

Harper Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2016
9:00 AM

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

Meeting was called to order by Sue Badalucco at 9:05 AM.

- Board Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2015
The minutes were approved by a motion from Karen Brower and a second by John Gochis.
All were in favor.
- Treasurer's Report
The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Kathy Abbott and a second from Bill Mullaly. All were in favor.
- Calendar Dates

Membership Meeting	May 28, 2016 at Elk Twp Hall 9:00 AM
Board Meeting	May 28, 2016 at Elk Twp Hall 10:30 AM
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
Lisa Mullen will present the by-law changes discussed today at the May membership meeting for a vote. The spring newsletter will include these by-law changes for notification to the membership before the vote is taken at the meeting. Lisa will draft the changes discussed and email to the board members for approval before having them printed in the newsletter. The following by-laws were looked at for changes: Article III Section 3, Article IV Section 1 a&b, Article VI Section 1 c, and Article VIII Section 1. Following Article VII Voting Section 1 by-law, a disclaimer will be included on the ballot that only one vote will be counted for each property.
 - Buoys – Jim Brown
They are ready to be put in once weather and lake clear.
 - Clothing/Retail – Sue Badalucco
No new information
 - Directory – Kathy Abbott
We have ten advertisers as of today's meeting totaling \$615. Jim Abbott will start working on the directory layout as time permits. He will request the final address list when the time comes from Lisa Mullen. The goal is to have the directory completed by the membership meeting or as close to that date as possible. We will once again have volunteers walking around the lake delivering to the paid dues members. Kathy Abbott will find out from Karen Brower if we plan on using Big River Properties to copy this year's newsletters. If so, we will once again advertise for them in the directory without a charge.
 - Facebook – Karen Brower
No new information
 - Fish/Waterfowl – Jim Brown
Jim Brown stated that he will file the fish stocking permit once again this year. The cost of the permit is \$1500 which is the cost for the fish released into the lake. A discussion was held to possibly start asking for donations for this fund. We would like for this to continue if possible for the enjoyment of the property owners and their families.
 - Historian – John Gochis
John Gochis interviewed the Royce family and created an article that he added to the Harper Lake history. He sent it to Karen Brower for posting on the website. John will have copies of the whole history article for the May membership meeting to hand out to any interested property owners.
Please check website for complete article.
 - Lake Rake – Bill Mullaly, Kathy Abbott

Newsletter – Karen Brower

Two newsletters will be created, one in April and another in November for the membership. An article on Harper Lake fish stocking and donations for the stocking will be included in the April newsletter.

Poker Run – Jim Brown, Kathy Abbott

Kathy Abbott presented her thoughts on the changes for the 2016 Poker Run. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the Association could not back such an event as in the past.

There is a liability concern which the board members are afraid of. The Harper Lake Poker Run will be eliminated as an annual event.

Road Clean Up- Jim Brown

Jeff Toy has offered to help with the road cleanup as needed. The cleanup includes Granger Road from 10 ½ Mile Road to the Dewitt Bridge.

Website – Karen Brower

We need to check out why there is no password requirement to access the directory information on the website.

Weed Control – Jim Brown

With regards to native weed control around the lake, Bill Mullaly requested a list from Lisa Mullen for all property owners. He will contact the owners to see if there is any interest in grouping together for a permit for native weed control around their lake area. We were told that it would be more beneficial to do this as a group instead of individually.

The permit for milfoil control has been paid for by the association so we are all set for inspection of areas once the weather permits.

John Gochis stated that he has information on Gypsy Moth if we ever have that concern around the lake again.

Welcoming – Sue Badalucco

Sue requested a list from Lisa Mullen for all of the new property owners around the lake for the years 2015 and 2016. She will make sure they get contacted and welcomed to Harper Lake.

- Other Items for Discussion

Four current board members' terms expire in August of 2016. We need to find replacements for two of them.

Kathy Abbott brought up the noise caused by the snowmobilers very late at night on the lake. After some discussion, it was decided that nothing really could be enforced by the association.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Abbott with a second by Lisa Mullen. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 11:10.