

Harper Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2015
10:20 AM

Board Members Present: Kathy Abbott, Sue Badalucco, Bill Mullaly, Jim Brown,
Dave Kott, John Gochis, Karen Brower

Meeting was called to order by Sue Badalucco at 10:20 AM.

- Board Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2015
The minutes were approved by a motion from Karen Brower and a second by Bill Mullaly.
All were in favor.
- Treasurer's Report
The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Kathy Abbott and a second from John Gochis. All were in favor.
- HLA Standing Committees Reports

Bylaws

The Bylaws need to be reviewed every five years. They were reviewed in May of 2012 so it will be necessary to have a bylaw review before May of 2017.

Buoys

Thanks to Jim and Gail Brown the buoys have been placed in the lake for the 2015 summer season.

Clothing/ Retail

Sue Badalucco and family did a great job selling the apparel under the tent before the membership meeting. The articles of clothing will be replenished before the Poker Run on July 4th.

Directory

Jim Abbott has been working on the directory. A copy was brought to the membership meeting for proofing and noting any corrections from the members present. It will be completed within the next week and sent to Roger Zeh for printing. Sue Badalucco and Karen Brower offered to walk around the lake and hand out directories along with the Poker Run flyer on Friday, July 3rd.

Facebook

The Facebook page has been set up with all Harper Lake information through June. The board agreed that Karen Brower has been doing a remarkable job with this site. Karen worked up a Harper Lake Association Social Media Policy Statement for approval. It was agreed that a statement as follows needed to be added: The Harper Lake Association reserves the right to discontinue the Facebook page at any time. After this has been added, the policy statement will be posted on the Harper Lake website. There was a motion to approve this policy by John Gochis with a second by Bill Mullaly. All were in favor.

Fish/Waterfowl/Weed Control

Jim Brown stated that Joe Kozak and Brian Weatherwax would like to get involved with this program and asked for ideas on what they could do to get involved. One of the ways discussed was doing research about the lake and what type of fish we should be planting according to the weed habitat our lake provides. Karen Brower also stated that they had made fish houses years ago and sunk them into the lake. Dave Kott brought up the fact that this might not be a good idea filling up the lake with unnatural items instead of sticking with the natural habitat. John Gochis stated that there are trees that have fallen in the lake and can these be cleared out? Dave Kott reminded the board that if they are trees from the island they cannot be touched. We do not have the authority to clean up the island or the surrounding island area.

Bill Mullaly suggested that maybe we could start taking personal donations for the stocking of the lake to help with the cost. Some ideas were discussed and might be looked at in the future.

Jim Brown asked about the water testing of the lake. It was tested back in 2013. There is nothing planned for water testing this year.

Jim Brown also wanted clarification on what PLM's procedure is for the weed control. After a lengthy discussion, Jim will call PLM to get clarification on what actually takes place. They sent us three dates in their newsletter showing when they would be out to Harper Lake. They are June 15, July 20 and August 24. The milfoil treatment is to take place on June 15. It is unclear what they will do on the other dates so Jim will get clarification.

Historian

John Gochis would like more people to talk to about the history of Harper Lake. He did speak with a family member of Jim Hickey, a longtime resident. They will look for articles and any information that Jim might have had. Bill Mullaly has been working on scanning old Harper Lake pictures. He stated that this is a very time consuming task but he will keep on it.

Lake Rakes

Bill Mullaly has a lake rake and also Nancy Randall. They can be used by any Harper Lake member.

HLA Web Site, Newsletter

Please use the website to locate Harper Lake information.

Thanks to Dave Kott the May newsletter was sent out either through mail or email depending on what each member requested. Thanks also goes out to Karen Brower and Jim Brown for helping with the proofing of the newsletter. Nancy Randall was kind enough to make 125 colored copies which were sent out. It was suggested that we should compensate Nancy for this task and was decided to give her free advertising in the directory for payment of the newsletter copying throughout the year. Dave Kott will return her check of \$175. A motion was made by Karen Brower with a second by Bill Mullaly. All were in favor.

Road CleanUp

A big thank you goes out to Jim Brown and Jesse Smith for cleaning up the Harper Lake area roads.

Poker Run

The Harper Lake Poker Run will be held on July 4th, 2015. Sue Badalucco will run the apparel dock during the event including registration time. It was decided to include two more prizes this year. As in the past, the dock captains will receive a \$50 stipend to cover some of their expenses. The flyer will be designed and printed by Thursday, July 2nd so that Karen Brower and Sue Badalucco can pass them out to each homeowner surrounding the lake on Friday, July 3rd. We will also have a mass email of the flyer. A statement as follows will be included on the flyer: Photos may be taken at this event and posted on Facebook. The times of the Poker Run were discussed along with a 12:30 registration at Kott's until the actual pontoon registration starts at 1:00. The times discussed were as follows:

1:00 Registration on pontoons

2:00 Docks open

3:30 Docks close

4:00 Dealing of hands begins

6:00 Tables close

These times will be reviewed by the Poker Run committee and the final times will be included on the flyer.

Welcoming

Dave Kott will send Sue Badalucco the welcome form and member application for dues.

- **Other Items for Discussion**

The September membership meeting will be held on September 5, 2015 at 9:00 AM. Location TBD

The following board members' terms expire in September 2015: Susan Badalucco, Jim Brown, Lisa Mullen, Dave Kott

We need to find other Harper Lake members who might be interested to run for the board. These names are needed by July so that they can be on the ballot in the August newsletter. Jeff Toy stated that he might be interested.

I will have new signature bank forms ready at the September board meeting for signing up for the bank account signatures. It was decided to hold off until then since the new board will be elected in September.

Sue Badalucco offered to call the State Representative to ask about monies for the fish stocking of Harper Lake.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Gochis with a second by Bill Mullaly. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 11:45.