

Harper Lake Association Membership Meeting
Elk Township Hall – 9 a.m.
Saturday, May 28, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Karen Brower

Roll call of board members:

Karen Brower, Brian Ritsema, Ann Storberg, Dawn May, Craig Fazakerly, Steve May, Rich Walker. Heather Davis-Absent

28 Members and board present

A. Secretary Report

Motion to approve the minutes from September 4, 2021 was made by Dick Blumstein, second by Darryl Roon.

B. Treasurer Report

*73 dues paid (budget for 85) at this time. We need to work on getting more people to pay dues

***Donations:**

Fish Stocking	Budget: \$1000.00	Donations received: \$1615.00
Harper Lake Day	Budget: \$1000.00	Donations received: 360.

Operating Balance: \$12, 442.55

Environmental Reserve: \$2,655.00

Bank Balance: \$15,097.55

The DNR permit fee for the SAD is increasing along with the cost for PLM. At this time, we have a healthy balance in the SAD so we don't see any problems with any increases.

Motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by Dick Blumstein, second by Kevin Storberg.

C. Committee Reports

1. Harper Lake Day – Saturday, July 2, 2022-Theme: Luau

The Toy family has agreed to host the Fishing contest again this year and the Fazakerly family will be assisting as well. Dawn May asked for someone to take over the Scavenger Hunt. We have a good list started for dock captains and will continue to ask for prize donations. Looking forward to another great day on the lake.

2. Fish & Waterfowl

On Wednesday, June 1 at 10:45 a.m. 1000 perch (5–7-inch fingerlings) were placed in the lake with assistance from Craig Fazakerly and Kevin Storberg. The cost was \$2294.90.

3. Weed Control

Harper Lake will be surveyed for invasive weeds on the following dates: June 13, July 18, August 22. We will receive an end of the year report in September. The invasive weeds, Eurasian Milfoil and Starry Stonewort, are treated by PLM. This is paid for from the SAD we have in place through Elk Township and each homeowner pays \$50. Elk Township pays PLM and the Harper Lake Association board works closely with PLM. There is still a presence of Zebra Mussels in the lake. We are in year 3 of 7 for the SAD.

4. Directory-Heather Davis is working on the directory.

5 -7. Newsletter, Website & Facebook Page-Karen Brower sent out the spring newsletter and makes regular updates on the Website and Facebook page.

8. Clothing and Retail-no changes at this time

9. Boat Launch/Buoys/Rake

Decal stickers were purchased for the new buoys. Cost \$212.00 We needed 2 “slow no wake” stickers for the channel, 1 “shallow water” for sunken island and 2/3 “shallow water” for the old buoys on the other side of the island. Kim Santo and Dawn May put the decal stickers on. Steve May and his sons installed the new buoys. Dawn will be putting the old/re-purposed buoys in at a later date.

10. Road Clean up- Our association takes care of Granger Road between the gravel pit and the Dewitt Bridge

11. Welcoming- no report at this time

12. Bylaws-no changes at this time

13. Spongy Moths aka Gypsy Moths

Spraying for Spongy moths will take place on May 13, 2022, weather permitting. An email was sent to the HLA members and Karen Brower updated the website with information about the spraying. The lake will be sprayed using a crop-dusting plane. The Hatfield Spraying Service suggests letting the Spongy moths grow big enough to start eating the leaves. The moths are around for a 3–5-year cycle. We believe we are in year 3. We will discuss ways to replenish the Environmental fund in the future.

D. New business:

Fall elections

*Karen Brower has termed out. Her position needs to be filled.
Dawn May, Steve May and Brian Ritsema are up for re-election.

Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.