

Eight Point Lake Property Owners Corporation
Fall Membership minutes
September 2, 2023
Clubhouse, 11020 Rock Road

Executive Committee: Bill Galambos-Chairman, Karla Hayden-Vice Chair
Deanna Scott-Secretary, Janet Clayton-Treasurer, Ralph Stewart-Assistant Treasurer
Board members present: Dave Gillison, Kelly Rau, Dee Hicks, Mike Geary, Janet Terrell, Todd Walter, Denise Henris, Terry Tisdale, Angela Miller, Roy Musgrove, Patty Kotch, Cindy Tank
Committee chairs: Len Pilz, Jack Hutfilz, Mike Otto, Jane Seibt, Jim Henris

Call to Order and Opening Message, 9am - Bill G - Maryann asked for 30 second of prayer. Bill then asked for the Pledge of Allegiance from everyone. Bill asked to have a moment of silence to remember those who have passed from our association in the last year, the board tries to get our condolences out to everyone but sometimes do not, we are working on refining that process. Bill encouraged people to vote inside, election of shore reps and Bylaws. One vote per membership, not per person. Let everyone know we are passing clipboards with committees (see below), if anyone wants to volunteer, please sign up. Request for Volunteers on Sub-Committees

1. Software for Association (Finance, Membership, etc.)
2. Written Policies and Procedures
3. By Laws Review for Update
4. Clubhouse Renovation Volunteers

Entertainment, FB, historical, lake directory, fireworks, nomination, mailing, marine, etc.

Approval of Spring Meeting Minutes -Deanna S. one correction made by Ralph, drain commissioner's name. Motion made by Janet T. to approve as written, seconded by Dick P. All Ayes, motion carried.

Voting on Shore Reps & By Law Proposed Change, Dave G. – Thank you, we have not done this before, having a ballot & proxy, worked hard to make it work. Thanked his committee members- Rebecca S. & Mike G. Front & back of proposal were explained. Open floor for write in's, none. Comments from membership regarding people have already voted and turned in their ballots instead of keeping them and turning in after this part of the meeting. (*we will have to explain the process better next vote*) Motion made to close ballot by Dave G, seconded by Pat H., All Ayes, motion carried.

Explanation regarding Denny C. running for Shore Rep, allowed due to Janet C position being an appointed position vs a voted in position. Kelly R. was asked to explain. Each membership has one vote during membership meetings, no matter who is on the board. Board meetings are different, we appointed Treasurer (Janet C.) and the shore reps are voted by membership. Denny has a right to run. If he wins the rule is still one vote per membership at membership meetings.

Shore Rep candidates given opportunity to speak.

Denny C – Van Welt, running for shore rep, proponent for change. If you look around Lake, Friends of Garfield Twp look at changes they have made in a small town, raised lots of

money by volunteers. A lot of money can be raised by volunteers, look at the bottles and can drive. If you don't accept or want change, get off the board. Passing around template for volunteer booklet for lake directory, Sandy started a new type of directory, 2/3 of cost of current directory.

Lisa E, Chery Beach, background in Medical Hospital administration, board experience, grant writing experience, policy writing, voiced her appreciation of support.

Dana P – South Shore, 2019 bought here. Meet new people did not know about community at first. Did not know about board or bylaws. I now know we need more volunteers, want to be a good steward of my neighborhood.

Georgene B. – North Shore, coming to lake for 55 years, my happy place, met husband in the clubhouse, summered here for years, we were “truck slammers,” it has been home for last 10 yrs. During all this time, I was never approached by shore rep to ask about improvements to community, other than husband who was shore rep for 6 yrs, I was not able to attend meetings due to kids & company. If you voted for me, I would like to be a board member to be a vote for change, I would meet with property owners if North Shore & bring their ideas to the board. I would like to be a vote for change on the board, to see & advocate for board to be openminded, integrity & transparent. Group of people came together this summer that came together to change Article IX to eliminate paying directory Chair, our group volunteered to produce directory & complete the sales and give all money back to association. Unfortunately, our initial attempt was sent through official board email without board approval. We called ourselves the 8pt lake for a better tomorrow group and identified ourselves at a meeting this summer. We have sent out flyers, we attempted to inform community, (Dave asked to wrap up statement due to time) we have been accused of wrongdoing. Disappointed in board that they have not allowed to give us a chance. Stated there was an email that came through with the ballot which is unethical and disappointing. There is a rift in our community, disappointed that emotions have overrun communications. Quoted Winston Churchill. Asked group to stand and introduce self, Bill asked to stop. Dave then asked all to vote, hold ballots up to be collected. Bill asked all to have ballots ready to be counted.

Treasurer's Report Janet Clayton – Received report via email, most funds have been paid for except for fireworks. Ralph, error under flower fund. Janet will correct, typo. Fireworks fund question, millage question. Pay for volunteers to take aluminum & glass to the distributor, comes out of returnable fund. We pay Federal millage. Directory position question – expenses & paid, not equal due to refund, had to have adjustment of payment due to variances in cost. Cost of proxy mailing, \$448.55, Janet T added that Ralph got a discount for stamps, would have been \$669.40. Member asked to read total amount of treasurer report out loud. Motion made by Dan S. to approve as written, seconded by Todd W. All Ayes, motion carried.

Membership Report Ralph S. Send via email – membership chart 364 members, down 10 from last year. Zoned chart, membership income report. Generous members, thank you. No questions.

