

Harper Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2015
10:00 AM

Board Members Present: Kathy Abbott, Sue Badalucco, Jim Brown, Karen Brower, Jeff Toy, Lisa Mullen (facetime)
Absent: Bill Mullaly, John Gochis

Meeting was called to order by Sue Badalucco at 10:00 AM.

- Board Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2015
The minutes were approved by a motion from Karen Brower and a second by Jim Brown.
All were in favor.

- Treasurer’s Report
Lisa stated that the 2016 insurance was shown as being paid in 2015 because of the actual due date from the insurance company.
The treasurer’s report was approved with a motion from Kathy Abbott and a second from Karen Brower. All were in favor.

- Development of 2016 Budget
The following changes were made to the proposed Income budget:
2016 Dues \$5500 (Lisa will send out dues reminders)
Retail \$3500
Poker Run \$ 500
Deleted line item for directories
This created a total income of \$9750
The following changes were made to the proposed Expense budget:
Welcome Committee \$100
Retail \$3500
Milfoil Control \$3100
Water Quality \$625
Native Plant Treatment \$0
Website \$150
Newsletter \$500
This created a total expense of \$11,733
It was stated that the HLA budget ending balance should never get below \$7500. If it does a possible solution to the problem will be to raise dues.
A motion to approve this budget was made by Kathy Abbott with a second by Karen Brower. All were in favor.

- Calendar Dates (Sue will check on Elk Twp Hall)
Spring Board meeting Feb 27, 2016 at Jim Brown’s 10:00 AM
Membership Meeting May 28, 2016 at Elk Twp Hall 9:00 AM
Board Meeting May 28, 2016 at Elk Twp Hall 10:30 AM
Poker Run July 2, 2016 Harper Lake & Abbott’s House 2:00 PM
Membership Meeting Sept 3, 2016 at Elk Twp Hall 9:00 AM
Board Meeting Sept 3, 2016 at Elk Twp Hall 10:30 AM
Fall Board Meeting Nov 12, 2016 at Bill Mullaly’s 10:00 AM

- HLA Standing Committees Chairman
Bylaws – Lisa Mullen
The board members were asked to look over the existing bylaws and bring a list of any changes needed to the next board meeting on February 27, 2016. The vote taken on previous changes are null and void because the proper notification to the members was not done according to the existing bylaws. Members will be sent notification of these new proposed changes before the May membership meeting for a final vote.
Buoys – Jim Brown

Clothing/Retail – Sue Badalucco

Sue suggested that maybe we should just continue sales with existing clothing items for this next year. She also brought up the idea about creating a special t shirt to help with the fish stocking expense. She will look into this idea. Julie Mullaly will also be asked about making a quilt with old styles of t shirts which could be auctioned off at the HLA Poker Run. The proceeds would go towards the fish stocking expense.

Directory – Kathy Abbott

Lisa Mullen will look into the oversight of donating an amount of money to Roger Zeh for last year's directory printing. Kathy Abbott will send HLA directory advertising form letters to Sue Badalucco and she will proceed with getting the mailings out before the end of the year. Jeff Toy also requested a copy of the letters and the list of the existing advertisers in the directory.

Facebook – Karen Brower

Karen stated that there has been good response (between 75-300 people) on our HLA Facebook page. Any suggestions need to be forwarded to Karen.

Fish/Waterfowl – Jim Brown

Jim stated that the permit will need to be signed in April of 2016. The fish will then be released sometime in May or early June. It was suggested that he might take a video of the release which then could be posted on Facebook. We could suggest other species be released into Harper Lake but it was decided to just stay with the hybrid bluegill and minnows. This seems to be working for recreational fishing for homeowners and their families.

Historian – John Gochis

John had another interview about the history of Harper Lake and will add it to his present information in the spring.

Lake Rake – Bill Mullaly, Kathy Abbott

Newsletter – Karen Brower

The board liked the new layout of the newsletter. Karen will continue to send them out like last time. Once Karen and Lisa finalize the master mail list, they will only send out the ones who request actual mailings. The others will be sent electronically. Karen will create another one for the spring which would include the bylaw changes for the membership meeting vote. It was also suggested that in the newsletter sent out in December of 2016 we should add a donation request for the fish stocking along with the dues notice.

Poker Run – Jim Brown, Kathy Abbott

Kathy Abbott presented her thoughts on the possible changes for the proceeds and prizes for the 2016 Poker Run. There would be a 10% taken off the proceeds for fish stocking along with expenses and then would distribute 10 prize amounts with the normal 4 random draws. This was agreed upon. Karen is still looking into the permitting of continuing to hold the HLA Poker Run. Lisa will look into whether HLA is actually registered as a 501 3C.

Road Clean Up- Jim Brown

Web Site – Karen Brower

Karen Brower will continue to update the website. She needs updates and suggestions from all of the board members. The board needs to remember that in December of 2019 we need to pay again for the domain name being used. We are still using Jake Pine as our host for the website.

Weed Control – Jim Brown

Jim Brown stated that he will continue to inform all of the homeowners as much as possible with regard to the weed control prevention for Harper Lake. He handed out some very informative packets to the board members which we should look over. A five year contract has been signed with PLM for the milfoil control and AVAS Survey.

Welcoming – Sue Badalucco

Sue will continue with the welcoming of our new neighbors. She is looking into a better plan of action.

- Other Items for Discussion

Bill Mullaly contacted the DNR about the signs on the island. He does not know if anything has been done but they seemed to be receptive of his request.

Bill Mullaly offered to be the contact person for the individual lake area cleanup. If there are interested parties wanting to do any weed control in front of their properties they should contact Bill and he will try to organize a procedure for taking care of this.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Abbott with a second by Karen Brower. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 12:23.