

Harper Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2012
10:00 AM

Board Members Present: Kathy Abbott, Fletcher MacGregor, Lisa Mullen, Lance Lamar, Randy Heemstra, Dave Kott

Meeting was called to order at Randy Heemstra's at 10:00 am.

- Board & Membership Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2011
The minutes were approved by a motion from Dave Kott and a second by Lisa Mullen.
All were in favor.

- Treasurer's Report
The year to date (12/23/2010 to 12/31/2011) report was reviewed along with the 2012 budget report. As of this date last year we had 65 paid members and this year we have 73 paid members. We seem to be a little ahead on members. It was suggested that we might want to look at some long range plans for spending the excess money we have accumulated over the years. Some suggestions were the upkeep of private roads, signs to note Harper Lake entrances, increase in fish numbers put in the lake, etc. After discussion on some of the suggestions it was decided that the milfoil and gypsy moth preventions might be areas where the extra money could be needed. The board will keep a close eye on the money balance for long range plans if necessary.
The possibility of reducing fees was discussed but it was decided to keep them the same at this time. Dave Kott requested a list of non-paying residents from the past few years. He will send a note to these residents making sure they have been receiving the newsletters and also remind them of membership dues.
The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Dave Kott and a second from Fletcher MacGregor.
All were in favor.

- HLA Standing Committees Reports

HLA Web Site, Newsletter & Historian – Dave Kott
Kathy Abbott reported that her son made the suggestion to convert the present web site to a blog type site that would have some sections to hold informative pages. He could set us up with this for about \$10 per month. He would also get the site up and running then we would have to move all of the content to the new site. He feels there are easy admins out there that would enable us to type all of the content without too much trouble. This was discussed and it was decided that Dave Kott would meet with Laurence Van Dolsen to see about transferring the ownership of the existing website to the HLA and then training an individual on the board to learn how to make changes to the website. After his meeting with Laurence, Dave Kott will email the board to let us know of the outcome.
Articles for the May newsletter need to be sent to Dave Kott by April 20th.

Directory, Clothing/ Retail – Randy Heemstra
It was reported that retail sales have been slower than normal so we will hold back on producing new apparel. The idea of a generic Poker Run t-shirt sold at this event with the profits being given away as a prize was suggested. Randy will look into this possibility.

Picnic, Welcoming – Kathy Abbott
It was reported that the Harper Lake Picnic may need to be held at another location for 2012. Four resident names were suggested. They were Randalls, Zehs, Joslins, and Van Dolsens. Kathy Abbott will make contact to see who might be interested in hosting the picnic. Once she has a place she will email the board so that the location can be noted in the newsletter and also at the May general meeting.

Fish, Waterfowl/Weed Control, Lake Maintenance/ Water Testing – Lance Lamar
Lance Lamar reported that the amount of fish being put into Harper Lake will be as follows: 660 2-4" blue gills, 660 4-6" blue gills, 6000 minnows. This is an increase of 660 fish from last year. It was stated that about 10% of the fish actually make it once they are released into Harper Lake. A question was asked concerning the need for an improvement to the access area. No decision was made
He also reported that there will be a meeting with PLM to set up a new contract for the milfoil prevention. They will come out and evaluate the lake for the prevention need first and then will let us know the acreage amount they feel needs to be treated. According to the DNR, Harper Lake is a nice little lake with no big

problems. We seem to have pockets of good weeds and a few pockets of milfoil. It had been previously suggested to look into the possibility of treating the lake ourselves but this really needs to be evaluated and treated by a licensed agency.

By-Laws, Poker Run, Loon Nest – Fletcher MacGregor

It was stated that there is a new group (Jim Abbott & Howie Mullen) coordinating the Poker Run. They will meet to discuss any new ideas for this event. Kathy Abbott will email any information concerning the Poker Run to Lisa Mullen before the May general meeting to report.

Fletcher MacGregor reported on the new wording for the Bylaws change. It will read as follows:

Article X – Insurance

“The Board of Directors shall review and secure for the benefit of the Association Members, General Liability Insurance and Directors and Officers/Errors and Omission Insurance as an expense of the Association.”

The board approved to go ahead with this new wording. This change needs to be printed in the newsletter and then will be voted on at the May general meeting. The reason for the change should be stated as a review of the bylaws which should take place every five years. After the meeting, if the change is approved by the membership, Dave Kott will purchase the coverage stating the coverage takes place effective May 26th, 2012.

Fletcher MacGregor also updated the board on the dredging project. The five residents have received the permit to go ahead with the dredging from the DEQ. They are in the process of talking to a second contractor since the first contractor’s price was a little steep. Once they agree on a contractor’s price the project should begin. Kathy Abbott reported they she had a resident who was concerned about the lake level from the dredging. It was stated that the DEQ is requiring all water taken from the lake be pumped back into Harper Lake. If anyone has concerns they should contact the Cadillac DEQ office for explanations of the process.

Gypsy Moths – Jim Hickey

No report at this time.

- Review of 2012 Calendar Dates

Friday, April, 20, 2012	Newsletter Articles due to Dave Kott
Tuesday, May 1, 2012	Newsletter Mailing
Saturday, May 26, 2012	Membership Meeting / Irons Union Church 9:00 am
Saturday, May 26, 2012	Harper Lake Board Meeting/Irons Union Church after member meeting
Saturday, July 7, 2012	Harper Lake Poker Run 2:00 Check-In, 3:00-6:00 Poker Run
Saturday, July 21, 2012	Harper Lake Picnic / TBD 12:00 (noon) Social, 1:00 Lunch
Wednesday, Aug 1, 2012	Newsletter Articles due to Dave Kott
Wednesday, Aug 8, 2012	Newsletter Mailing
Saturday, Aug 18, 2012	Membership Meeting / Irons Union Church 9:00 am
Saturday, Aug 18, 2012	Harper Lake Board Meeting/Irons Union Church after member meeting

- Other Items for Discussion

There will be a road clean-up (Granger Road) after the May general meeting for those interested residents.

A lake rake has been purchased for the Harper Lake residents. It will be housed in Dave Kott’s shed.

There was a reminder that the megaphone used for the Poker Run belongs to the Harper Lake Association.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Kott with a second by Lance Lamar. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 12:00 noon.

