

Eight Point Lake Property Owners' Corporation

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Approved by the
Membership on

Spring Membership Meeting Minutes Saturday, May 25, 2013 Clubhouse – 11020 Rock Road

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance & Introductions ~ Sandi Jeffery.

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson, Sandi Jeffery, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions. There were approximately 64 members present.

1.5. Announcement of New Shore Representatives ~ Terry Tisdale.

- Phil Ruckle ~ East Shore ~ replacing Clarence Radewahn.
- Jean Galesk ~ Cook's Landing Association ~ replacing John Whalen.
- Lake Directories are available on the back table to be taken home by the membership at the end of today's meeting. Those not picked up will be delivered by the Shore Reps.

2. Approval of Fall 2012 Membership Minutes ~ Connie Berg. The Fall Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2012 were approved as written after being reviewed by the membership. Minutes were first approved by Tom Vandamme and second by Len Pilz.

3. Treasurer's Report ~ Dick Larsen. Dick Larsen stated the current fund balance at May 20, 2013 is \$55,587.08. The Fireworks Fund is doing very well. Treasurer's Report was approved after Marion Taylor moved the report be accepted and second by Dick Pennoni.

4. Membership Report ~ Dick Larsen. Dick Larsen handed out a self-explanatory and helpful 2013 Membership graph showing the number of paid members and the amount of contributions made to each of the special funds. At May 25, the membership totals 319. Applications are available, if needed, after the meeting. The current membership is encouraged to invite new homeowners/neighbors to join. D. Larsen and R. Stewart are working on updating the membership database. It was suggested the Membership Committee contact the 29 members from the prior year who have yet to sign up in 2013.

5. Lake Treatment Plans ~ Mark Walter. Mark Walter reported that the water temperature is 46 degrees; milfoil is not growing yet. As the water temperature rises, so will the milfoil growth. Treatment of the weed will be done before the Fourth of July holiday. 15,000 weevils will be planted by divers to combat this "super weed" created by a hybrid of the Asian and Northern Michigan milfoils. The membership thanked Mark for the hard work by the Lake Treatment committee.

6. Lake Fisheries Report ~ Jim Darland. Jim reported the DNR will plant 20,000 walleye in Eight Point Lake this year. There is a new Michigan Fishing Guide with over 50 advertisers. Jim pointed out to the membership an article he referenced about some Minnesota lakes having stunted size pike similar to a good number of lakes in Michigan. Trophy northern pike (10# and up) will be more apt to thrive in deep structured, cool water lakes with long shorelines, good cover and a select variety of forage fish. Real 'trophy' pike in Eight Point Lake (10-20 lbs and up) are scarce due to various factors. If you are lucky enough to catch a 24" pike or larger, you may want to consider taking it to Bev's Store to get it measured for the Big Catch Contest...you may want to take a picture and consider releasing it back into the lake to help reduce the population of the small pike. Pike are at the top of the food chain! The DNR has implemented higher bag limits this year at Eight Point. Fishermen are allowed to keep up to 5 pike, no minimum size limit but they can keep only 1 pike that is greater than 24" in the daily limit amount. Finally, if you want to know how to get the "y" bones out of Northern Pike, you may want to watch some of the various methods that are used by watching YouTube. There are some good tips!

