

**Harper Lake Association Membership Meeting**  
**Elk Township Hall**  
**Saturday, May 27, 2023**  
**9:00 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Brian Ritsema at 9:00 A.M.

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

39 Members, Board present, 2 Marine Officers

**A. Guest Speakers**

1. Elk township liaison, Dave Bass, reports on updates of PLM. Reminder that the SAD is paid by the HLA member taxes and the Elk Township pays PLM to provide the weed control service. HLA still consults with PLM for scheduling and notifications on their findings. PLM mails updates to the members.
2. Sgt. Sam Phillips and Sheriff Tony Dixson from Lake County Marine Division reports no new rules this year. Visit DNR website for local watercraft restrictions and ticketable offenses. Clarifies no wake within 2 foot of water. Maintaining 100 foot from dock/swim areas. Permit required for any anchored buoys, swim platforms, etc. Common courtesy and responsible boating encouraged.

**B. Secretary Report**

Motion to approve minutes from last Membership meeting on September 2, 2022 was made by Nancy Randall. Second by Bryan Houck. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**C. Treasurer Report**

83 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

Operation Balance: \$11,561.41

Environmental Reserve: \$3,587.00

Bank Balance: \$15,148.41

Separate account for Environment Reserve fund requested.

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

**D. Committee Reports**

**1. Spongy (Gypsy) Moths Update & Environmental Fund Replenishment**

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

**2. Fish & Waterfowl**

Discussed stocking Perch this fall from Stoney Creek. Cost has increased this year by \$500 per 1,000 fish. Current credit of \$240 with Stony Creek, total cost is \$2,517.00. Will re-evaluate next year. Volunteers are always welcome to help assist on fish stocking day. Please contact Craig if interested.

**3. 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 Stoneywort,

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.

#### **4. 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.

#### **5. Spring Mailing**

The spring packet contained the spring newsletter contained Dues form, updated HL Rules, apparel flyer and HLD flyer.

#### **6. Directory**

Dawn is updating the directory. If you have any changes or are a new resident, please contact Dawn May.

#### **7. Harper Lake Apparel**

New designs are here. Katie has been working with our local printing company O'keefe's Reef. Upfront ink cost is \$480.00. Ordering is open and will close June 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

#### **8. Buoys, Boat Launch & Lake Rakes**

Buoys were put in by Steve 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.

#### **9. 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.

#### **10. Welcoming Committee**

No report at this time.

#### **11. 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.

#### **12. Winter Social Update**

No update at this time.

#### **13. Website & Facebook**

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

#### **14. Bylaws**

Correction

A motion to adjourn at 10:20 A.M. by Phil McCormik, seconded by Dick Bloom.

Brian Ritsema  
*President*

Dawn May  
*Vice-President*

Katie Pendrick  
*Secretary*

Heather Davis  
*Treasurer*