

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.

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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.

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