

HARRIS LAKE ASSOCIATION

Minutes 2023 HLA ANNUAL MEETING

HLA met July 1, 2023 Saturday morning, 9:00, in the Scholl Community Impact Group riding barn at 13141 Old W Rd, Winchester, WI 54557.

Dan Perkins dwperk13@gmail.com President

Don Schroeder don.schroeder545@yahoo.com Vice president

John Grimmer jgrimmer@manofarm.com Secretary/treasure

- Call to Order/Roll Call by Dan
- Approval of 2022 Annual Minutes, motion by Don, second by Pete Shield, passed without objection.
- Financial Report by John as listed below.
- New Business
 1. Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant – Don Schroeder suggested that after learning from last year's program, and citing the restricted payment schedule that only allows reimbursement for the time of trained volunteers, we would not participate this year.
 2. DNR Walleye Restocking – Glenn Doering stated that the DNR stocked 18k walleye fingerlings this year on top of 19k last year, and that the electroshock survey this spring found 144 0-to-1 year-olds, which is up from none last year.
 3. Water Quality Report – Jim Evans reported on lake water quality data that Tim Nickels has been collecting for the DNR Citizen's Monitoring Network since 2007. The DNR website with the data is <https://dnr-wisconsin.shinyapps.io/WaterExplorer/?stationid=643512>
Greg Wallace and Matt Ottusch have volunteered to take over data collection going forward.
 4. Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP)– John Grimmer stated that Onterra, LLC completed a vegetation mapping survey this spring that keeps the Harris Lake comprehensive management plan up to date and should allow us to apply for additional aquatic invasive species remediation grants in the future. North Lakeland Discovery Center (NLDC) was on the lake hand pulling CLP and found a larger than expected colony in the bay nearest the outlet creek. Others have found more on the underwater island off the boat ramp. There may be a charge from NLDC for hand pulling of CLP this year and we expect cost sharing to be a component of most DNR grants. NLDC handles the grant applications, and we should have more info this fall.
 5. HLA Officers – Dan Perkins said that officers' terms of office will be up next year and that volunteers are needed to make a smooth transition.
 6. Loon Sightings – 3 loons seem to be in residence. One was seen with two babies.

7. Picnic – due to lower attendance at recent picnics, the decision was made to not plan one for this year.
8. Other business – Pete made a motion to raise the annual dues to \$50, second by Jim, none opposed. A question was asked if HLA is a 501 3c organization. We are a non-stock corporation and do not have nonprofit papers. At least one other lake association in Winchester does have 501 c3 status, with allows tax deductions on most donations. This would be a worthwhile project, if someone were interested in taking the lead, to file the paperwork with the IRS for nonprofit status.

Adjourn

HLA Financial Report as of 7-1-2023

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| Beginning balance 7/1/22 | 8,234.17 |
| Dues | 920.00 |
| Don S picnic 2022 | -259.44 |
| Don S supplies for HLA annual meeting | -116.23 |
| Ending balance 6/30/23 | 8,778.50 |