

**Harper Lake Membership Meeting
September 5, 2015
9:00 AM**

Board Members Present: Kathy Abbott, Bill Mullaly, Sue Badalucco, Dave Kott, John Gochis, Jim Brown, Karen Brower

Absent: Lisa Mullen

35 members attended and each one introduced themselves

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

Secretary Report

The minutes from the Mat 23, 2015 meeting were approved by the membership. Becky Veneklase motioned to accept with a second by Donna Kott. All were in favor.

Treasurer Report

Sue Badalucco presented the 9/5/15 budget report since Lisa was not able to attend. She stated that we have 104 paid members which are a little lower than last year at this time. The ending balance as of 9/1/2015 is \$14,999.12. Karen Humfleet made a motion to accept the report with a second by Liz Smaha. All were in favor.

Election of Board Members

There were 28 ballots filled out and returned. There were no write in candidates noted. The following members were voted to begin their two year term:

Sue Badalucco, Lisa Mullen, Jim Brown and Jeff Toy

OLD BUSINESS

Asian Milfoil Treatment - 2015

Jim Brown stated that the treatment went well. They treated the area around the sunken island and an area by the resort side of the lake. There did not seem to be an abundance of the Asian milfoil so we are doing a great job controlling it. We did not have to spend as much on the treatment because of the less amount of area. There was a native weed treatment performed around the launch area this year. A suggestion to discontinue this treatment in the future was made. We would like to see homeowners take care of their own lake area to keep costs down for the association. The big question is if homeowners can do this legally without a permit if they use the association permit. Jim Brown will check on this and it will be noted in the next newsletter. If the homeowners can do this, then a schedule will be created so that the treatments will be done on the same weekend. It was also suggested that maybe we should look into other companies besides PLM for this these treatments.

Fish Stocking

Jim Brown stated that the fish stocking was fun to watch. The truck just backed up to the dock and dropped 1500 fish and 5 gallons of minnows. Jim did fill up a few buckets and spread them around certain areas of the lake. We feel that the continuation of the fish stocking is a good idea. Homeowners continue to catch blue gill, bass, hybrids, and crappies on the lake which is fun for the family members.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Thank You

A big thank you went out to Dave Kott for all of the work he has done for the association. There will be a big shoe to fill in his absence. The jobs he performed were stated with hopes of members coming forward to help with these tasks.

HLA Website/Newsletter

Please visit the Harper Lake website! The directory is posted on the site and in order to access the listing, please use the password REPRAH which is HARPER spelled backwards. Nancy Randall once again was kind enough to make copies of the newsletter to decrease the Association's costs. The idea of only having two newsletters instead of three will be discussed by the board and voted on at the meeting following the membership meeting. It was stated that the bylaws needed to be changed so that we could have the option of mailing and/or emailing the newsletters to the members. Dick Blumenstein made a motion to approve this bylaw change with a second by Beck Veneklase. All were in favor.

Facebook

Karen Brower stated that the Facebook page includes all kinds of information about Harper Lake Association along with Elk County Information. She updates it 3 to 4 times a month with new postings. Search under Facebook "Harper Lake" and you will find the site. If you like the page it will automatically set you up to receive any updates posted on the site. It also can be used by anyone to post happenings if they want. Another great way to find out what is going on in the neighborhood! Great job, Karen!

Clothing Sales

Sue Badalucco had a variety of new apparel at the meeting with quite a few members purchasing the new items. There was also a clearance table of old designed apparel. She stated that if anyone has suggestions or concerns about items, please contact her through email. She knows there has been a suggestion about online shopping but she does not care to get into that idea with shipping and all. A big thank you was expressed to her and her family for all of the work they do with the sales. Jeff Toy shared a story about how she goes beyond her normal duties with this and how he was able to purchase a Father's Day gift last minute for his dad.

Directory

A big thank you goes out to Jim Abbott and Roger Zeh for the new design of the directory which everyone seems to approve of. The directory includes lake addresses only but also email addresses and phone numbers of all property owners. If you need to access another address for a homeowner on the lake, they are listed on the website in the directory. We will add a note in the directory next year stating where to find the other addresses. The directories are handed out to dues paying members only. There are extra copies for a \$2 donation. Please contact the Abbotts if you need another one or if you never received one in July.

Poker Run 2015

The Poker Run was held on Saturday, July 4th. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves at this annual event. Dawn May stated that with their family winnings, they donated a portion (\$550) to Little Mary's Hospitality House. What a nice gesture. Some concerns from homeowners were expressed as follows:

1. Check with gaming association to see if we need a permit for future poker runs.
2. Are too many tickets being sold or should we limit the amount of tickets in the future?
3. Is it becoming too large and will it get out of hand with the alcohol consumption and boating safety?
4. Will the lake and surrounding area become trashed from this event?
5. Can we monitor water spraying and balloon use on the lake?
6. Should it be stopped for a year or two and brought back with lower attendance?
7. Does our insurance cover for casualty during this event?
8. Should some new rules be stated at registration?
9. Should we increase the number of prizes given out with the top prize being held at a certain amount?
10. Could we take a certain percentage of the monies collected and put in the fish stocking fund to help defray association costs throughout the year?

After plenty of discussion it was decided to look at these concerns and make some minor changes for 2016 and then review again to see if more changes need to be addressed. All members present seemed to agree with this decision.

Poker Run 2016

The Poker Run will be held on Saturday, July 2, 2016 with some minor changes to improve boat congestion at each dock. We have five dock captains signed up for 2016. We are still in need of two more. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Abbott at kdabbott54@gmail.com. We hope that with the changes made the concerns of a few of the homeowners will be alleviated.

Weed Control

A suggestion was made to discontinue the weed control for next year to help with Association expenses. All members present were in favor. A question was raised concerning the lake level. This cannot be controlled. It is what it is!

Fish Stocking

It was decided by the members present to continue with this for next year.

ByLaws

The fall general membership meeting bylaw will be changed to reflect that it will be held on the Saturday of the Labor Day weekend. Liz Smaha made a motion to accept this change with a second by Donna Kott. All were in favor. See above under Newsletter report for bylaw change for mailing of the newsletter.

Harper Lake History

John Gochis is still trying to collect history of Harper Lake. If you have any information to share please contact John. He would like information on why the lake was named Harper Lake if anyone has a clue. There were a few names mentioned of people who might have some interesting facts about the lake. They are as follows: Rose Hickey, Bill Royce, Frank Maggini, and Jack Davis.

OTHER ITEMS

Sue Badalucco stated that there was a bear sighting on Kessler Road on Tuesday night around 11:30. There have also been sightings by Dan Belman who lives on 10 ½ mile road.

On a better note there have been a couple eagles seen on the lake this summer.

There was a motion for adjournment made by Donna Kott with a second by Liz Smaha.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM