

Harper Lake Membership Meeting
May 26, 2012
9:00 am

Board Members Present: Richard Blumenstein, Lisa Mullen, Dave Kott, Randy Heemstra, Fletcher MacGregor, Lance Lamar

27 members attended

Meeting was called to order at Irons Union Church by Dick Blumenstein at 9:10 am.

Secretary Report

The minutes from the August 27, 2011 meeting were approved by the membership. Jerry Krause motioned to accept with Sue Badalucco second. All were in favor.

Treasurer Report

Lisa Mullen presented the 2012 budget report. The 2012 budget is for \$7,525. We have an ending balance of \$15,542 as of May 23, 2012. It was stated that having envelopes sent out with membership dues seemed to help with response. We have 80 members paid at this time. The treasurer's report and budget was approved by the membership.

OLD BUSINESS

Asian Milfoil

No report at this time

Dredging Project Update

Fletcher MacGregor reported that the dredging should start this next week. All permits have been received and approved. Potentially we will have a sign that states the channel ends and there is no wake in this area.

NEW BUSINESS

By Law Amendment

A change in the bylaws was proposed for a Directors and Officers insurance policy to be purchased for \$300 to protect them from any liability. These individuals volunteer and could have liability against them. Linda Van Dolsen stated that she thought it was wise for them to have this since we are a 503C. The question she had was about following the procedure to do this. Fletch MacGregor stated that the procedure is being followed and it needed to be voted on by the members at this meeting. Joe Landis questioned on what we could possibly have a suit against us for. Fletch stated that anything with merit could be brought up. Linda Van Dolsen motioned for this additional insurance coverage to be purchased with a second by Becky Veneklase. All were in favor.

Committee Reports

HLA Website

We are trying to create a new website for the association. A site that can be updated by all of us non-technical individuals. Laurence Van Dolsen has done a tremendous job keeping the present website updated for us. It is a slow process but we hope to have it changed over by fall.

Newsletter

Dave Kott is the new newsletter editor. He is trying to incorporate human interest stories and has gotten some great ideas.

Clothing Sales

Randy Heemstra is taking orders for a fishing shirt. Last year was a downturn for the clothing sales so we decided to scale back on producing new items. Molly Heemstra did come up with some new ideas but it was not a huge moneymaker. It does advertise the lake though. We still have a supply of kids clothing (t-shirts and sweatshirts). We only have t-shirts in adult sizes. We will still sell at the picnic and poker run. It was stated that the jackets made last year are great.

Directory

Roger Zeh is still in charge of printing the directories. The directory is being updated and will be handed out in the fall. We encourage businesses to use the directory as advertising.

Picnic

This year's picnic will be held at Bob & Nancy Randall's. The social hour will begin at 12:00 (noon) followed by lunch being served at 1:00 pm.

Welcome

Nancy Randall will still be the welcome contact person for Harper Lake. Please let her know if there are any new people on the lake who have not been welcomed by a neighbor of the lake.

Fish Planting

Lance Lamar stated that 1320 hybrid 2"-5" bluegill and 10 gallons of flat head minnows were released on April 25, 2012. The membership allowed \$1500 to spend on this. Some members stated that they have been seeing the most fish ever on the lake especially bluegill. It was also mentioned that the ice fishermen have seen a better population. The guests at Harper Lake Resort feel it is better than it used to be.

Lake Maintenance

The water testing has been done and the water clarity is good based on the chart.

Joe Landis appreciates the feedback on the public access. Randy Heemstra talked to the DNR and they were very helpful. Joe likes the idea of possibly privatizing the dock but the DNR's position is that we need to prove to them that we could do a better job than they do. They usually don't approve private launches. The island is part of the Manistee National Forest with HLA members being caretakers with Linda Van Dolsen having the charter.

Loon's Nest

The idea of having a loon's nest did not pan out for the past two years and probably will not progress any further. We should just use the natural island for them to populate.

Poker Run

This year's Poker Run will be held on Saturday, July 7, 2012. Details are as follows:

Registration: 1 pm - 2 pm

Event: 2 pm – 5 pm

Entry fee: \$10 per hand (unlimited entries)

Prize pool: \$1150 (assuming 150 entries minus expenses below)

1st prize 50% \$575.00

2nd prize 30% \$345.00

3rd prize 10% \$ 115.00

Random Draw 10% \$115.00

Entries will be accepted at the registration boats from 1-2 pm. Each entry will be provided a blank score card that needs to be stamped at each volunteer dock. Each dock will be provided with a unique stamp that they will use to mark one of the available boxes on the score card. Once all of the five stamps have been collected, registrants will converge (boat or car) at the Ice Cream Social (Roger Zeh and Jim Abbott) to receive their hand, and enjoy a root beer or orange pop float. Volunteer dealers (3 total?) will be shuffling and dealing the 5 card hands as the score cards come in, and 2 volunteers will be serving up the ice cream floats. A continually updated leader board (whiteboard) will be displayed at the Ice Cream Social so people know the current leaders. The random hand winner will be drawn once all hands have been dealt.

Proposed Costs: \$150.00 – Stipend for dock volunteers (6 docks including final stop) Note: Is this enough?

\$10.00 – score card stamps (5@ \$2.00 each)

\$4.50 – cards (3 decks)

\$0.00 – score cards (TBD – Roger Zeh volunteered to create the score cards)

\$75.00 – 10 gallons of ice cream Note: Could we borrow or rent a coffin freezer? Dry ice and coolers is another option

\$100.00 – freezer rental

\$12.00 – 6 two liters (3 each of root beer and orange soda)

\$25.00 – 75 party cups, spoons and straws

Volunteer docks – Susie Badalucco, Veneklases, Rayburns, Blumensteins

Gypsy Moth

Jim Hickey has been in the hospital for fifteen weeks with kidney problems but he is slowly gaining strength. Dave Kott spoke with him and Jim stated that he thought we might have a problem. Dave Kott will be working with him to keep informed of this issue. If we do have a problem by the end of the summer the USDA could come out and do a free inspection. This was done 4 to 5 years ago with Linda Van Dolsen. Linda will find the information and give it to Dave Kott for reference.

Joe Landis made a motion to pay \$50 to Irons Union Church for the meeting. Linda Van Dolsen second. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Mark your calendar

Saturday, July 7, 2012

Harper Lake Poker Run 1:00 Check-In, 2:00-5:00 Poker Run

Saturday, July 21, 2012

Harper Lake Picnic / Randall's 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