

**Harper Lake Association Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, February 8, 2020**  
**9:00 AM**  
**Hosted at Karen Brower's house**

Meeting was called to order by Karen Brower at 9:00 A.M.

Roll Call of board Members: Karen Brower, Annette McCormack, Dawn May, Ann Storberg, Kevin Storberg, Heather Davis. Absent Bill Mullaly and Bob Hayes.

**Secretary Report-Dawn May**

The minutes from the December 14, 2019 Harper Lake Association Board meeting were approved by the board. Ann Storberg made a motion to accept the minutes with a second by Heather Davis. All were in favor.

**Treasurer Report-Ann Storberg**

The Bank Statement Balance as of January 1, 2020 was \$14,737.37

The Bank Statement Balance as of February 5, 2020 was \$16,777/37

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2020 Harper Lake Association Membership dues paid, at this time, are 48 properties. We will be budgeting for 70 members paying dues are on budget.

Total budget will be \$4675.00. We are currently at 2580. Down \$2095.00 at this time.

We will be budgeting \$500 for Harper Lake Day and \$100 in donations. We currently have \$185 in donations. Dawn May turned in and was paid \$203.63 in expenses.

We are budgeting \$1000 for Fish Stocking and \$800 in donations. We currently have \$455 in donations.

We are budgeting \$150 for the directory and \$75 for the directory ads. No monies have been collected at this time.

Welcome committee will have \$50 budgeted.

Harper Lake donation is at \$100. (what was this for?)

Total income is \$5650 with our actual at \$3220.00 with a difference of -\$2430.

We will budget \$800 for the SAD.

Website budget is \$170, actual is \$166.95

Newsletter and Dues budget is \$250.00.

Meeting expense budget is \$150.00. (meetings held at Elk Township hall are free with a \$75.00, per meeting, deposit)

Copies for meetings budgeted at \$100 (Many board members pay for their copies)

P.O. Box budget at \$38.00.

Corporate fees budget at \$20.00

MLAS conference & membership is budgeted for \$175.00. (Pays for 1 member to attend conference and receiving informational mailings)

HLA insurance is budgeted for \$765.00, actual is at \$762.00.

Total association expense are at \$2,468.00.

Kevin Storberg made a motion to accept the 2020 budget with a seconded by Annette McCormack. All in favor. Motion passed. Annette McCormack made a motion to accept the current Treasurers report with a second by Kevin Storberg. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Harper Lake Day 2019-Dawn May**

The event will be held on Saturday, July 4, 2020. The theme will be Celebrating Harper Lake and Red, White and Blue Patriotism. We will continue with the events we have been doing. Fishing contest, scavenger hunt and float parade.

### **Fish and Waterfowl, Weed Control, & Boat Launch-Kevin Storberg**

Kevin attended a weed control meeting with Bass Lake, Loon Lake, and Elbow Lake. The purpose of this new group is to use joint resources and work together to combat the new invasive species in all of our local lakes. We could be able to combine grants, share products, work with the same companies, share education and be aware of how all of this will affect the water shed. There were 10 members from the different lakes along with 2 MSU representatives. All of the lakes have Eurasian milfoil but Harper Lake is the only one with Starry Stonewort. One of the most important problem is boats coming into the lakes without being washed. We feel it will be important to focus on educating the residence of our lake. We can do this by posting videos, demonstrations at the boat launch and posting informational signs. We had very active loons on the lake this year and we had Swans again this fall.

Kevin was also looking into the fish planting. He was researching historical information about which fish have been planted in the past. He will be taking his finding to the DNR to see if we can plant anything besides hybrid blue gill.

### **Directory-Annette McCormick**

We know of at least 2 homes that have recently sold. We will get their information and add them to the directory for 2020. No other changes at this time. We will still need to create an Ad Revenue distribution letter with billing information to use for the next directory.

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

#### **-Karen Brower**

Karen will continue to post HL information and local happenings on our FB page and our web site. The next newsletter will be going out May 1<sup>st</sup>. This mailing will include the newsletter, Harper Lake event information, fish stocking information, the directory, and a copy of the lake rules.

### **Retail-Heather Davis**

Heather will be checking into different alternatives for Harper Lake apparel

### **Buoys and lake rake-**

The lake rake and buoys are resting comfortably for the winter. Kevin and Bob would like to create a new set up and better design for the buoys next spring.

### **Granger Road Clean up-Storberg's**

We will schedule a spring road clean up date at the next board meeting. We need to check with Jim Brown regarding information about the contact person at the road commission. We also discussed if we could get orange vest for the volunteers to wear during the clean-up. We discussed coordinating a Clean Harper Lake event to either coordinate with Harper Lake Day or schedule it for another time. We would like to coordinate an Around the Lake walk to go along with the road clean up.

### **Welcoming Committee-Heather Davis**

Heather will be taking over the welcoming committee. Thank you, Heather.

### **By Laws-**

At the Spring Membership meeting we will have to have an item on the agenda to discuss reducing the membership dues. We also need to look over the term limits for board members. We would like Karen to stay on as president but her term will be over. I vote we make an amendment to the by-laws to make an exception.

### **Old Business:**

**\*SAD Update-**The SAD has been approved and is in full swing. We will need to look at the detailed amounts for the SAD and be prepared to answer any questions at the next membership meeting. We would like to determine what the on-going responsibilities and deadlines that will be associated with the SAD. For example, how much are the legal fees, cost of publications, postage and the townships employees time. These will be ongoing expenses that the board will be responsible to take care of. We would like to assign duties to volunteers to cover these responsibilities.

We need to find out whom the contact person is at PLM. Is it Bree or someone else? We also need to find out where the bills from PLM are being sent, to our po box or to Elk township. We would like more information from them listing their time line, details of the lake and the process of notification being used.

\*Move membership meetings to Elk Township. We will need to have a \$75 deposit check ready at each meeting.

**\*Calendar of events:**

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

**\*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

\*Karen put together a board assignment and responsibilities sign-up sheet.

From this list we will assign responsibilities for the upcoming year and coordinate it with a yearly calendar outlining the association duties.

**Motion to Adjourn**

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