

**Harper Lake Association Membership Meeting**  
**Elk Township Hall Pavilion, Irons, MI**  
**Saturday, September 5, 2020**  
**9:00 A.M.**

Meeting was called to order at Elk Township Hall by Karen Brower at 9 A.M.  
Introduction of the 6 board members and the 22 other members in attendance.

**Secretary Report:** A motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2020 H LA membership meeting was made by Dick Blumstein, seconded by Steve May. All 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. Kevin Storberg made a motion to accept the Treasurers report with a second by Annette McCormack. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

Now that all property owners of Harper Lake are paying for weed-control we are recommending a dues reduction. The board has recommended reducing the dues to \$40 or \$45. Our By-Laws, Article VIII, Section II require a prior written notification, which was completed, and a vote at the membership meeting. A motion was made by Scott Reyburn to amend the by-laws. We will lower the membership dues from \$55 to \$45. A second was made by Dick Blumstein. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Committee Report Assignments:**

**Harper Lake Day-Dawn May**

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 asked the membership if we would like to do another fish socking this fall. The membership was in favor of this. Kevin also asked for donations to offset any remaining costs. Brian Ritsema made a motion to use up to \$1000 from the general funds to cover any remaining costs of the fall fish stocking. Rich Walker seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Weed Control-Kevin Storberg**

Kevin reported that the Starry Stonewort, an invasive weed still exists to the left of the boat launch. There is no known cure for this weed. We will control it by treatment and physically removing it. On the opposite side of the boat launch there is a non-invasive weed, a native weed, that does not get treated. Eurasian Milfoil is being treated thru the SAD. PLM, our weed treatment company, will be out on September 4, 2020 to survey the lake. If the lake requires treatment, it will be applied. PLM will also provide an end of the season survey & report.

**Directory-Heather Davis**

Heather Davis will be putting together the directory this year. If you have a business you would like to advertise in the directory, contact Heather. If your address has changed or you know of new home owners on the lake, please contact Heather to make additions or changes to the directory.

**Website, Newsletter & Facebook-Karen Brower**

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 this meeting.

**HL Apparel-Heather Davis**

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 Storberg**

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

**Road Cleanup-Kevin & Ann Storberg**

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

**Welcoming Committee- Heather Davis**

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

**By-Laws and Board of Directors Election-Dawn May**

By-laws Amendment Proposal:

We are asking for a By-law amendment to Article V, Section 2b., which states; If elected, a director may serve for three consecutive two-year terms. We are asking to amend it to say four consecutive two-year terms. A motion to change the mentioned by-law was made by Bill Stimer, seconded by Gail Brown. All in favor. Motion passed.

Board of Directors Election:

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.

Final results of the election: Karen Brower, Kevin Storberg and Dawn May were all re-elected for another 2-year term. Brian Ritsema and Craig Fazakerly were elected for their first 2-year term. Thank you to Bill Stimer for running as well.

**Calendar of Events:**

Saturday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Spring membership meeting	Elk Township Hall
Saturday, July 3	Harper Lake Day	
Saturday, September 4.	Fall membership meeting	Elk Township Hall

A motion to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. was made by Dawn May, seconded by Kevin Storberg.