

Harper Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2012
10:00 AM

Board Members Present: Dick Blumenstein, Kathy Abbott, Fletcher MacGregor, Lisa Mullen, Randy Heemstra, Lance Lamar, Dave Kott and John Gochis

Meeting was called to order by Dick Blumenstein at 10:05 am.

- Board Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2012
The minutes were approved by a motion from Lance Lamar and a second by Randy Heemstra. All were in favor.
- Treasurer's Report
Lisa Mullen handed out a copy of the budget as of 11/3/2012. The ending balance is \$14,740.14 which is an increase of about \$1000 from this time last year. We have 89 paid members for 2012 and 1 paid member already for 2013. This is an increase of about 9 members. John Gochis asked if this was the intention of the board to always increase the budget balance. The answer was no, but we do like to keep an amount in the account in case there becomes a need for any lake problems.
Lisa also handed out a copy of the 2013 budget. At the last meeting we had agreed to take out line items for donations and miscellaneous office expenses. It was also agreed to add line items for lake survey and contingency under the lake maintenance.
Just a reminder to email Lisa any deposits made to the bank and also a brief description of each deposit so that she can keep her bookkeeping correct.
The reports were approved by a motion from Randy Heemstra and a second by John Gochis. All were in favor.
- HLA Standing Committee Reports

Dave Kott - HLA Web Site, Newsletter & Historian
Dave reported that he has had some difficulty getting someone to help set up a new website. He has decided that the best possibility is to use Google. He contacted Foy Van Dolsen to see if he is willing to help us create a new site. Kathy Abbott reported that her son, Andy stated that we need to get access to the domain name or purchase a new one before we should even begin to create a new site. Without this, anyone trying to get on the site will always be taken to the original one under the HLA Resort domain. Dave will try again to get this going.
Dave will be mailing out the newsletter around December 8th and is asking for articles to be submitted to him by November 25th.

Randy Heemstra - Directory, Clothing/ Retail
Randy reported that the directories were mailed out to association members only this year. He also remarked that the mailing of the directories took a big chunk out of the money we received from advertisements. Maybe we should reconsider the mailing of the directories for next year. Dick Blumenstein also brought up the fact that everyone had their name listed in the directory even if they are not members. He thinks that maybe we should have a way of noting paid members and non-paid members in the directory for next year. There was discussion concerning this idea and it was concluded that we probably need at least another year to finalize updates on our address list so that people are not overlooked when sending out dues requests. We will discuss this further at our spring board meeting.

Kathy Abbott - Picnic, Welcoming
Kathy Abbott apologized for not having any information concerning the picnic. She will have the committee meet to discuss possible new ideas for the picnic. Kathy will also write an article for the newsletter requesting ideas from the members for a Harper Lake event to replace the normal picnic. It was decided that this event will take place on Saturday, July 20, 2013. The location has not been finalized. It will be determined at a later date depending on the type of event it is.

Lance Lamar - Fish, Waterfowl/Weed Control, Lake Maintenance/ Water Testing

The water sampling of the lake should be due soon. Bob McDonald usually takes care of this for us. There was a discussion concerning what exactly is tested in the water sample. Is the lake checked for E-Coli? Is it necessary to have it checked for this? If we think there is a need, could we check for this ourselves? Swimmer's Itch was also brought up in the testing discussion. And yes, we have had cases of swimmer's itch during the summer. We are not sure this is something that can be prevented.

Lance Lamar wanted feedback from the board members on whether to increase the fish planting numbers or leave it the same as in the past year. We have had approximately 660 4"-6" and 660 2" bluegill and minnows planted. John Gochis mentioned our pike population and how this affects the planting results. We have been told that if we retain 1-5% we are doing well. Dave Kott said that he feels that the bluegill in the lake are getting bigger. Maybe Stony Creek would have some different ideas to help our planting results. There was the suggestion that maybe we should take large buckets of the fish and plant them at other areas of the lake instead of just releasing them at the dock area. Lance will look into this for us.

- Review of Calendar of Events

All of the dates look good. We did add the Harper Lake Event for Saturday, July 20, 2013

- Review of the lake weed survey by PLM

Dick Blumenstein passed out copies of the PLM survey results. The actual survey of Harper Lake was done in September of this year. PLM came up with four or five recommendations needed to control the weeds (pond weed and milfoil). Dick Blumenstein and Dave Kott will look at the survey closely and come up with recommendations for the board to consider spending money on. There are Harper Lake association members who would like to see habitat areas of weeds left alone for our fish. It was decided that Dave Kott would add an article in the newsletter concerning the weed control and ask the members to reply whether they would like their areas left alone or treated.

- Other Items for Discussion

Dick Blumenstein passed out the PLM news which included an article about PLM's first zebra mussel treatment performed in the nation. Lance Lamar has noted that we do have some zebra mussels in the lake.

Dick Blumenstein passed out a spreadsheet created by Dave Kott concerning the board members terms of service. It was noted that Randy Heemstra will need to be replaced. Some names brought up for election were: Bill Stymer, Sue Badalluco, Joe Kozak and Jim Gorinac.

Dick Blumenstein suggested we start to think about a succession plan and cross training for board members. Further discussion will held pertaining to this at the spring board meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Kott with a second by Lisa Mullen. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 11:30 AM.