

Eight Point Lake Property Owners' Corporation

Executive Committee

**Ralph Stewart, Chairperson • Sandi Jeffery, Vice Chairperson • Jeanie Stewart, Secretary •
John Leonard, Treasurer**

May 23, 2009

Spring Membership Meeting Minutes

Clubhouse – 11020 Rock Rd at Garfield Ave

- Meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Chairperson Ralph Stewart, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and introductions by the 61 members present.

- Motion passed to approve 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes (1-C Radewahn, 2-S Jeffery).

- Ralph introduced Dick Larsen to the membership. He is handling Membership responsibilities, collecting dues,

and updating the database used for printing in the Lake Directory. If necessary changes are made to the Bylaws,

Dick's position will be renamed Assistant Treasurer.

- Motion passed to approve Treasurer's Report (1- D Pennoni, 2 – J Carrigan)

The 2009 **Information Handbook** was presented. More information was added about the 4th of July events, along with the new **ORV law** and new **Recycling Program** in Garfield Township. The ORV law was discussed as it relates to golf cars, currently a "grey area" open to interpretation in the current law. Golf cart owners were urged to demonstrate compliance by getting their ORV license and carrying their DL when driving. A question about the legality of Amigo-type scooters or power chairs will be researched.

Jeanie presented information about the **Website Proposal** and asked for membership authorization to spend up to \$1000 for development and first year costs for the website. Motion passed (1 – Tom Van Damm, 2- M Walter). The Committee is to set up a budget once the initial costs are known, include a hit counter to track usage of the site, ads will be considered at a later time (after the first year), and names/addresses of the membership will not be listed.

Dick Pennoni reported that the **proposed bylaws** will be mailed out during the summer (August) reflecting changes in language and operating issues. Members will have the opportunity to vote by proxy as mandated by the current bylaws.

Jim Carrigan reported that some plants were replaced at no charge in the new landscaping done by Elm Creek. Some paneling in the main room of the **Clubhouse** has become loose, along with the windowsills on the west wall. Costs to repair are being determined.

Clarence reported that we are about \$300 short of the \$5000 goal for the **Fireworks Display**. We have one pontoon to use, but need three more. Wolverine Fireworks maintains a liability insurance policy of \$5 million. Fireworks will begin about 9:15pm on Sept 5, with a rain date of Sept 6.

Dick Larsen reported that we currently have **307 members** of 467 possible (66%). There are 260 waterfront properties. 110 listed their lake address as the primary residence, and 49 of those are on the waterfront. Email addresses totaled 214 this year (versus 151 last year).

Jane Seibt presented the **Lake Directory**, highlighting 4 color ads this year, and asking for more ad contacts from the membership for next year. She starts all ad sales in April.

Lake Treatment for Eurasian Watermilfoil will occur in Late June. The lake survey will occur about June 20, in preparation for Eurasian Watermilfoil treatment before July 4. Mark Walter prepared an orange notice to be stapled on a tree on each property along with the legal notice of treatment. The notice reminds people to stay out of the water, and off the water on the day of treatment. An email notice will also be sent to the membership who provided email addresses.

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July 4th Events:

- Road Race needs volunteers; Clarence will lead the race, and Margaret will follow behind (SAG) for traffic patrol and assistance to injured or exhausted participants.
- Flag Raising: Micki will organize, and add new event for kids – an essay contest on “Being an American – What Does That Mean to Me?” Flyers will be available at Bev’s.
- Boat Parade – need more entries. Registration forms available at Bev’s.
- Road Parade – \$25 permit fee is being waived. 50 entry numbers have been ordered. Prizes will be same as those for the Boat Parade: \$75 - Best in Show; \$50 - Most Creative; \$50 – Funniest; \$50 - Most Patriotic.
- **Flares** for July 4th – we have 165 flares left over from 2008. We will get 1440 this year, and they will be available to purchase at Bev’s.

Clarence reported that the **Boater Safety** class is for any age, and is even a great refresher course.. The Boater Safety Class will be held June 27 at the Clubhouse, taught by Sgt. Bill Larsen, Clare Co. Sheriff Dept. They will advertise the class. Lunch will be provided. New Boater Safety Handbooks are available. The 3 biggest problems on the water involve: 1) wave runners – must be off the water by sunset; 2) watercraft must travel around the lake counterclockwise; 3) pontoon passengers dangling their feet in the water in front of the pontoon.

Lake Cleanup will be July 11. Meet at the Clubhouse at 9:00am for your assignments. Get involved, it only takes an hour of your time.

Margaret reported that the Garage Sale will be held at the Clubhouse July 17-18 from 9:am-3pm. Bring your donations over during the setup, July 15-16.

Len Strait reminded folks about the annual fish contest. Take your entries to Bev’s. **Fish stocking** this year will consist of 500 smallmouth bass, if available, for \$3.25 each. If not available, we will stock the lake with 1000 crappie.

Phil Ruckle reported that **Neighborhood Watch** will have a booth at Lake Daze May 29-30. The Clare Co. Sheriff Dept. will have its mobile unit on hand, with fingerprinting offered for kids, and various handouts available.

New Business:

- Construction on the DNR Launch Site will begin in June.
- Bud Loomis sold his trailer park and boat launch by Bev’s. The new owner is Joe Bentley.
- Clare County Sheriff’s Reserve will have their annual concert June 27.
- A member asked if we have a lighting ordinance here – the mercury and sodium lights used by property owners are distracting to those who want to enjoy the night sky. Shielded lights are recommended, which shine light toward the ground rather than in all directions.

