

Harrisville Pond Association
Annual Meeting Minutes 2021- 2024

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Annual Meeting, July 31, 2021

Attendance: All board members present and approximately 20 other individuals attended

Introductions - Sarah introduced herself and the members of the board. This was followed by the introductions of all who attended this meeting.

Recap of HPA business since 2019 –

- a. 2019 - transition of the board members, focus on Lake Host program
- b. 2020 - Due to COVID no annual meeting that year, created an updated database of members and dues status for the membership mailing, Lake Host continued and reported an increase in usage from approx. 100 to 300. One water testing from the state in July.
- c. 2021 - actions to monitor the health of the lake continue, Lake Hosting, VLAP testing in July with a biologist, and 2nd test scheduled for August, volunteers will weed watch in August. Increased our visibility through articles in Common Threads, cooperation with Skatutakee and Silver Lake, creating a HPA logo for a banner and mailings

Finances - Cathy reported out HPA finances for 2019, 2020 and into 2021. It is clear that HPA expenses are not covered by the membership dues collected. Something to address going forward.

Discussion/Challenges –

d. Question regarding the water level came to the board. Chick Colony was invited to the meeting to address this question. He explained when and why he would change the water level. Explained the relationship between Harrisville, Nubanusit and Skatutakee lakes. There is no set schedule for when there is a drawdown, but anyone can ask if they have a concern, better if it comes from a group than an individual. August 28th Hist. Harrisville will be talking about the turbine and how it will be used to generate electricity in the town.

e. Question about the ban on jet skis - Chick said in about 1978 the town asked for legislation to ban jet skis on the lake. The ban included 1–2-person jet skis. Recently

someone reported seeing jet skis designed for three people on the lake, these are not covered under our ban and so can be on the lake. Does not appear to be a huge concern currently.

f. A suggestion was made by a member to look into how the river water running under some of the town buildings might be used to manage heating and cooling the buildings.

g. Geese continue to be a concern. One member noted that a goose that was unable to fly ended up dying under his dock. He observed another goose on the pond that appeared unable to fly.

Voting - Sarah put forward a motion that the current slate of board members be moved forward, the motion was seconded and approved.

Publicity/Member action - Sarah showed packets of HPA "Thank you" cards that would be for sale. The cost will be \$10 for a package of 5 cards. Several members bought packages at the meeting. Sarah asked members to get in touch with her if they were interested in serving on the board. One member offered to talk with non-paying members. Sarah also reminded the members of our presence on the town website and on Facebook. Members looking to get involved as a volunteer should reach out to a current member of the board. Meeting adjourned

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Annual Meeting, July 16, 2022

MINUTES

1. Sarah K. introduced the current members of the board. Sarah is stepping down as President and will be replaced by Teresa M. Dwain, Jon, will continue as Members-at-large. Paula K. and Jeff T. are also joining the board. Sarah will continue to serve on board for one additional year. Cathy B. will continue to serve as Treasurer. She was recognized at the meeting for being our longest serving board member.

2. Sarah shared current HPA membership figures with some historical background. (Sorry I didn't make a note of the current % of lake owners who are dues paying members). HPA membership dues have been kept at \$20.00, however last year we asked for an additional \$20.00 donation to help us meet the costs of our Lake Host and Water Testing programs. Approximately 95% of the members contributed \$20.00. This plan is in place again, this year.

3. An update on the Treasurer's Report was shared. Currently HPA has a balance of slightly over \$8,000. This will be enough to cover HPA expenses. A question was asked how the extra funds would be used. The answer is that HPA will continue to set aside funds for the purposes of keeping the lake healthy and free from invasive weeds and toxic algae blooms.

4. Teresa reported on the VLAP program. We have completed one water testing with a VLAP biologist. A second round of water testing is scheduled for July 28th. We have not received the data analysis of our lake water from the June testing, but that information will be summarized and posted on our website.

5. Update on the Weed Watching program

6. Presentation from Crystal of the Lake Smart Program
Meeting adjourned

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Annual Meeting, July 29, 2023

Sunset Beach- 9:00 am -10:00 am.

1. Introductions - Teresa introduced herself (President), Cathy Buffum, Treasurer and other at-large members of the board in attendance; Sarah Kendall, Jon Richardson, Dwain Hammett and Paula King. There were approximately 20 HPA members in attendance. A suggestion was made by one member to create an email group so that information could be quickly sent out. That suggestion will be taken up at the next HPA board meeting.

2. Cathy gave a treasurer's report.

3. Teresa reported on the VLAP testing, giving a summary of last summer's results. (A copy of the full report is attached) Overall conditions on the pond remain stable. It is recommended that we continue to test three times over the summer in June, July and August. Storm water run-off continues to be a concern. As of this meeting date, there has been conducted one VLAP test, and another one is scheduled for Aug. 3rd. Just prior to the Annual meeting a cyano-bacteria bloom was spotted on Silver Lake and testing further confirmed its presence in the lake. In addition to the VLAP testing, the state is also testing for e coli and other contamination in the water at Sunset Beach. Both the June and July tests were negative for contamination.

4. Teresa also gave a brief update on the Weed watchers. She provided copies of

