

**Harper Lake Association Board Meeting**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**Saturday December 5, 2020**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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

Roll call of board members:

Karen Brower, Annette McCormack, Anne Storberg, Dawn May, Kevin Storberg, Heather Davis, Brian Ritsema, and Craig Fazakerly

**Secretary Report**

The minutes from the September 5, 2020 Harper Lake Association Board meeting were approved by the Board. Kevin Storberg made motioned to accept with a second by Heather Davis. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report**

The bank statement, at this time, is \$17,689.24. We have received Harper Lake Association Membership dues from 86 people at the time of this meeting. We budget for 85 paying.

Ann reported that there isn't much change at this time. She will be working on a Cash Flow statement for the next meeting. We received \$1200 in fish stocking donations for the Fall stocking. We will have a \$463 credit for next year. The bill was only \$1530 and we paid \$1800.

A motion to approve the treasures report was made by Brian Ritsema, seconded by Heather Davis. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Committee Report Assignments:

1. Harper Lake Day-Dawn:

HLD will be held Saturday, July 3, 2021. The theme is Christmas is July. Dawn has been shopping for prizes. Rumor has it that the board has a mega phone. Like, WHAT?! Dawn requests this to be in her possession as soon as possible.

2. Fish & Waterfowl-Kevin:

Kevin has retained a permit for stocking more perch for next spring. A report from Bri, with PLM, tells us that there is no issue with e- coli and we have a great environment for fish growth. Kevin has attended township meetings and reports that the township is more aware of the issues with weed control and the importance of cleaning boats. We had swans on the lake this fall along with several different breeds of ducks. Craig has offered to be on this committee with Kevin. Thank you, Craig.

3. Weed Control-Kevin:

The lake is being maintained by our program with PLM. This process will continue as eliminating the weeds completely isn't going to happen. We are doing a great job of controlling the weed population. Kevin and Annette have offered to be the HL liaison to the township.

4. Directory-Heather:

Heather has created a Google Doc for the directory. She updates information from the last meeting, correcting any errors, adding new members. Any emails Karen receives, concerning updates, will be forward to Heather.

5. Newsletter-Karen:

The fall newsletter will contain information regarding the due's changes, HLD report, fish stocking information and by laws updates.

6. Website-Karen:

Dawn and Karen need to work on updating the past minutes. The website information should be put into the Google Doc. Karen will create folders for the necessary folders.

7. Facebook-Karen:

Karen has updated with HLD theme and date, Dues information, the 2<sup>nd</sup> fish stocking (with pictures) and other local events.

8. HL Apparel-Heather:

Heather will be working with Graphix to create a link, for the website, for easy ordering of HL apparel.

9. Welcoming Committee- Heather:

Heather will get the extra directories from Karen for the welcome packets. We are still hoping to get can koozies for the packet.

10. Boat Launch/Buoys/Rake-Kevin:

New signs have been placed, the buoys are hibernating, along with the bears, and the lake rakes are residing at the Storberg and McCormack residents. New board member, Brian Ritsema has offered to help with the installation and removal of the buoys.

11. Road Cleanup-Kevin & Ann:

The Storberg's hosted the road clean up and unfortunately it was only the two of them. We will work on promoting this next spring. Thank you, Kevin and Ann.

12. By-Laws-Dawn and Karen: Karen will update the changes made from the fall meeting.

Gypsy Moths:

There is evidence that Gypsy Moths have returned to this area. Approximately 20 years ago the area experienced an infestation. At that time the HLA treated the moths around our lake. The past board had left monies set aside in case of future infestations. The board will take the next few months to do research into this situation. Some items to be researched are:

- \* Talking to past board members to gain information
- \* Do we need to split the money that was reserved into a separate line item on the balance sheet.
- \* Research into how other townships and areas are handling the problem
- \* Research into companies that handle this issue and the costs related to it
- \* Research into when and how treatments would have to be scheduled

Other Business:

- \*Karen will reserve the Elk Township hall for future meetings.
- \*Brian has offered to be the Harper Lake Dues enforcer. Good Luck, Brian!
- \*Kevin proposed adding Buoys to the south west side of the island. We will talk about this at the next meeting.
- \*We have had several discussions regarding the lake levels and how it ties into the "dam" at the end of West Harper Drive. At this time, we have decided to withhold any action.
- \*Kevin proposed donating \$1000 to the Sheriffs department.
- \*A new fire station, located on 8-mile road and Bass Lake road, will break ground in the spring.
- \*There will road work done on Bass Lake road this spring/summer and work on Brooks road south the next year.
- \*Dawn proposed adding a food drive to coincide with HLD or one of the summer holidays. Dawn would also like to look into creating a Free Little Library in the area.

A motion to adjourn at 11:00 A.M. by Heather Davis, seconded by Dawn May.

(Heather makes amazing Bloody Mary's and she should host the next meeting that we can be together. Covid Sucks)