

**Harper Lake Membership Meeting**  
**August 18, 2012**  
**9:00 am**

Board Members Present: Richard Blumenstein, Kathy Abbott, Randy Heemstra, Fletcher MacGregor, Lisa Mullen, Dave Kott  
27 members attended and each one introduced themselves  
Meeting was called to order at Irons Union Church by Dick Blumenstein at 9:07 am.

**Secretary Report**

The minutes from the May 26, 2012 meeting were approved by the membership. Donna Kott motioned to accept with Sue Oleneack second. All were in favor.

**Treasurer Report**

Lisa Mullen presented the 2012 budget report. Three more members paid their dues which makes the count for paid members at 90. The ending balance as of 8/16/2012 is \$15,490.21. Jim Abbott made a motion to accept the report and Nancy Randall second. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A copy of the Harper Lake Association Bylaws was handed out to those members interested.

**Asian Milfoil Treatment**

On June 18, 2012 about 2.5 acres were treated for milfoil. The actual cost for this treatment was \$1020 plus \$400 for the permit. It was brought to the membership's attention that weeds have increased but this was going to be discussed under new business later in the meeting.

**Dredging Project Update**

The dredging depth of approximately 6 feet has been completed. There was a reminder that the cut was not made all of the way through. It was made just for the homeowners to get in and out of their dock areas. Please inform the homeowners not to try and go through this side of the island. You will get stuck as before and you will also cause the silt to get stirred up and possibly undo some of the dredging that was done. The markers will be kept up this year but hopefully will be able to be removed for next summer lake season.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Election Results**

The following members were elected for another term on The Harper Lake Association Board:

Dick Blumenstein

Kathy Abbott

Lance Lamar

John Gochis

Three names were noted as write in candidates:

Roger Zeh

Howie Mullen

Bob Randall

**Committee Reports**

**HLA Website**

A big thank you was expressed for the hard work done by Laurence Van Dolsen on the website for many years. He will be deeply missed for not only for his friendship but for his expertise on the computer. It was stated that Dave Kott and Roger Zeh will meet to finalize the development of a new HLA website. If there are any members who are computer savvy, please contact Dave Kott. We can use as much help as possible to get and maintain a new site. Linda Van Dolsen reminded the members that no changes will be made to the original website. Any updates will take place after the new one is created.

### **Future HLA Meetings**

The Harper Lake Association meetings location was discussed. Dave Kott checked with the Elk Twp board to see if the town hall might be a possibility. The hall could seat approximately 60-70 people and the feeling was that this might be better than the church since they do seem to have a lot of weekend events. The members at the meeting agreed that this was a good idea. The idea of having the fall membership meeting held on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend was discussed. It was noted by Karen Humfleet that sometimes that is such a busy weekend, it just might not be good to have it then. Then Nancy Randall stated that it had been held at that time previously and maybe we should try it again. We had a show of hands and it was decided that the fall meeting would take place on Saturday, August 31, 2012.

### **Newsletter**

Dave Kott has been including colored pictures in the newsletter so if any members have pictures that they would like included in future newsletters, please send them to him or Dick Blumenstein. Jim Abbott brought up the idea of thanking members who have paid their dues in the newsletter. It was stated that this might not be a good idea if names were accidentally left off the list. Dave Kott thought that continuing to send out reminders was the way to go for the time being. It seems as if this idea is working.

### **Clothing Sales**

Randy Heemstra reported that they had a couple of new sweatshirts to sell. They are two wonderful colors (green & light rust). It was suggested that maybe when we get the new website up and running we could take pictures of our new apparel and show them off on the site. Molly and Randy Heemstra will be stepping down from this committee at the end of 2013. If you have an interest in taking over this job, please let a board member know.

### **Directory**

Roger Zeh is in charge of printing the directories. They should be printed in the next few weeks and then will be mailed only to dues paying members. The election results needs to be included in the directory and also any property owner information changes brought to the board's attention at the meeting. If there are any businesses who would like to advertise in the directory, please get your information to Randy Heemstra or Roger Zeh as soon as possible.

