

**Harper Lake Association Board Meeting
Elk Township Hall
Saturday, September 4, 2021
7:30 A.M.**

Meeting was called to order by Karen Brower at 7:37 A.M.

Roll call of board members:

Karen Brower, Annette McCormack, Anne Storberg, Dawn May, Heather Davis, Brian Ritsema, Craig Fazakerly. Also present: Steve May and Rich Walker

A. Secretary Report

Dawn forgot to send the minutes out. We will review at a later date.

Geez Dawn! Get your life together.

B. Treasurer Report

The bank statement, at this time, is \$20,992.79. We have received Harper Lake Association Membership dues from 79 people at the time of this meeting. We budget for 85 paying. The second mailing we did in the spring did bring more dues payments in but we are still under budget. Brian asked for a list of non-paying members so he can contact them about dues payments. As it is late in the year, we decided to be pro-active about doing this next year.

Fish Stocking-We budget \$1000 for fish stocking and we budget \$800 in fish stocking donations. We received \$1,610 in donations this year. We spent \$1,828.50 on the spring fish stocking. Remaining balance is \$781.50.

Harper Lake Day-We budget \$500 for HLD events and \$100 in donations. We received \$687 in donations for HLD. Karen turned in \$64.81 in expenses. Dawn needs to turn in her receipts.

Welcoming Committee-Budget \$50, spent \$90 on Koozie can holders to be placed in the Welcoming packet. Over budget by \$40.

Directory-Budget \$150. Heather needs to turn in the receipts.

SAD-Elk Township-Budget \$500. No money spent.

Website-Budget \$170. Paid \$168.95. Remaining balance is \$1.05.

Newsletter/Dues/Mailings-Budget \$250. Spent \$121.11. Remaining balance \$128.89.

Meeting expense-Budget \$150. No expenses at this time.

Copies-Budget \$100. Board member have been covering the expense of copies.

P.O. Box-Budget \$38. Spent \$56. Over Budget by \$18.

Corporate Fees- Budget \$20. Spent \$20.

MLAS membership and conference-Budget \$175. Spent \$150. Remaining balance is \$25.

HLA Insurance-\$765. Spent \$747. Remaining balance is \$18.

Buoys- Budgeted \$1200 for all expenses regarding new buoys and re-purposing old buoys. Spent \$1049 on 3 new buoys. Remaining balance is \$151 to be used for decals.

Misc. Expense-No budget. Spent \$3

Environmental Reserve-\$10,000 was set aside out of our budget this spring. \$1,000 was spent on Gypsy Moth consultant, Davy Resources. Balance \$9,000.

Additional Revenue-The 50/50 brought in \$2280. \$1140 was split between 2 winners. \$1140 went back to the association. \$570 to Fish Stocking. \$570 to Harper Lake Day.

*\$100 donation for HLD from Speedy Bear.

A motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Brian Ritsema. Second by Annette McCormack. All in favor.

C. Preparation for Upcoming Board Meeting

1. Committee Report assignments-see names associated with committees

2. Special Assessment District (SAD)-We are in the 2nd year of a 7-year cycle.

3. Gypsy Moth update

*Hired Lee Mueller, Davy Resources, in March to come to Harper Lake to assess the conditions of our trees. He recommended monitoring throughout the summer and check back with him in the fall. Cost: \$1,000.00, taken out of the Environmental Reserve Fund.

*Optimum time to spray for Gypsy Moths is in early spring, late May. Although the board members have each been doing research, we felt we were not prepared enough to make the decision to spray at his time. As there was a HEAVY presence of Gypsy Moths this year the board will be doing more research into spraying in the spring.

*Brian has contacted Hatfield Spraying Company to get a quote for our lake. They are requesting a Plot Map of Harper Lake that has all of the individual lots with measurements and acreage. He has contacted Nancy Randall to see if she has this information and is waiting to hear back from her. Brian is guess-timating that the spraying would cost somewhere between \$6-8,000 and will know accurately when we get the plot map. The current price is \$60-65 an acre.

*Ann has talked with Jim Brown who is supposed to have a contact for Gypsy Moth spraying as well. She will follow up with him and report back.

*Karen expressed concern as to how we would contact residents of the lake for permission to spray. After doing the work for the SAD, she and Annette know how time consuming this can be. Suggestions were made to do a mailing and email to residents of the lake in early January, notifying them of our decision to spray or not to spray. If we choose to spray, the residents would have 30 days or until April 1st to opt out of spraying. A board member would need to be in charge of obtaining this information and coordinate with the company we've chosen to spray.

*The board will need to make a decision at our next meeting if we want to hire Lee Mueller to come back to the lake for another survey. Ann suggested we do not hire him and save the money for the spraying. Karen has heard from Lee and he reported that he feels there is a crash in the moths (lots of caterpillars have been found dead on trees) possibly due to overpopulation.

*Karen shared her experience working with EGR spraying. They used Hamilton Helicopter and the spraying was done using GPS coordinates. In the past spraying was done with a crop-dusting plane.

*Joyce McDonald has done research and shared with Dawn, who in turn shared with the board. Dawn will scan the research in and email everyone this information.

4. Guests & Speakers: None at this time

5, 6, & 7. Room Set up, Handouts & Greeters: Chairs were set up. Name tags, copies of the budget, copies of the minutes were placed at the entrance table. There was another meeting and event after our meeting. We did not have to put the chairs back. We individual greeted members. Thank you to all who helped.

Committee Report Assignments:

1. Harper Lake Day-Dawn & Karen:

Harper Lake Day 2021 Recap-Theme was Christmas in July.

