

Harper Lake Association Member Meeting
Elk Township Hall
Saturday, September 3, 2022
9:00 A.M.

Meeting was called to order by Karen Brower at 9:02 A.M.

Roll call of board members:

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

*29 total in attendance: 22 members, 7 board members.

A. Minutes of Meeting held May 28, 2022

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 2022 Recap-Theme was Luau!

The Fishing Contest was hosted by the Brown, Fazakerly and Toy families. Thank you to our hosts. We had 29 kids participate.

The Merz family and friends hosted the Scavenger Hunt this year. Thank you so much for taking this on. We had 46 kids participate.

The Float parade was another success. We had 8 Dock Captains and our Grand Prize winners were Bill Stimer (Blackstone Griddle) and Gary Santo (Yeti Cooler).

A 50/50 drawing, hosted by the Ritsema family was another huge success! We had three winners and the rest was split between Fish Stocking and Harper Lake Day.

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

Brian Ritsema worked with Hatfield Spraying Company to facilitate spraying the Harper Lake area this year. Money from the Environmental fund was used to cover the costs of this.

D. Committee Reports

1. Harper Lake Day

HLD 2022 was held on Saturday, July 2, 2022. The theme was Luau Party. Next years Harper Lake Day will be held Saturday, July 1, 2023 and the theme will be Old West/Western

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 2nd year of a 7-year SAD. Water quality is good.

4. Directory

The directory was sent out in August. 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 (select local pick up) or contact Heather Davis.

9. Boat Launch/Buoys/Rake

Boat Launch-no changes at this time

Buoys-New buoys were put into place this year by Steve May. 2 in the no wake channel and one at the north end of the lake, over the sunken island. The two old buoys were put into the West channel saying Shallow waters. These are for informational purposes only in assisting those who don't know how shallow it is on that side of the island. Steve May and Rich Walker placed these in the water.

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: