

Harper Lake Association Membership Meeting
Saturday, August 31, 2019 - 9:00 AM
Skinner Park, Irons, MI

Meeting was called to order by Jim Brown at 9:01 am.

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

HLA members introduced themselves. 12 members were present.

Secretary Report-Dawn May

The minutes from the May 25, 2019 Harper Lake Association Membership meeting were approved by the membership. Karen Brower made a motion to accept the minutes with a second by Annette McCormack. 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.

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

Directory Ads are \$100, 4 @ \$25.

The 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. The board will work on a detailed list of how our dues will be used.

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 directories had been mailed out and at this time no directories have been returned in the mail.

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. The board will discuss future ideas at their December meeting.

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 3rd Annual Fishing contest.

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

1st place winner was Emma Gill. Her bluegill totaled 22 inches and she won a rod and reel. 2nd 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 years 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 Storberg will be arranging a road clean up crew sometime in October. The dates will be posted on the HLA Facebook page. HLA takes care of Granger (starting at 10 ½ mile road) to the DeWitt Bridge. If you are out enjoying our beautiful area, please consider carrying a garbage bag to help keep it clean.

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

Welcoming Committee-Kevin Storberg-Harper Lake has had a lot of property changes recently. If you know someone who is new to the lake please let one of the HLA board members know.

Lake Rake - Bill Mullaly/Annette McCormick

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 into Harper Lake. All fish were reported to have lived during the planting. Jim contacted the volunteers from the volunteer sign-up sheet handed out during the Spring Membership meeting. Thank you to Jim and all of our volunteers. 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.

As always, the Fish Stocking is a big topic. Just a reminder that we are only allowed to plant what the DNR allows us to plant. Every year we question if our lake is changing and if doing the fish planting is worth it. At this time, it is the general consensus that we will continue to plant. The last Fish Netting was done in 2000. The board will look into the costs of doing one in the future.

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.

The SAD was accepted and property owners will be charged \$50.00 on their fall taxes. The original cost for the SAD was \$42.76. The township decided that it should be \$50.00 to cover any additional costs that may incur.

The total cost of the SAD is divided by the 38 properties on Harper Lake. If there are any monies left after they 7-year SAD it will be rolled over into the next SAD or returned to the property owners.

We would like to stress the importance of maintaining a Harper Lake board. The State of Michigan does not maintain our lake. The members of the Harper Lake Association make the decisions to hire and monitor the weed control company, water quality testing and fish planting.

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 making 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

Annette McCormick-Vice President

Ann Storberg-Treasurer

Dawn May-Secretary

Officers:

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 Jim Brown and Seconded by Kevin Storberg. All in Favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:07am