



AUGUST 2015

Harper Lake Association
P.O. Box 53, Irons, MI 49644

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 1, ANNUAL ASSOCIATION FEES \$55.00

SEPTEMBER 5, FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING..9:00 AM SKINNER PARK HALL

ANNUAL MEETING

MEMBERSHIP/ ANNUAL MEETING
Mark your calendar for SEPTEMBER 5, 2015. Our late summer/fall Membership Meeting will be held at 9:00 am at **the IATA SKINNER PARK** in beautiful downtown Irons. Skinner Park is the home to our local Flea Roast and Ox Market.

Come a little early and visit with your neighbors.

The agenda will include:

- ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS
- FINANCE UPDATE
- MERITS OF FISH STOCKING
- THE POKER RUN
- LAKE RULES

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Harper Lake Association members are responsible for maintaining the lake quality of the lake in addition to fulfilling the responsibilities spelled out in the association bylaws. The bylaws can be found in the web site at HarperLakeAssociation.org. Members serve for a two year term and may run for up to three consecutive terms.

Terms expire this year for Sue Badalucco, Jim Brown, Lisa Mullen and David Kott.

These four positions need to be filled. The candidates to date include:

- Sue Badalucco running for her 2nd term
- Jim Brown running for his 2nd term
- Lisa Mullen running for her 3rd term
- Jeff Toy running for his 1st term

If you are interested in running for the board or would like to become a little more involved this year with your lake, contact Kathy Abbott at kdabbott54@gmail.com or 231 266 2074.

MILFOIL AND WEED CONTROL:

PLM, the experts in lake quality maintenance, treated Harper Lake in June for the invasive Mil Foil weed. This weed threatens to choke out many Michigan inland lakes unless treated on a regular basis.

Treatment was canceled last year due to the unusually cold weather and fears arose that we would have a backlash of excessive growth this year.

Normally we treat only 4 to 6 acres of the 80 acre lake, but this year, the growth was less than expected.

In July, a follow up survey was made and only the area around the buoy on the north side of the lake required attention.

Native weeds were also treated in the launch area. This was the second of a two year commitment and will most likely be the last. Questions and suggestions will be taken at the September 5th Membership Meeting.

ASSOCIATION DIRECTORIES

A big thanks to the Abbotts for putting together the new directory; the Zehs for printing; Sue Badalucco and Karen Brower for distribution. If you need any extra copies, see Jim Abbott. Extra copies are \$2.00

POKER RUN:

July 4th, 2015 was another fun filled day for all of the Harper Lake Poker Run participants. The weather could not have been better for this exciting event. A total of 641 cards were sold and 480 hot dogs were consumed by all.

Congratulations to the following people on their winnings:

Brandon May – 1st place
Dawn May – 2nd place
Windy Rittner – 3rd place
Evan Randall – 4th place
Rhonda Veltkamp – 5th place
Connie Flynn – 6th place
Dave Allen – 7th place
Kristi Pendrick – 8th place
Coltin Poll, Lauren Heemstra, Ann & Michelle Kozak, Heather Rodriguez – Random Draws

A big thank you goes out to everyone behind the scene who made the annual Poker Run a huge success.

Jim & Kathy Abbott, Jim & Gail Brown, Roger & Kathy Zeh, Dave & Donna Kott, Mike & Karen Brower, Frank & Janice Maggini, Mike & Diane Miller, Bill & Julie Mullaly, Sue Badalucco, Gary & Ann Kozak, Louis & Beth Vanderlaan, Stan & Cheryl McGown, Howie & Lisa Mullen, Ross Schipper and all of the families and friends who stepped in where help was needed.

If you have any desire to be a dock captain or any suggestions for next year's event please contact Kathy Abbott at kdabbott54@gmail.com.



RULE REMINDERS

“SLOW, NO WAKE” for all motorized watercraft shall be between 7:30pm and 11:00am.

Speed boating, waterskiing, and operation of personal watercraft shall be between the hours of 11:00am and 7:30pm.

All watercraft must circle the lake in a counter clockwise direction.

100 FOOT RULE: SLOW-NO WAKE SPEED must be maintained within 100 feet of shoreline, any watercraft, docks, fishermen, rafts, swimming areas, and swimmers

Remember: Excessive noise and bad language can be heard while you are out on the lake. Please respect others while we all enjoy Harper Lake.

KEEP UP WITH HLA ON FACEBOOK

Be sure to "like" the Harper Lake Association on Facebook. The page is being updated regularly with news about association events, township news, reminders, links to local happenings and other things to help you make the most of your time on Harper Lake. It's the most timely way to get your news.

The page is not just for property owners – invite your friends and relatives who live in the area or who want to see what's happening on the lake. The Facebook page can be found at www.facebook.com/HarperLakeMI

Karen Brower

FINANCES

An update will be provided at the membership meeting.

See you at the Membership meeting on **SEPTEMBER 5TH....Saturday morning.**