

Harris Lake Association  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
July 4, 2020

HLA vice president Jim Evans called the meeting to order. Those in attendance introduced themselves. The minutes of the previous meeting noted a discrepancy regarding the reported ending balance of \$11,322.96 from last year. The HLA Treasurer determined that the 11,322.96 figure was mistakenly picked up from CMSPOA, the other association that meets after HLA. Actual ending balance for HLA at 8/1/18 was \$6381.81 as reported in the financials last year. Minutes were approved noting the reason for the discrepancy.

Treasurer/secretary John Grimmer provided the financial report:

HLA Financial Report 7/3/2020

Beginning balance	\$6,724.70		7/1/19
Dues	\$925.00		various
New checks for new checking account	-\$33.00	Associated Bank	9/10/19
Picnic 2019	-\$213.96	Tim Nickels	9/17/19
Beaver expense	-\$385.00	Joshua Waszak	11/26/19
Beaver expense	-\$1,450.00	Joshua Waszak	6/4/20
Ending balance	\$5,567.74		7/3/20

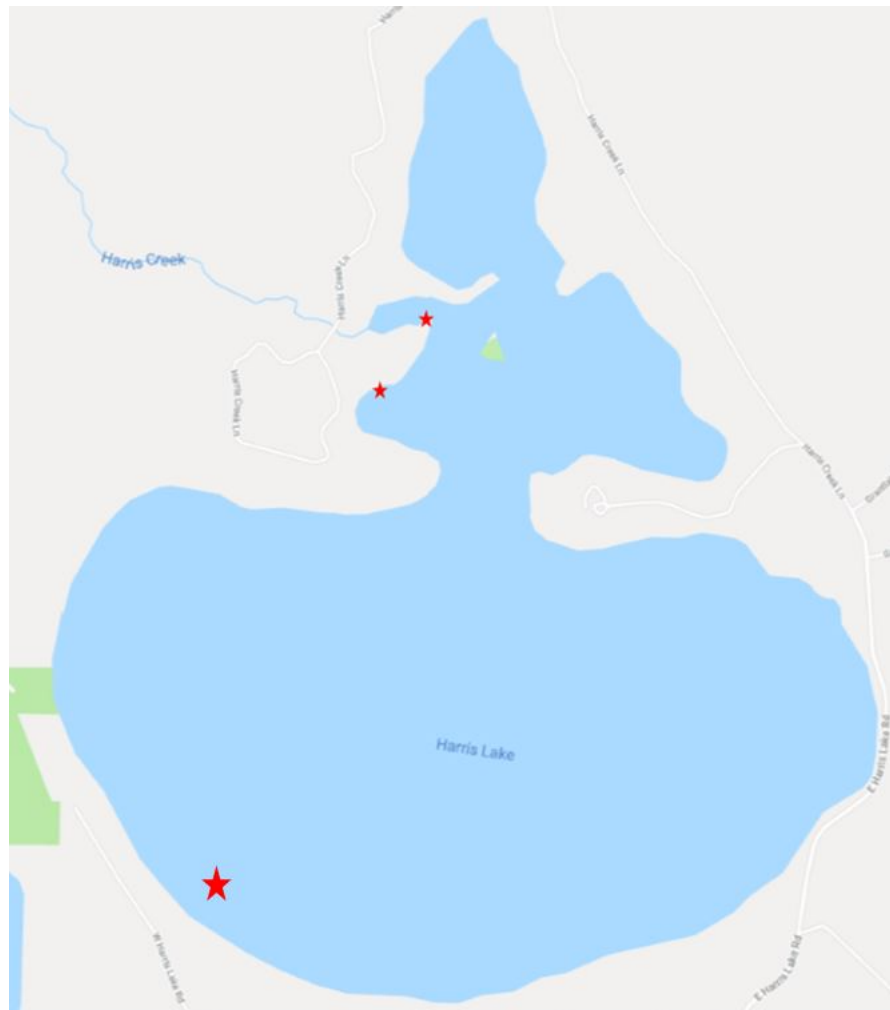
New Business:

- a) Beaver Report – Jim Evans reported 17 beavers removed. Antidotally, this seemed to be an exceptionally heavy year for beavers in the area and the expectation is that we won't be seeing this high capture rate again. No beavers were removed last year.
- b) Harris Lake Water Report – Tim Nickels reports that lake levels are lowest and most consistent and water clarity is better than the last 4 years. A copy of Tim's report is attached. Data collected for Harris lake by the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network can be found on the DNR site <https://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/CLMN/Station.aspx?id=643512>
- c) WTLC Report – Winchester Town Lakes Committee, a standing committee of the Winchester Town Board, has not meet since January due to the Covid outbreak. They plan a virtual meeting this month and the HLA secretary will be nominated as an alternative representative to the committee for Harris Lake. The current Harris Lake Implementation Plan has these goals:
  - a. Maintain current water quality conditions
  - b. Assure and Enhance the Communication and Outreach of the Harris Lake Association with Harris Lake Stakeholders
  - c. Reduce Shoreland Erosion on Harris Lake Brought About by Beaver Activity
  - d. Control Existing Aquatic Invasive Species and Prevent New Introductions to Harris Lake
  - e. Enhance the fishery of Harris Lake

The North Lakeland Discovery Center is active in controlling existing aquatic invasive Curly Leaf Pondweed on Harris Lake. The following illustration and comments are from Emily Heald | Water Program Coordinator:

“I am also attaching the map of where we found curly-leaf pondweed this year. The two northern points were rooted plants. We only found one small plant on the northern most of the northern point, and several plants on the more southern of the northern points. These are not new locations; we have been monitoring them for a few years now.

“The location that is newer is the southern-most star. We only found a floating fragment of curly-leaf pondweed there. We scoured the area for rooted plants to no avail. If you could get the word out to other folks to keep an eye on the southern part of the lake, it would be very much appreciated. If anyone thinks they found anything, they can take a picture or bring in a sample (just put it in water in a container). It helps to take a GPS point, too, or at least be pretty certain of the location they found it in.”



- d) DNR Report – Glenn Doering provided a detailed report on the history, current state and possible future of the fishery on Harris Lake, including the results of the Creel Survey the DNR did last year and this spring. A copy of the survey is attached along with the history of treaty spearing harvest and the Fall 2019 Walleye Recruitment Survey. An additional fishery document, The Treaty Spring Survey can be found here <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/documents/north/VilasHarris2019SpringSummary.pdf>
- e) Loon Report – no confirmed nests with a possible sighted on the island. 3-4 chicks were spotted. Also a pack of 6 wolves and a mountain lion with cubs were captured on a trail cam around the lake.
- f) 2020 Picnic will not be held this year as the Winchester Town Park is closed for the time being.
- g) Election of new officers – Don Schroeder and Dan Perkins were elected to take on the duties of President and Vice President with the division of responsibilities to be determined.
- h) Ben Zaleski requested an opportunity to bid on snow removal.
- i) There was a discussion about the condition of the dock and potential improvements to the public boat landing. The consensus was to move the pier to better align with the boat ramp and that was done later the same day as this meeting.

Meeting adjourned