Lake Improvement Board Report Ralph Stewart – sent via email, treating of lake info on website. Water quality report on website, change of chemical to treat lake, with better results. Culvert question, we had a wet July & August but still low lake level. Water level is

cyclical, damn is still good, culvert is still good, not much else we can do. Bill, evaporation is our enemy.

Fireworks Update Jack H – starting at 9am, weather good, radio station will be informed on chatter. Appreciate the effort of all involved.

Marine Safety Watch Len P- Last report, moving to FL. Thank 169 members who donated to safety & law enforcement funds, thanks for safety watch patrol signs, it makes a difference. Limited success on extra patrols on the water, one marine officer this year, new boat through grant. Bob Paul will be new Chair. Motion to continue program next year & spend the money on extra patrols made by Janet T, seconded by Dee H. All ayes, motion approved. Bill, thanks to Len for all his hard work.

Fish Stocking Status Mike O – DNR planted 21,000 walleye, fish contest will be finalized today, thanks for the donations. Next year walleye & croppie. There are only 2 lakes in Clare County who received fish, us & Silver Lake. Will reach out for bucket brigade next year.

Clubhouse Report Jim H. – If interested in helping renovate clubhouse \$5,100 in the improvement fund. Plans to make one bathroom handicap accessible, replace heating system, water heater, etc. Question, use grants or funding to pay for expenses? Uncertain due to we are not nonprofit but something to look into.

Recognition awards Terry T. – Lenny Pilz, Larry Zurring, recognition on the cove on S. Shore fireworks displays on 4th of July. Brian wood, recognition for starting the ball rolling on the culvert solution for the lake.

Intermission -waiting for results

Member Comments (2 Minutes Per Member, Please) Various members commented during this time, attempted to capture thoughts voiced but was not able to name everyone. Smaller directory passed around – who printed, local Mt P (Copy Corner) Golf cart, ORV – do not need but people still getting stopped (sheriff & DNR) & telling people get ORV stickers or recreational vehicle. Golf cart, 15 miles per hour, 16 with license is needed, sheriff stopping people pushing to get ORV sticker. No golf carts in DNR launch area.

Pickle ball court request, insurance issue – Garfield twp. park will have pickleball courts, waiting for a grant. People can look into it if they want to propose. \$6.50 per square foot for concrete.

Tony V.- goats & chicken, thanks to everyone who stops & supports.

Option of basketball court?

Request to reverse the process of voting, people talk then vote.

Curious, what is the urgency of the change of the bylaws? Trying to ensure we are all volunteer organization. Time limited decision due to timeframe of directory. Have to change bylaws to change to volunteer committee. Ask from member to have a guarantee to make directory as good as already is.

Kelly – addressed needs of next steps with appointment of Directory Chair, board will need to hear from all people who what to be the Chair, essentially a job interview. Current vote

allows for a compensation or not compensation Directory Chair depending on what works for the organization.

We are not an all volunteer space, pay people to complete tasks (lawn mowing). Discussion of issues getting volunteers, paid under operating expenses.

Member- Are we going to be able to keep the people who have worked on directory over the years? If not will we have the same payment/advertisers? What makes the directory work is the rapport we have with businesses? It is a demanding position to go get the ads, should be compensated for directory work.

Kelly, we are all neighbors, live by the golden rule. Take another 30 minutes of silence/prayer. Please be careful of the words we speak.

Bill – we are trying to be an all volunteer organization.

What is the transition plan if we move to volunteer Directory Chair, or any other position.

With volunteers there is burnout & change. We need transition plans.

Why are we so focused on the money, what are we doing with extra money? Put it back into the association, opinions voiced.

Possibility for online directory and printed moving forward. Directory brings in revenue – this year \$20 thousand. Members have requested print directory. Proposal for both if requested, will save organization to not print as many. Some members do not want names published online, legal right to privacy issue for the corporation.

Dismay expressed that we voted before people spoke & people did not know Shore Reps before voting.

Jimmy Buffett died yesterday.

Cannot adjourn meeting until votes are counted. Can recess for 15 minutes, did so.

Shore Rep Elections and Article IX Results - Dave Gillison

Board Representatives – Todd Walter(East Shore), Dave Gillson(North Shore), Mike Geary(South Shore), Dick Pennoni (South Shore), Roy Musgrove(West Beach), Karla Haden(Van Welt), Dee Hicks(Cooks Landing), Lisa Eurick(Wild Cherry Beach).

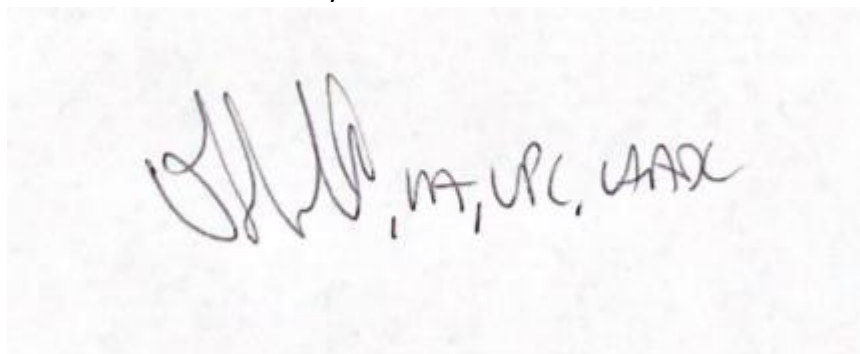
Article IX Retain 110 votes, amend 69 votes. Article IX remains as written.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Motion to adjourn by Janet T, seconded by Janet C. All Ayes, motion carried.

Written and submitted by Deanna Scott



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