

# **Eight Point Lake Property Owners' Corporation**

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Connie Berg, Secretary \* Dick Larsen, Treasurer

## **Fall Membership Meeting Minutes Saturday, September 1, 2012 Clubhouse – 11020 Rock Road**

**Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance & Introductions ~ Ralph Stewart.** Meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Chairperson, Ralph Stewart, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions. There were approximately 61 members present.

**Approval of Spring 2012 Minutes ~ Connie Berg.** The Spring Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2012 were approved as written after being reviewed by the membership. (Clarence Radewahn / Tom Vandamme).

**Treasurer's Report ~ Dick Larsen.** Treasurer's Report was approved after Marion Taylor moved the report be accepted and second by Len Pilz. Dick stated the current balance is \$47,768.63, the Memorial Fund money was used for the Pavilion and those monies were moved into the Operating Account, one CD was renewed at a rate of 1.5 percent.

**Membership Report ~ Dick Larsen.** Dick Larsen handed out a self-explanatory and helpful 2012 Membership graph showing the number of paid members and the amount of contributions made to each of the special funds. The Fireworks Fund gets the most contributions.

**Recognition Presentation ~ Terry Tisdale.** Terry explained the history of the Recognition Committee. The committee was instituted in 2004 to award deserving members for outstanding service given for the betterment for the lake and Board. In 2008, Clarence Radewahn was awarded; 2009 Ralph Stewart. The 2012 recipient is Mark Walter. Mark has consistently served for 20 years in several capacities including Shore Rep, Board Member and Chair, and is Chair of the Lake Treatment Program. Thank you, Mark.

The outgoing Shore Reps were given certificates of recognition as well. Caroline Campbell has a long family history with the Association; Bob Denoyer's certificate was accepted by his daughter-in-law, Micki, and son Mike; and Ralph Stewart was thanked for his hours and hours and hours of service for work done and a great job!

Jim Carrigan presented Ralph Stewart, as outgoing Chairperson, with an official lifetime membership card and stated Ralph would be added to the Chairperson plaque displayed inside the Clubhouse.

Len Pilz suggested a way to recognize members in the future may be by a "Make a Brick – Buy a Brick" program. The membership requested Len take this suggestion to the Recognition Committee for a proposal to the Board.

**Election of Shore Representatives ~ Terry Tisdale.** Terry distributed the 2012 Annual Meeting Ballot including the term beginning and ending dates. Terry asked for any floor nominations to add to the ballot. There were none. Dick Pennoni moved the ballot be approved as presented; Jim Carrigan seconded the motion. Approved by the membership. Brad Martin is the new North Shore Rep; Sandy Hines, Raevena Shores Rep; and Janet Terrell, South Shore Rep.

**Lake Treatment / Water Quality / Weevil Update ~ Mark Walter.** Mark Walter reported an educational Milfoil handout is available on the lake website for those interested in greater detail. Spring 2012 the lake water level was at the highest level in the history of the lake. The beavers had it dammed up. The zebra mussel problem continues, but the water clarity is up by 25 percent. Ten thousand weevils were planted in two sites in the lake. The good news is: the weevils ate every single blade of milfoil weed. The bad news is: the weevils starved to death. Results: Spring 2013, it is recommended that the weevils be planted in smaller quantities in more locations. Herbicides will still be needed in 2013; we will plan to continue to reduce the herbicides year by year and increase the weevils until all the milfoil is gone!

**Marine Watch Patrol ~ Len Pilz.** A Marine Watch Patrol was initiated at 8 Point Lake by the Clare County Sheriff's Department in the Spring. Two accidents were reported and investigated by the CCDS this summer. Marine Watch Patrol has volunteers who are on the lake with posting on boats, pontoons,

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and docks. Additional recruits are needed. The lake is busy especially on holidays and summer weekends. Observers cannot get the MC# quick enough. A CCSD deputy would cost \$40 per hour to patrol the lake for eight hours on holiday and peak weekends for six days throughout the summer. The officer will have the authority to ticket. The Committee requests we modify the membership dues form to add a category to donate \$10 for law enforcement on the lake.

Len Pilz moved to hire an off-duty officer through the Clare County Sheriff's Department for peak periods during the summer of 2013. The General Fund will pay for any short fall in funds with a \$2,000 limit unless donations exceed \$2,000. Sandi Jeffery second the motion. Approved.

