

Harper Lake Association Board Meeting
Zoom Meeting
Saturday, May 24, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Brian Ritsema

Roll call of board members: Brian Ritsema, Dawn May, Heather Davis, Craig Fazakerly, Steve May, and Rich Walker. Absent-Katie Pendrick and Ann Storberg.

A. Secretary Report

Motion to approve minutes from last board meeting was made by Heather Davis. Second by Rich Walker. All were in favor. Motion passed.

B. Treasurer Report

77 dues paid (budget for 88) at this time.

Donations:

Fish Stocking	Budget: \$1000.00	Donations received: \$1,040.00
Harper Lake Day	Budget: \$1000.00	Donations received: \$570.00
Environmental Fund		Donations received: \$890.00

Operation Balance: \$11,561.41

Environmental Reserve: \$3,587.00

Bank Balance: \$15,148.41

A motion was made to move the money set aside for the Environmental Resave Fund into a separate bank/savings account. Motion approved by Ann Storberg and seconded by Rich Walker. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Bryan Houck. Second by Rhonda Lemieux. All were in favor. Motion passed.

C. Committee Reports

Spongy (Gypsy) Moths Update & Environmental Fund Replenishment

No spraying this year, we will continue to observe. Discussed a separate account for the Environmental Fund and replenishing with extra money.

Fish & Waterfowl

No fish stocking this spring. Stoney Creek will not have fish until fall. Current credit with Stoney Creek is \$240.00. Discussed stocking Perch this fall from Stoney Creek. Cost has increased this year to \$500 per 1,000 fish. Total cost is \$2,517.00. Craig looked into a quote from Arietta Hills Fishery, in Cadillac. Tabled discussion until fall meeting.

Weed Control - S.A.D.

PLM 2022 Schedule of 5 Lake surveys for invasive weeds. (March, June, July, August, September) 3 treatments and 2 water quality studies. Eurasian Milfoil and Starry Stonewort, are treated by PLM. PLM will send mailed notification and post on trees close to the locations where they have treated. 2023 Will have the same schedule. Volunteers interested on educating of boat and trailer washing please contact Craig.

Harper Lake Day

HLD will be held July 1, 2023. The theme is "Wild West" and will include the Float parade, Scavenger Hunt, Fishing contest and 50/50 drawing with multiple winners. Prize donations accepted. We received out Marine Parade permit in the mail.

Spring Mailing

The spring packet contained the spring newsletter contained Dues form, updated HL Rules, apparel flyer and HLD flyer. Discussed ways to keep costs of mailings down. Dawn will update the dues form for next year to include an option for "paper-less" information. The board did try this a few years ago and our dues dropped dramatically. With so many organizations and businesses going paperless, now would be a better time to try this. We will need to look into options for paying dues, making donations and buying apparel on-line in the coming year.

Directory

Dawn has been updating the directory.

Harper Lake Apparel

New designs are here. Katie has been working with our local printing company O’Keeffe’s Reef. Upfront ink cost is \$480.00. Ordering is open and will close June 1st, 2023. When the order is complete, we will post on FB and distribute. Next open order date will be 7/1/23-7/15/23.

Buoys, Boat Launch & Lake Rakes

Buoys were put in by Steve May this spring. 2 re-purposed buoys “shallow water” to be placed on the west side of the island.

Craig and Brian have the lake rakes. These can be used by all members of HLA.

Road Clean up

Our association takes care of Granger Rd between 10 1/2 mile to DeWitt Bridge. Volunteers interested to form a committee to organize a fall/spring clean-up welcomed. Please contact a board member if interested.

Welcoming Committee

Steve has welcome packs ready to be handed out. Karen Brower wrote a great welcoming letter to be put into the packet along with a dues form, a copy of the directory and 2 cozies cups with the HL logo on them.

Fall Board Elections

Ann Storberg term will be complete in August. Her position will need to be filled.

Rich Walker, Heather Davis, and Craig Fazakerly up for re-election.

Winter Social Update

No update at this time.

Website & Facebook

Karen Brower continues to make updates on the Website and Facebook.

Bylaws

Correction made from changing the wording DEQ to EGLE

A motion to adjourn made by Dawn May, seconded by Rich Walker. All in favor.

Brian Ritsema
President

Dawn May
Vice-President

Katie Pendrick
Secretary

Heather Davis
Treasurer