

**Harper Lake Association Board Meeting**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Meeting was called to order by Karen Brower at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call of board members: Karen Brower, Annette McCormack, Anne Storberg, Dawn May, Kevin Storberg, Brian Ritsema, and Craig Fazakerly. Heather Davis absent.

**Secretary Report**

The minutes from the December 5, 2020 Harper Lake Association Board meeting were approved by the Board. Brian Ritsema made motioned to accept with a second by Annette McCormack. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report**

The bank statement, at this time, is \$20,992.24.

While Ann and Kevin are in Arizona for the winter, Annette has been picking up the mail and depositing any checks that come in for dues. Annette has taken pictures of the deposits made for documentation. She doesn't have a running total of dues paid at this time but is happy to report that the mail has been plentiful.

No report at this time.

**Committee Report Assignments**

1. Harper Lake Day-Dawn:

HLD will be held Saturday, July 3, 2021. The theme is Christmas is July. Karen will post some hype for the event on face book regarding dock captains, prize donations, and volunteers. Dawn will create the HLD flyer, create the scavenger hunt, create the fishing contest flyer, promote dock captains and prize donations and ask if anyone can water ski with a Santa suit on.

2. Fish & Waterfowl-Kevin:

Kevin will contact Mark, from the DNR, to retain a permit for fish stocking next spring. We discussed if there are any guidelines regarding the kind of fish we plant and the amount we can plant. Any feedback from the fishermen would be appreciated. He will also contact Dave, from Stoney Creek to reserve the fish.

3. Weed Control-Kevin:

The Harper Lake Association is now a liaison between PLM and the township.

No changes at this time. No report made.

4. Directory-Heather:

Heather was unable to Zoom with us. We missed her! Heather, Karen and Ann will schedule a time to merge &/or make changes to the google documents we are using. A letter should be sent out to local businesses to obtain ads for the directory. Annette reported that there hasn't been any returned mail. Karen had pulled out the 'bad' address from the last mailing. We discussed doing research of the 'bad' addresses to find out the correct owner information.

5. Newsletter-Karen:

The spring newsletter will be sent out in early May. It will be apart of the May mailing.

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. The dues form on the website is from 2019 and the SAD needs updating. Karen will change this and anything else that needs updating. Thank you, Karen for all of the work you do to maintain the website.

7. Facebook-Karen:

Karen will update the page with some HLD hype, asking for dock captains, prize donations and volunteers. She is also asking for any winter pictures from the lake. We discussed having a “Guess when the ice is gone on the lake” contest. Karen will continue to post local happenings and information pertaining to our lake.

8. HL Apparel-Heather: No report at this time.

9. Welcoming Committee- Heather and Craig:

We will continue working on the welcome packets. These should contain: a copy of the directory, the lake rules, and hopefully some HL swag. Craig has offered to reach out to any new residents of the lake.

10. Boat Launch/Buoys/Rake-Kevin:

The boat launch, buoys and lake rakes are all buried under snow. See you in the Spring. We discussed adding buoys to the west side/shallow side of the island. Kevin found buoys suitable for this for \$50 each. He will check with Mark from the DNR to check into any restrictions there may be. If approved we will need to purchase the buoys and any material need to keep them in place. Kevin suggested adding new reflective lighting to the buoys in the no wake channel in the spring.

11. Road Cleanup-Kevin & Ann:

The roads, along with everything else, are buried under the snow. We will need to schedule a spring road clean up date at our next meeting and discuss ways to get more volunteers for this event.

12. By-Laws-Dawn and Karen: No changes at this time.

13. Gypsy Moths-Craig, Karen, Annette: See below report Section D-3&4

**D. Board of Directors Business:**

1. Harper Lake Day planning-Saturday, July 3, 2021. Plan-Create-Promote.

2. 2021 Meeting Schedule:

Next Board meeting-TBD

Spring Association Meeting-Saturday, May 29, 2021-Elk Township Hall-9 am.

Harper Lake Day-Saturday, July 3, 2021

Fall Association Meeting-Saturday, September 4 2021-Elk Township Hall-9 am.

Karen will reserve the Elk Township hall for future meetings.

3. Gypsy Moths:

In the next few months, we need to research and have answers to the following:

- \*Arrange for a forestry expert to visit our lake
- \*Find out if our area needs to be treated
- \*Discover what the window of opportunity is to treat this year
- \*Determine options for our members

Karen will reach out to the contact person that her work office used for the control of Gypsy Moths.

Dawn will email the research documents obtained from Joyce McDonald

4. Environmental Reserve:

Our bank statement has had a reserve for the treatment of Gypsy moths since the early 2000's. In the past few years, the line item was removed and the money was placed into the general fund. At this time, we do not have sufficient documentation to understand how this money was to be specifically used. We will continue to

research this subject by talking to past board members and looking though any information we can find regarding this topic.

A motion was made by Brain Ritsema, seconded by Ann Storberg, to re-establish the purpose of this money and place \$10,000 into a new line-item account, to be named, Environmental Reserve. This money will be used to benefit all Harper Lake Association members regarding, any environmental issues that are harmful, hazardous or a treat to Harper Lake. This may include, but is not limited to, the treatment of a dangerous or wide spread outbreak of Oak Wilt, Gypsy Moths, Fish or Lake Bacteria, and invasive weed species.

#### 5. May Packet Mailing:

Item in the mailing will include:

- \*Harper Lake Day flyer
- \*Boat Cleaning information
- \*Lake Rules
- \*Directory
- \*Last membership meeting minutes
- \*Spring Newsletter
- \*Copy of the By-Laws
- \*PLM weed treatment notice
- \*Dues form
- \*Gypsy moth information

6. May 29, 2021 Membership meeting: will discuss closer to the meeting.

#### 7. Other Business:

\*We are saddened to hear the news about the passing of Gary and Karen Humfleet. Our thoughts are with the Humfleet family.

\*Welcome to the new restaurant in Irons. The old Jackie's Place is now called Brooks Corner. Welcome owners, John and Fawn.

\*Kevin reported that the Sherriff's Dept should be on our lake more next summer. This led to a conversation about how many boats are on our lake.

\*Kevin will send out an email regarding the new state legislative rules for Wake Boats.

\*We discussed a past study of our lake done by MSU students. We would like to obtain a copy of that report for our records. Annette offered to ask Dick Blumstein and Kevin offered to talk to Mark at the DNR regarding this matter.

\*Meeting adjourned. Notes submitted by Dawn May, Secretary