**Boater Safety Training ~ June 23 ~ Len Pilz.** The Boater Safety Training Class was scheduled for June 23 at the Clubhouse. There were 22 students, ages 12 to 32, all passed. The Association served and paid for hot dogs and chips totaling \$103.41.

**Labor Day Fireworks Plan ~ Dan Sopchak.** Fireworks will be on Saturday, September 1, at dusk. The fireworks time are posted in advertisements in local papers. The barges are in place. Dan requested four Marine Watch Patrol members assist the Clare County Sheriff's Department around the barges. One of the markers around the barges came up missing. If found, please return it to one of the members on the Fireworks Committee.

**Pavilion Project Recap ~ Bill Galambos.** Thanks was expressed to the Membership for approving the pavilion funds last Spring. The pavilion project is complete. The money was well spent and the pavilion has had lots of use already. An additional \$1,200 was approved by the Board over the summer for the pad, landscaping, and heavy-duty picnic tables. Special thanks was also articulated to Don Lee for volunteering to prepare the architectural drawings at no charge and to the all the committee member workers that made the project a success.

**Fish Stocking / Fish Contest Results ~ Jim Darland.** Fish stocking of the lake of 3-5" size black crappies and 4-6" size walleye fingerlings will be at the end of October (date to be announced through email). Bring your bucket to help out!

Pike Regulations ~ DNR ~ Eight Point Lake has been designated as one of 12 new lakes with liberalized regulations for Pike fishing. Five fish per day, no size limit, only one fish over 24" may be kept in the daily limit amount.

A huge thank you to Bev and Gary for hosting the contest and posting the winners at the store. The Fish Contest Winners will be posted on the Association website at [www.8pointlake.org](http://www.8pointlake.org).

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Entertainment Review ~ Sandi Jeffery.

**Flag Raising ~ Micki Denoyer.** The turnout has been good and the great attendance is appreciated. The ceremony the past few years has been excellent and well done. A bagpipe player is needed.

**Road Race ~ Tony Voisin.** The race begins at 8 a.m. This year there was a record number of participants. The use of the pavilion was a great help with registration.

**Road Parade ~ Sandi Jeffery.** The road parade begins at 5 p.m. Everything went well. Keeping a good distance between the floats helps the judges to see the entrant's number. A new Chairperson is needed for 2013. The procedures for the Road Parade are well laid out and easy to follow.

**Lighted Boat Parade ~ Jim Niemi.** There were six entrants in total. Winners of the first annual Lighted Boat Parade are:

First Place Tie: MSU (Janet Terrell) tied with Christmas in July (Mickey Claus)  
Third Place: Olympic Theme (Tony Voisin)

The Lighted Boat Parade will be an ongoing event scheduled for the last Saturday in July. Remember to light your cottages also.

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**Website Update ~ Jeanie Stewart.** The Photo Gallery was updated from FlashPlayer to html so that photos can be viewed on computers or newer devices, i.e., tablets and smartphones. Jeanie apologized for the delays in posting to those who sent photos earlier.

Winners from all summer events are now on the site and soon the winners of the Fishing Contest will be posted. Section for fish photos was removed as no photos have been submitted in the last three years.

**Clubhouse Report ~ Dan Sopchak.** The Clubhouse will be closed October 1 and winterized. The windows in the bathrooms have been replaced. Dan will ask the Board for monies to improve and/or upgrade some new lights, siding/trim, cabinets and soffit in the kitchen, and one window screen. Removal of the interior doors to the kitchen area would relieve traffic congestion.

**Neighborhood Watch Update ~ Ralph Stewart.** There has been a rash of crimes at Crooked Lake and Eight Point. At Eight Point, the crimes have mostly been vehicle break-ins. The Clare County Sheriff's Department is working on a resolution. The break-ins at Crooked Lake have been in vehicles and pole barns ~ graffiti spray-painting inside and outside vehicles. It is important that crime is reported; that drives the results. Lake property owners report 90 percent of the crimes. Be vigilant; keep your eyes open; keep your belongings contained; add motion detector lights.

## **New Business ~ Sandi Jeffery.**

1. **Directory ~ Jane Seibt.** Jane reminded the membership to continue to use the vendors in the Directory throughout the Fall and Winter.

**Adjournment.** Shirley Kinnear made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Tom Vandamme seconded the motion. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Berg, Corporate Secretary  
September 1, 2012