

**Harper Lake Association Member Meeting**  
**Elk Township Hall**  
**Saturday, September 4, 2021**  
**9:00 A.M.**

Meeting was called to order by Karen Brower at 9:05 A.M.

Roll call of board members:

\*Karen Brower, Ann Storberg, Dawn May, Heather Davis, Brian Ritsema, Craig Fazakerly

\*Outgoing Board Member: Annette McCormack

\*New Board Members: Steve May and Rich Walker

\*16 Members and 8 board members

**A. Minutes of Meeting held May 29, 2021**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Nancy Davis. A second was made by Heather Davis. All in favor.

**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.

**Fish Stocking**-We budget \$1000 for fish stocking and we budget \$800 in fish stocking donations. We received \$828.50 in donations this year.

**Harper Lake Day**-We budget \$500 for HLD events and \$100 in donations. We received \$687 in donations for HLD. There are remaining expenses that need to be paid.

**Welcoming Committee**-Budget \$50, spent \$90.

**Directory**-Budget \$150. Receipts not turned in at this time

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

**Website**-Budget \$170. Paid \$168.95. \$1.05 remaining.

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

**Meeting expense**-Budget \$150. No expenses at this time. Meetings are held at Elk Township Hall. 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 \$25.

**HLA Insurance**-\$765. Spent \$747. Remaining \$18.

**Buoys**- Budgeted \$1200 for all expenses regarding new buoys and re-purposing old buoys. Spent \$1049. \$151 remaining.

**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.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Brian Ritsema, Seconded by Terry Connolly. All in favor

## **C. Old Business**

### **1. 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 years and future years fishing contest. At the bottom of the banner was an In Memory of Jeff Toy.

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 participated and volunteered to run 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, participants and those who volunteered.

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 Blumenstein. 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!

### **2. Gypsy Moth Outbreak**

HLA 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 Ritsema has contacted Hatfield Spraying Company to get a quote for our lake to spray in 2022.

## **D. Committee Reports**

### **1. Harper Lake Day**

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

### **2. Fish & Waterfowl**

Motion was made by Brian Ritsema to have a fall fish stocking of perch, seconded by Rich Walker. We would use money raised during HL Day, budgeted money and donations. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **3. Weed Control/SAD**

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. We are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 7-year SAD. Water quality is good.

### **4. Directory**

The directory was sent out in May. Any updates should be sent to Heather Davis or any board member. Advertising your business in the HLA directory helps offset the cost and is a great way to promote your business.

### **5, 6, & 7 Newsletter, Website, Facebook**

The newsletter is sent out in May and November.

The website will be updated with the new board officers and any updates regarding the lake and the gypsy moth issues. Look for updates on our Facebook page as well.

### **8. HL Apparel**

Harper Lake Apparel can be purchased from O'Keefe's Reef and [www.mggreek.com/harper-lake](http://www.mggreek.com/harper-lake) (select local pick up) or contact Heather Davis.

### **9. Boat Launch/Buoys/Rake**

**Boat Launch**-no changes at this time

**Buoys**-New buoys are being purchased to be used in the slow no wake channel and the sunken island-shallow water area. The old buoy's will be cleaned and re-purposed in the shallow waters on the west side of the island.

**Lake Rakes**-The HLA has 2 lake rakes that can be used to clear out areas in the water in front of your property. See Brian Ritsema or Craig Fazakerly to borrow these.

### **10. Road Cleanup**

We encourage all HLA members to be proactive in cleaning the area around Harper Lake. HLA is in charge of the Granger Road between 10 ½ mile road and the DeWitt Bridge.

### **11. Welcoming Committee**

Please let a board member know if you have a new neighbor so we can greet them properly,

**12. By-Laws** No changes at this time.

### **E. Other New Business:**

#### **1. Board of Directors Election Results:**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> term on the board-6 years. Thank you, Annette, for your time spent on the board.

Motion made to accept the election results was made by Brian Ritsema and Seconded by Joyce McDonald. All in favor. Motion passed.

Kevin Storberg resigned last summer leaving a year on his term. Thank you, Kevin for you time spent on the board. Steve May has offered to fill the remainder of Kevins term. Ann Storberg appointed Steve May, seconded by Brian Ritsema. All in favor.

**2021-2022 Board Officers:**

**President**-Karen Brower (last year on board)

**Vice-President**-Brian Ritsema (one year left on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> term)

**Trustee's-**

Heather Davis (re-elected for 2<sup>nd</sup> term)

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

Rich Walker (elected for 1<sup>st</sup> term)

Steve May (appointed for one year)