Motion to adjourn passed (1- D Pennoni, 2- A Pennoni). Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie Stewart, Secretary
July 30, 2009

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September 5, 2009
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
Clubhouse – 11020 Rock Rd at Garfield Ave

- Meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Chairperson Ralph Stewart, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and introductions by everyone present.
- Minutes of May 23, 2009 Spring Membership Meeting approved.
- Treasurer's Report approved.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to outgoing Shore Reps Jim Carrigan, and Jim Tessmer. The 2nd recipient of the Star Award was presented by Terry Tisdale to a very surprised Ralph Stewart for his continuous service to the Association over the last 10 years in many capacities as a Shore Rep, Clubhouse Chair, Historical Chair, numerous committees. Ralph is currently serving as Association Chair.

Membership Report: as of this date we have 327 members, which represents 70% of property owners.

The **website** was officially launched September 1, 2009 – www.8pointlake.org -- postcards announcing it were sent to the 468 addresses on our mailing list.

Results of the **voting on the proposed bylaws:** 107 Yes votes, 3 No votes, and 1 invalid vote. This includes the hand vote and the proxy votes received by mail. The new bylaws are in effect as of this date, which adds an Assistant Treasurer position to the Board. There were suggestions for the next revision of the Bylaws: 1) in Article I the Association address should be included; 2) in Article III, Section II, the number of voting board members should be an odd number to prevent a tie on any given issue; and 3) that Article IX should specify what expenses are reimbursed to the Lake Directory Coordinator. There followed some discussion that this third suggestion is really a policy issue to be articulated in a policy manual.

Results of the **ballot for Shore Reps:** two new nominees were approved – Marion Taylor (North Shore), and Mike Geary (South Shore). Voted in for another two-year term included: Mike Totte (East Shore), Ralph Stewart (Raevena Shores), Dick Pennoni (South Shore), Len Pilz (West Beach), and John Whalen (Cook's Landing).

Lake Treatment & Water Quality. Mark Walter reported that 31 lake acres were treated for Eurasian Watermilfoil, and a secondary treatment was not needed. The water quality of the lake is still very good, potable, but there is growing concern over an increase in the level of phosphorous and nitrates which is generally caused by lawn fertilizer seeping into the water, as well as leaves being raked into the lake. The Lake Improvement Board must be renewed every five years, and a mailing will go out in the spring about a public hearing to extend the Lake Improvement Board for another 5 years. The tax assessment for properties having lake access (for weed control) has been temporarily reduced to \$20 per 75 feet for lake properties and to \$2 for back lots.

Fireworks: everything is ready for tonight. A new Fireworks Chair is needed to replace retiring Clarence Radewahn. Clarence asked for suggestions on places to load the fireworks barges other than in front of his cottage. Suggestions included the sand bar, the island on west end of lake, and DNR public access site. The sand bar is county-owned property, the island is private property, and lots of paperwork and special permits would be involved to utilize the DNR boat access site. Other options need to be explored.

Lake Cleanup Day went well and everyone is doing a great job keeping the lake and surrounds free of litter. Many thanks to all who participated.

Boater Safety Training had 27 participants, and all received their certificate. 25 were ages 10-16, and 2 dads also took the class. New flags were ordered for the Marine Safety Patrol Watch. Not everyone on the Watch is displaying the flag on their dock. Sgt. Bill Larson from the Clare Co Sheriff Dept. conducted the class.

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The **Lake Directory** is being distributed to members in good standing. Please patronize the businesses in the directory, mention you saw their ad in our directory, and suggest other contacts to Jane Seibt, Ad Coordinator for the Eight Point Lake Directory..

Winners of the July 4th events are posted on the new website. There were a record 160 entries in the 5K and Kids Fun Run. The Road Parade had over 53 entries, and the 1st Essay Contest had 7 entries. Next year an Adult category will be added. Musicians are being sought to help with the Flag Raising Ceremony – please contact Micki Denoyer if you play (or used to play) an instrument of any kind.

The annual **Garage Sale** had a record number of volunteers (12) helping all week with setup and on sale days. The sale netted \$637.33. Thank you to all the volunteers for your hard work.

Winners of the **Fish Contest** are posted on the website. Worth noting – a 7# 9oz Northern Pike, and a 7# Dogfish caught in our lake this year. The DNRE will do a “lake sampling” to assess the suitability for the Walleye Fish Stocking Program. Len Strait is stepping down, and a new Chair of the Lake Fisheries Committee is needed.

Neighborhood Watch Committee at Crooked Lake has included Mystic Lake, Perch Lake, Gray Lake, and Eight Point Lake. Static cling member decals will be sent to everyone to display on their door or window. Crooked Lake has a parolee house on Holly Street for 4-6 males, who may live there on a subsidized basis for up to 120 days while they find employment and re-enter society. Phil Ruckle is stepping down as NW Chair, so a new Chairperson is needed for this committee.

Clubhouse Report. Many thanks to Bob and Ruth Porritt for cleaning the Clubhouse, and to those who mowed all season – Tom Kedrowski, Ron Galesk, Jim Carrigan, and Ralph Stewart.

New business: Joe and Lesa Bentley bought the summer park surrounding Bev's Store. They plan to convert it into an RV park.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanie Stewart, Secretary September 12, 2009