### **Picnic**

Kathy Abbott reported that the Harper Lake picnic held on July 21, 2012 had approximately 45 members attending. She also stated that maybe it was time to rethink the picnic possibilities. Having the picnic along with the Poker Run was a possibility or maybe a hot dog cookout on pontoons out on the lake. A committee will be formed to come up with some ideas on how to improve attendance for this Harper Lake Association event.

### **Fish Planting**

It seems as if the fish that we have previously planted seem to be growing. Members have reported that they are catching some larger sized fish above 35 inches.

### **Weed Control**

The weeds seem to be bad this year. Dick Blumenstein reported that it was probably due to the lack of snow and ice cover and the extreme heat. What can be done? Dick has looked at two different groups who could help with this situation. One is Aqua Doctors and the other is PLM. We can enroll in a three year contract with either one. They could evaluate the weed situation for us and then come up with a treatment plan to control the weeds, good and bad ones. This evaluation would include a complete survey of the lake, they would map it out and then produce a plan. We have used PLM in the past but Dick has not been that impressed with the new crew out of Ewart. Aqua Docks seems to be a little cheaper. They both use the same chemicals for the control. They would get us a good balance of weeds for the fish plantings. It was suggested that we should establish a baseline and then proceed. Since we do not have a problem of Gypsy moth, we could divert funds to the weed control budget to pay for the weed control evaluation.

### **Water Quality**

Does the water quality test include testing of chemicals, etc? It is assumed it has been done just for clarity which does not seem to be a problem. Dick Blumenstein will look into this and decide if another testing should be done to check other problems.

### **Geese Situation**

We do have geese on the lake that like to come up on the homeowner's properties and docks. Dick Blumenstein has checked into this and there seems to be a catch and release program for certain areas if we are interested. Other suggestions were letting off bottle rockets and big red flags put on the end of your dock. The May family has used the flag idea which seems to help. They can be contacted if anyone is interested in this idea.

### **Poker Run**

Fletcher MacGregor reported that the Poker Run was a huge success this year. Howie Mullen and Jim Abbott came up with a new idea for this event and will continue with it for next year. Jim Abbott stated that the property between his house and Roger Zeh's would probably be the location for 2013. At the meeting, the following members offered to be dock captains: Humfleets, Mays, Kotts, Blumensteins, Badallucco and Randalls (if needed). If you are interested in being a dock captain, please contact one of the board members.

### **Gypsy Moth**

There is not a problem at this time. If a problem is noticed, we could ask the USDA to come out and evaluate the areas free of charge. Jim Hickey, who was the head of the Gypsy Moth situation chose not to return to the board because of health issues. We would like to thank him for all of his years of service on the Harper Lake Association Board.

### **Membership News**

No report

There was a motion by Linda Van Dolsen to pay \$50 to Irons Union Church for the meeting. Jim Abbott second. All were in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Nancy Randall. Second by Jim Abbott. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am

### **Mark your calendar**

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| Saturday, Nov 10, 2012   | Harper Lake Board Meeting / Blumenstein's 10:00 am          |
| Sunday, Nov 25, 2012     | Newsletter Articles due to Dave Kott                        |
| Saturday, Dec 8, 2012    | Newsletter Mailing  |
| Saturday, March 16, 2013 | Harper Lake Board Meeting / Kott's 10:00 am                 |
| Thursday, April 25, 2013 | Newsletter Articles due to Dave Kott                        |
| Wednesday, May 8, 2013   | Newsletter Mailing  |
| Saturday, May 25, 2013   | Membership Meeting / Elk Twp Hall 9:00 am                   |
| Saturday, May 25, 2013   | Harper Lake Board Meeting/Elk Twp Hall after member meeting |
| Saturday, July 6, 2013   | Harper Lake Poker Run (Times and Location TBD)              |
| Thursday, July 25, 2013  | Newsletter Articles due to Dave Kott                        |
| Thursday, Aug 8, 2013    | Newsletter Mailing  |
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