create a formal Winter Event for 2020. This might include an ice fishing contest and a chili cook off. We need to discuss this at our December meeting.

We discussed finding out which properties are rental properties and make sure they have the rules posted. We've had problems with boats going the wrong direction, not following the no wake rules and speeding. Kevin suggested inviting the Sherriff to the spring membership meeting.

We discussed including an event for the Sunday after Harper Lake Day called "Clean Harper Lake Day". Will discuss at December board meeting. We also need to find the HLA banner and meeting signs.

Should we consider creating a Fish/weed committee? They would not be required to come to board meetings but would submit a report or have a board representative apart of the committee.

## **Officers for 2020**

Karen Brower-President,  
Ann Storberg-Treasurer,  
Officers:

Annette McCormack-Vice President  
Dawn May-Secretary

Kevin Storberg, Bill Mullaly, Heather Davis, & Bob Hayes

\*Need to move Membership meetings back to Elk Township Hall.

## **Calendar of events:**

December 14, 2019 Board only - 9:00am - Annette McCormack Hosting

February 8, 2020 Board only - 9:00am - Karen Brower Hosting

May 30, 2020 Board Meeting and Membership Meeting  
Board at 7:30am/Membership at 9:00am  
Elk Township Hall

July 4, 2020 Harper Lake Day-Red, white and Blue theme

September 5, 2020 Board Meeting and Membership Meeting  
Board at 7:30am/Membership at 9:00am  
Elk Township Hall

## **Motion to Adjourn**

A motion to Adjourn was made by Kevin Storberg and Seconded by Ann Storberg.  
All in Favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00am