The Fishing Contest was hosted by the Brown, Fazakerly and Toy families. Thank you to our hosts. Dawn presented the Toy family a banner to be used at this year's and future years fishing contest. At the bottom of the banner was an In Memory of Jeff Toy. The Toy family donated money to Harper Lake Day in Jeff Toy's honor. \$60 was spent to create the banner. Brian Ritsema had the banner made. Thank you, Brian.

There were 20 participants at the Fishing Contest this year. The winners were Pete Carroll and Lena Siegers. The May family and friends hosted the Scavenger Hunt again this year. There were 41 participants and the Grand Prize winners were the Pearson Family kids, Clara, Joey and Quinn. Thank you to all who help with this event.

The Float parade was another success. We had 8 Dock Captains and 286 participation cards turned in. 126 prizes were donated and bought. Thank you to our Dock Captains and all who help on this event.

Our newest event was a 50/50 drawing, hosted by the Ritsema family. This was a huge success! \$2280 was brought in. Two winners were drawn, Roger Zeh and Dick Blumstein. The remaining money was split between Fish Stocking (\$570) and Harper Lake Day (\$570). Thank you to the Ritsema family for hosting this event. The evening was finished off with spectacular fireworks displays put on by the lake residence and there 2 bands that were playing on the lake. A fun day, for sure!

*Dawn would like to hand off the Scavenger Hunt to someone else and would like board members to assist in finding a replacement.

2. Fish & Waterfowl-Craig, Steve, Rich & Brian:

Karen will forward email information she obtained from Kevin Storberg concerning contact people with the DNR for fish stocking permits and Stony Creek Fisheries for purchasing.

The new fish stocking committee will include Craig, Brian, Steve and Rich.

Brian talked about our 3-year plan, twice a year stocking of perch, and recommended we continue stocking. He will talk about this during the membership meeting.

Ann reported there was no money left in the budget and we would need donations.

(Amended later: we have \$1416.50 from the 50/50 and from the budget and donations)

3. Weed Control/SAD-Craig & Brian: PLM has been out several times this year. Still signs of invasive weeds, no new ones, no reports of large masses of invasive weeds. Zebra Mussels still present. Township is paying PLM and our financial balances look good.

4. Directory-Heather & Craig:

Heather needs to turn in receipt but will be requesting more money for the directory next year. We will discuss budgeting \$400 and will finalize at the next meeting. Craig offered to help with the directory.

5. Newsletter-Karen & Brian:

Karen and Brian will be working on the newsletter as it will be Karens last year on the board.

6. Website, Facebook-Karen:

Karen will update the website with the new board officers. Over the next year, with it being Karen's last year on the board, we will either have to find someone else to take over the website and Facebook page or beg Karen to continue to do it.

7. HL Apparel-Heather:

Apparel sales have been slow. In efforts to promote this, Heather will be ordering samples from O'Keefe's to have at the next membership meeting. We would like to ask the companies to donate shirts to Harper Lake Day prizes.

8. Welcoming Committee- Heather & Craig (I put Craig on here because he is the only one of the board living full time on the lake at this time)

Karen purchased can koozie's to add to the welcoming committee packets.

9. Boat Launch/Buoys/Rake- Craig, Steve, Rich & Brian

Boat Launch-no changes at this time

Buoys-Dawn has one of the new buoys and will connect with Ann to get the other two. Dawn will be ordering 'slow no wake' decals and 'shallow water' decals. The old buoy's will be cleaned and re-purposed in the shallow waters on the west side of the island. Craig has offered to show the rest of the guys how the buoys get taken out for the winter. They will coordinate a time for this to happen.

Lake Rakes-Brian will be taking the one from Annette and Craig will take the one from Storberg's.

10. Road Cleanup-Ann, Steve & Dawn: Ann offered to continue to monitor the designated road section and since Steve got Dawn a new golf cart we will be helping as well.

11. By-Laws-Dawn, Karen & Brian: No changes at this time.

12. Township Liaison: Ann: Ann said that Kevin still goes to the Elk Township meetings and she will report back with any information.

13. Yearly Calendar for Duties: Karen & Brian

We didn't discuss this but everyone should submit a list of their responsibilities and duties to be added to a master yearly calendar.

14. Membership Records/Google Doc updates/Mailings: Ann, Heather & Karen

A few board members did not receive the board of director's ballot. This mailing was sent to all paying dues members so we aren't sure what happened. We need to make a point to review all of the different mailing lists to confirm the addresses are correct.

D. Board of Directors Business

1. Board of Directors Election:

There were 10 ballots turned in. 9 votes for each member on the ballot. We welcome Rich Walker to the board. Annette McCormack finished her 3rd term on the board-6 years. Thank you, Annette!

2. Board Member Vacancy:

Kevin Storberg resigned last summer leaving a year on his term. Steve May has offered to fill the remainder of Kevins term. Anne Storberg appointed Steve, seconded by Brian. All in favor.

3. 2021-2022 Board Officers:

President-Karen Brower (last year on board)

Vice-President-Brian Ritsema (one year left on 1st term)

Treasurer-Ann Storberg (re-elected 3rd term on board)

*Ann would like this to be her last year as treasurer. She will remain on the board though.

Secretary-Dawn May (one year left on 3rd term)

Trustee's-

Heather Davis (re-elected for 2nd term)

Craig Fazakerly (Elected for 1st term/appointed last year for a 1-year term)

Rich Walker (elected for 1st term)

Steve May (appointed for one year)

4. Board Assignments & Responsibilities:

See committee report sections

5. Harper Lake Day Event 2022 (Date/Details)

HLD 2022 will be on Saturday, July 2, 2022. The theme will be Luau Party.

6. Google Drive:

See committee report assignments

7. Other New Business:

We would like all board members to be on time to meetings. Especially the new board members. RICH WALKER!! 😊 Ha! Ha!

A motion to adjourn at 8:35 A.M. by Heather Davis, seconded by Dawn May.