

Eight Point Lake Property Owners' Corporation
Executive Committee: Ralph Stewart, Chairperson • Sandi Jeffery, Vice Chairperson
Jeanie Stewart, Secretary • John Leonard, Treasurer • Dick Larsen, Assistant Treasurer

Spring Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 28, 2011

Clubhouse – 11020 Rock Road

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

Annual Meeting Minutes of Sep 4, 2010 were approved.

Treasurer's Report was approved.

Membership Report: Dick Larsen reported that as of 5/28/11 we have 312 members (of a possible 469), or 67%. In 2010 we had 339 members.

Guest Speaker: Undersheriff Rick Miller reported that Clare Co ranks #1 in Michigan for township participation in Neighborhood Watch. Crime has been reduced by 42% at Eight Point Lake. He thanked the membership for our \$500 donation to the Neighborhood Watch program, and with Arthur Twp starting a NW program, we will have 100% participation from all Clare Co townships. Undersheriff Miller informed the group of the new Boater Safety class instructor, Deputy Nick Oster. The Boater Safety program is funded by federal and state grants, which now has very limited funds. Lt. Ed Williams oversees the Marine Safety Patrol program.

Lake Fisheries Report: Jim Darland reported that the DNR has Eight Point Lake on the list for stocking 19,400 (50/acre) walleye spring fingerlings (2") in June 2011. This represents a cost of \$2560 to the DNR, with stocking to be done biannually. DNR Biologist Kathrin Schrouder will present a report on the results of the lake fish study at the Clubhouse on June 9, 2011 at 6pm.

Fireworks Report: Dan Sopchak reported that this year the fireworks will be loaded at the Sopchak barn. Wolverine Fireworks indemnity policy will name the neighboring dwelling on either side of the Sopchak's property as being covered. Bev's store, and email will be used to notify property owners of changes or cancellation of the fireworks display. Date for the fireworks is September 3, with a rain date of September 4.

Directory Report: Jane Seibt reported that although we lost some advertisers, we also gained some new ones, and there are several more color ads this year. Betty Smith is honored on the historical page of the directory, and will be the Grand Marshal for 2011.

Lake Treatment Plans: Mark Walter provided an update on plans to treat the lake for Eurasian Watermilfoil. Survey will be done in June, and treatment also in June, hopefully, when the water temperature is high enough for treatment to be effective. Information about the water quality will be posted on the website.

5K – Tony Voisin reported that in 2010 there were 108 runners and 43 walkers, and 50-60 kids. For this year the course will be the same, and entry forms are available at Bev's or on our website. Water and fruit will be provided, with a new shirt design this year. If you can volunteer, call Tony at 989.621-1638.

Road Parade – An email appeal for a Road Parade Coordinator brought Lisa Eurick on board, who replaces retiring Carolyn Wiese. Forms and information are on the website. Lisa was introduced to the membership during the meeting.

Flag Raising & Essay Contest – Micki is working to get musicians to help with the Flag Raising Ceremony, and will run the Essay Contest once more. In 2010 there were just 3 entries.

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Lake Cleanup: Clarence Radewahn reported that Lake Cleanup will be held on Saturday, July 9.

Boater Safety Class: Clarence Radewahn reported that Sgt. Hager will run the Boater Safety Class on June 25, 9-3pm. An ad will run in the paper, and the class is open to anyone 12 and over. Dan Sopchak offered to help if needed.

Garage Sale: Margaret Sopchak has been accepting donations since the end of last year's garage sale. Setup will take place Mon-Thurs 9-3 so items can be brought to the Clubhouse during that period. Sale will be July 15-16.

Clubhouse Report: Dan Sopchak reported on improvements made to the clubhouse: added 3 outlets in the kitchen, upgraded the light fixtures in the bathrooms, painted the ceiling, repaired the bulging paneling in the main room and added chair railing. The ball field has been rolled and flattened. Volunteers who help Dan with the mowing were thanked – Jim Martin, Frank Watson, Jim Carrigan, Bill Galambos, and Mystery Mower (Ron Galesk). Phyllis Carrigan has been keeping the flowers weeded.

65th Anniversary Celebration Committee Update: Dan Sopchak reported that plans are in place for the food, T shirts, tents, entertainment, and games. Many volunteers are needed! A mailing with Schedule of Events, order forms for meal tickets and T shirts will go to all 470 property owners on June 1. Clothing orders must be received by June 24.

Web Report: Jeanie Stewart reported that over the past 12 months (June 2010 – May 2011) the website is receiving an average of 635 visits per month. Comparing stats of Jan – Apr 2010 with Jan – Apr 2011, there has been a 14% increase in the number of unique visitors. Highest volume of visited pages on the website continues to be the photo gallery, the Lake page, Events page, Association page. There has been a recent increase in visits to the FEMA Floodplain information. Our website has also had visitors from other countries: Japan, Canada, and Russia in particular. We continue to need more photos sent in.

New Business:

- Mark Walter reported that Tom Kedrowski can no longer serve on the Lake Improvement Board as he now lives outside Garfield Twp. A replacement will be nominated.
- Jim Carrigan made a proposal to build a pavilion at the clubhouse. Ralph asked Jim to get some estimates for the Clubhouse Committee so a recommendation could be presented to the Board.
- Jack Ridenour suggested we ask the DNR to trim the roadside brush for better vision at the public launch.
- Shore Reps are asked to deliver the lake directories to those who weren't at the meeting to pick them up.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Submitted,

Jeanie Stewart, Secretary
July 28, 2011

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Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 3, 2011
Clubhouse – 11020 Rock Road

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairperson Ralph Stewart, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions by 40 members present.

