

Harper Lake Association Board Meeting
Elk Township Hall, Irons, MI
September 5, 2020
7:30 A.M.

Meeting was called to order at Elk Township Hall by Karen Brower at 7:30 A.M.

Roll Call of board Members:

Karen Brower, Annette McCormack, Anne Storberg, Dawn May, Kevin Storberg, and Heather Davis
HLA board candidates were also in attendance: Brian Ritsema, Craig Fazakerly, and Bill Stimer.

Secretary Report

The minutes from the June 26, 2020 Harper Lake Association Board meeting were approved by the Board.

We received a thank you note from the Mullaly family for sending flowers for the passing of Bill. Heather Davis made motioned to accept with a second by Annette McCormack. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report

The Bank Statement Balance as of September 2, 2020 was \$17,864.24. We have received Harper Lake Association Membership dues from 85 people at the time of this meeting. We budget for 85 paying members. Elk Township reimbursed HLA for the Milfoil Permit that we paid by mistake. The amount is \$400. Ann Storberg, treasurer, attended the Elk Township meeting. We currently have over \$6000 in our SAD account. Ann offered to create a monthly cash flow statement to clear up any questions regarding how the SAD is set up.

The association has a restricted funds account, set up approximately 10 years ago, to be used for the treatment of Gypsy Moths. With signs that they are returning the board needs to make decisions how we will move forward with treatment of the moths and the distributions of funds. We discussed creating a committee to do research on this matter.

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

Committee Report Assignments:

Harper Lake Day

Fishing Contest hosted by the Toy and Brown families. We had 26 youth participate, 11 of them new to the event. The scavenger hunt looked different this year due to Covid restrictions, but we were able to provide prizes for all participants. The float parade was a success with over 250 participants, 8 dock hosts, great weather, and a fun day.

Fish & Waterfowl-Kevin Storberg

Kevin Storberg secured 1000 perch for the fish stocking program. The cost was \$1550. We have remaining money, \$207.50, in the budget for fish stocking, Kevin would like to ask the membership if we would like to do another fish socking this fall. He suggested to ask for donations and offset any remaining costs by adjusting the budget.

Weed Control-Kevin Storberg

Kevin reported that the Starry Stonewort invasive weed still exists by the boat launch not to be confused with a friendly weed near the same location. Milfoil is being treated with the SAD.

Directory-Heather

No changes currently

Newsletter, Website, & Facebook-Karen

Newsletter will go out in November/December along with the new by-laws and new dues costs. Karen will update the website with the new board members and any changes made to the by-laws and dues voted on at the membership meeting.

HL Apparel-Heather

The company Heather has been working with, Graphics, has changed their name to Graphix. Heather will put together a standard order form with them or HL and it will be placed on the website.

Boat Launch/Buoys/Rake-Kevin

The buoys will be taken out soon and stored for the winter.

Road Cleanup-Kevin & Ann

The Storberg's will host the fall road clean up day on Oct 3 at 9 a.m.

Welcoming Committee- Heather?

Please notify Heather if you hear of any new residents on the lake

By-Laws-Dawn

Dawn will speak at the membership meeting regarding the term limits. Karen will talk about the due's reduction, from \$55 to \$45.

1. SAD:
We were reimbursed for the Milfoil Permit by the township.
2. Guests and Speakers:
None at this meeting
3. Room Set up:
We will be moving our membership meeting to the pavilion outside of the Elk Township Hall. This is due to the Covid virus and the Governors mandate of less than 100 people at an outside event. This will be easier for social distancing of 6 feet. We will also have hand sanitizer available for our HLA members.
4. Handouts and Greeters:
Heather, Annette, and Ann were our greeters at the Membership meeting. The members signed in, filled out name tags, and were directed to the handout information. Clip boards and pens were cleaned in between use.

Board of Directors Business:

1. Harper Lake Day:
We started the day with the Annual Fishing contest hosted by the Toy and Brown families. We had 26 participants which included 11 new contestants.
2. 2021 Dues Reduction:
The board has recommended reducing the dues to \$45. We will present this at the Membership meeting. Our By-Laws, Article VIII, Section II require a prior written notification, which was completed, and a vote at the Membership meeting.
3. 2020 Meeting Schedule and Locations:
We will continue to use Elk Township for Membership meeting for the upcoming year. The 2021 schedule will be
Spring membership meeting on Saturday, May 29th and the Fall membership meeting will be September 4.
4. Board of Directors Election:
Elections will take place at the membership meeting following this meeting. Ballots need to go out in July. Those up for re-election are Karen Brower (pending By-law Amendment), Kevin Storberg and Dawn May. We removed Bob Hayes; therefore, we have 2 positions available. We will be asking for a By-law amendment to change the term limits from 3 consecutive two-year terms to 4 consecutive two-year terms.
5. Board Assignments and Responsibilities:
A list of responsibilities for board member has been created. It is located on the back of the Board Meeting Agenda.
6. Drain/Road Commission & Lake Level Issues:
It has been brought to the boards attention there are concerns with the high lake levels. Some believe this may be caused from the board that is placed in the "dam" that is located at the end of West Harper Drive. The board was removed by a concerned resident and when checked on again the board had been replaced. Karen contacted the Lake Co. road commission concerning this issue. She was told there is nothing on record of them doing anything regarding this issue. If we were to pursue the issue further and involve the road commission, we would need to do another SAD. At this time the board decided to do further research into the matter and discuss it at further meetings.

A motion to adjourn at 8:35 a.m. was made by Kevin Storberg, seconded by Ann Storberg.