

Here we are at the start of another boating season at Harbor Point. I'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped make last season's events a great success. From everyone who worked the ticket table, handed out wristbands, and took in money, to the bartenders, cooks, setup and cleanup workers, I just wanted to say we couldn't have done it without you.

I'd like to get some feedback from the members on some changes we're looking at for this season. I'm thinking about stepping up the game for both food and entertainment. In the past we had bands and cooked our own food for each event. This year I'd like to feature a few really good acts for the big parties and maybe just keep it to a DJ for other parties. I'd like to approach the food in the same manner; splurge on a catered menu for a couple parties and then our usual burgers & dogs for the DJ hosted parties. I do want to keep our Harbor Point tradition of cooking our own secret chili for the final Hayride party, and let's hope we can count on our great neighbors Gary & Scott of Desperadoes fame to supply some pork for the Hog Roast as they have generously done in the past.

I've already auditioned some new bands and entertainers for this season, and I'm looking into having a new menu this year. It would be nice to give the cooks a break now and then, so we're getting catering info from a few new vendors to spice things up. We do need to charge a little something when we go that route, so don't be surprised when we ask for \$5 or \$10 at the door.

I will be putting up some links to the webpages of potential bands, so everyone can preview them and give me your feedback. I will also include menu information from our possible caterers as well.

Our first event of the season is Cleanup and Beautification Day scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. There's still a lot of snow & ice to melt up north, so keep your fingers crossed and pray our spring flooding is minimal. Hope to see our regulars and lots of new faces for this year's Cleanup!