Spring Meeting minutes of May 28, 2011 were approved (1 – Jim Carrigan, 2- Tom VanDamme).

Treasurer's Report was approved (1- Marion Taylor, 2- Leonard Pilz).

Membership Report. Dick Larsen reported we have 337 members.

Recognition. Dan & Margaret Sopchak were recognized with a plaque for their service and dedication to the Association through the Garage Sale, Fireworks Committee, and Clubhouse maintenance. Jane Seibt also received a plaque for her outstanding service in generating ads for the lake directory.

Elections Ballot was approved as presented (1- D Pennoni, 2- Len Pilz) and election of Shore Representatives by the membership was passed. There were no new nominees on the ballot this time.

SHORE	NAME	TERM BEGINS	TERM ENDS
East Shore (2 reps)	Clarence Radewahn	2010	2012
	Mike Totte	2011	2013
North Shore (3 reps)	Marion Taylor	2011	2013
	Sandi Jeffery	2010	2012
	Caroline Campbell	2010	2012
Raevena Shores (2 reps)	Bill Galambos	2010	2012
	Ralph Stewart	2011	2013
South Shore	Bob Denoyer	2010	2012
	Dick Pennoni	2011	2013
	Mike Geary	2011	2013
West Beach (2 reps)	Len Pilz	2011	2013
	Terry Tisdale	2010	2012
VanWelt Subdivisions (1 rep)	Margaret Sopchak	2010	2012
Cooks Landing (1 rep)	John Whalen	2011	2013
Wild Cherry Beach (1 rep)	Bev Thompson	2010	2012

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Website Report. Jeanie reported that a new section is being added to the Lake page – for the Lake Improvement Board news and information. Also, a new page called Best Practices will be added, covering ethical, legal and environmentally sound practices on a variety of subjects, such as waterfront campfires, light pollution, loons, geese, disposal of leaves, etc. More pictures need to be submitted, and still no fish pictures have been contributed. Three items are listed on the Lost & Found page.

Fireworks. Dan Sopchak reported that plans are in place for tonight's fireworks display.

65th Anniversary. 363 meal tickets were sold for the event. N Shore had 20 players for the baseball tournament, and no one showed up from E Shore, S Shore, or West Beach. Jewls the Clown was a big hit with the kids, and everyone enjoyed Verrette's Bean Soup! There were a lot of door prizes, including the food leftovers.

Fish Report. Jim Darland announced fish contest winners, and recapped the results of the DNR fish survey (contest winners will be posted on the website). The DNR planted 30,000 Walleye in June. Pumpkin Seed or Red Ear Sunfish were suggested for panfish stocking. Red Ear would need 100 per acre, planted 3 years in a row, at a cost of about \$39,000 per year. Donations to the fish fund have declined since the DNR is now stocking. Terry Tisdale would like to see fish stocking species rotated.

A solution for getting the overabundance of small pike and bass out of the lake is still being explored. Jim will meet with Mark Walter to discuss options for getting dead weeds out of the lake. Fish funds could be used for removing dead weeds, but the current \$5700 would not be enough for the task. We most likely will not plant any fish this fall. Planting every other year would enable us to plant larger fish.

Lake Treatment/Water Quality. Mark Walter reported that 46 acres were treated on 6/21 for Eurasian Milfoil, with no secondary treatment required. The water quality report will be available on the website, but in general, the lake is healthy, but there are concerns over increasing amounts of phosphorus, typically the result of fertilizer runoff from lawns, leaves being dumped in the lake, and ash runoff from waterfront campfires.

Lake Cleanup Day. Very little trash was found, and next year there will not be an organized cleanup day event. Members will be asked via email during June to clean up and police the road near their property and pick up trash when it is found. Clarence is resigning from this committee.

Boater Safety Class: 28 signed up, and all but one person passed. Len Pilz will take over for Clarence who is resigning from this committee.

July 4 Activities:

- **5K** – Tony Voisin reported 200 entries this year, 25 more T shirts were sold, and more help is needed next year with registration -- folks need to sign up earlier, before event day arrives.
- **Flag Raising:** same format will be used in 2012, but Micki will look for a guitar and vocalist to help with singing. The Essay Contest will not be continued due to lack of entries.
- **Road Parade:** Lisa Eurick reported that vehicles drove too fast for judges to inspect the 47 entries, and onlookers reported similar comments. Lisa thanked all those who provided assistance for her first year as Road Parade Coordinator.

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Garage Sale: Margaret Sopchak was delighted to report net profits this year of \$1,197. Margaret indicated she will be resigning from this committee after the 2012 Garage Sale.

Clubhouse Report. Dan Sopchak reported on repairs and upgrades to the clubhouse: new kitchen floor, painted door, exterior water faucet installed. A new door is needed on the south side.

Neighborhood Watch. NW static cling decals will be mailed to everyone on our mailing list in the 2012 Spring Mailing, not just members. There have been some thefts reported of gas from pontoons. Len Pilz urged everyone to report crime even if you file no insurance report. A report to the CCSD is the only way they can track the level of crime, both actual and attempted. It also impacts the level of road patrols to our area.

Pavillion Proposal. A committee is being formed to explore and evaluate a proposal presented by Jim Carrigan for a pavilion on the Clubhouse property. Committee members: Dick Pennoni, Bill Galambos, Terry Tisdale, Dan Sopchak, Len Pilz, Marion Taylor, Tony Voisin.

New Business. Jack Niemi suggested having a lighted boat parade in the evening of the Fourth of July activities. He volunteered to organize the event.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Submitted,

Jeanie Stewart, Secretary
September 20, 2011