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7. **Labor Day Fireworks Plan ~ Dan Sopchak.** Fireworks will be on Saturday, August 31, 2013, at dusk.
8. **Lake Directory ~ Jane Seibt.** Jane expressed excitement about securing a paid, full page, color ad for the directory from Jay's Sporting Goods. Fourteen new advertisers were added to the 2013 directory. Great job, Jane! The membership is asked to patronize the vendors in the directory whenever possible and to be sure to preface your purchase with that you saw their ad in the Eight Point Lake directory. Each directory costs \$11 dollars. The directory fund is self-sufficient; make donations to the other funds.
9. **July 4th Celebration Plans ~ Sandi Jeffery.** The celebration plans are on schedule for Saturday, July 6, 2013 beginning at 8 a.m. with the Run-Walk.
 - **Flag Raising ~ Micki Denoyer.** The flag raising ceremony will be held at the Clubhouse at 9 a.m. on July 6, 2013. Veteran readings, patriotic songs, and celebration of our country's birthday will occur. Any questions may be directed to Micki Denoyer.
 - **Road Race ~ Tony Voisin.** Plans for the Road Race are under way. The T-Shirts are on order. The Road Race begins at 8 a.m. following the same race route. In 2012, there were 176 runner-walkers with 50 children. This year's participants are encouraged to sign up at Bev's Store and to pre-register prior to the morning of the race to save on congestion at 7:30 a.m.
 - **Road Parade ~ Sandi Jeffery.** Sandi reported the Road Parade will begin at 5 p.m. at the Clubhouse and continue on around the lake. The parade interest has increased from year to year. Contestant numbers will be written in bold on paper plates, attached to the wheeled entrants, and made easily visible for judges to view. The numbered plates can be discarded rather than returned at the end of the race. Sign up is at Bev's Store or online. The pace of the parade will be slower than last year.
10. **Lake Clean Up Day ~ Len Pilz.** Saturday, July 13, is a voluntary lake clean up day. Volunteers were alerted to be cautious of the dangerous meth containers that may be found along the roadways and in the ditches. If suspicious containers are found, do not touch or pick them up. Call the Clare County Sheriff's Department at (989) 539-7166 to let law enforcement know.
11. **Boater Safety and Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Training ~ Len Pilz.** The Boater Safety Training Class is scheduled for June 22 at the Clubhouse from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for all ages. Sign up at Bev's Store. A hot dog and chips lunch will be provided by the Association. In addition, an Off Road Vehicle (ORV) class will be running on July 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. if a minimum of 20 people sign up for the class. Sign up at Bev's Store. Both classes are taught by the Clare County Sheriff's Department (CCSD). Reminder: ORV's require licensed drivers of 16 years or older. Drivers age 12 to 15 can operate a 4 wheel ATV's if under the visual supervision of a parent or guardian and they have an ORV Certificate. The CCSD guarantees there will be consequences to parents or owner's of the ORV's (including golf carts) for violators of the law.
12. **Marine Watch Patrol ~ Len Pilz.** Sixty seven families donated \$2,181 to the Marine Watch Fund to support hiring a marine officer to patrol the lake for a total of 2 full days around each of the 3 major summer holidays (total of 6 days). Thank you! Fourteen volunteers have Marine Watch signage at their docks. Therefore, if anyone observes questionable marine activities or activities that are out-of-hand, call the CCSD Central Dispatch at 989-539-7166 and file a report. An officer will be dispatched to investigate. The 2013 Handbook of Michigan Boating Laws and Responsibilities are available at the back table.
13. **Garage Sale ~ Sandy Hines.** The annual garage sale will take place on July 19-20, 2013 at the Clubhouse from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed for one hour at a time to help set up and/or tear down before and after respectively. Items may be dropped off at the Clubhouse on July 16-18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. New to this event will be Bake Sale. Happy baking!

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14. **Lighted Boat Parade / Venetian Night ~ Jim Niemi.** Sandi reminded everyone of the Second Annual Lighted Boat Parade scheduled for the last Saturday of July. The parade starts at dusk from Bev's Store. The entrance rules are posted on the lake website. Call Brad Martin or Jack Niemi for "how to's" on adding lights to your boat. For those who are on shore, consider decorating your cottage fronts with lights.
15. **Clubhouse Report ~ Dan Sopchak.** This spring the kitchen received a 'facelift'. The kitchen looks awesome!! Thanks, Dan and Margaret, for taking such pride in the aesthetics of the Clubhouse.
16. **New Business ~ Sandi Jeffery.**
- **Evert Car Club Letter ~ Sandi Jeffery.** The Board received a letter from the Evert Car Club requesting approval to parade around Eight Point Lake again this year over Labor Day weekend. The request was approved, but it was decided that the Association would not donate any money to their club. If anyone would like to personally donate to the Evert Car Club send donations to the Club President, James Rohen.
 - **Other ~ MSU Gardening and Fertilizing Article ~ Jeanie Stewart.** Jeanie Stewart informed the membership that MSU sent an article on how to safely garden and fertilize at 'the lake'. It will be made available to the membership via the website. Check it out.
 - **Other ~ Buy-A-Brick Memorial Walk ~ Margaret Sopchak.** Margaret shared with the membership about the discussions of a Buy-A-Brick Memorial Walkway being created behind/around the pavilion for those interested. The project has been undertaken by the Recognition Committee under the direction of Dick Pennoni.
 - **Other ~ FEMA Flood Zone ~ Jack Ridenour.** Jack brought forward questions about the FEMA survey and how to obtain an application, for cottages in the marginal zones, for the federal government permit. Tom Vandamme suggested going online to the FEMA website where you can get the application, see the subdivision plat, and other FEMA flood zone information.
 - **Other ~ Lost and Found ~ Dan Sopchak.** A large, maroon raft has floated ashore at the Sopchak dock. If you lost one, it's found. Come and get it.
 - **Other ~ Customer Appreciation Day ~ Doug Frank.** The Boat Doctor is having Customer Appreciation Day today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with hot dogs and other free food.
17. **Adjournment.** There being no further business to discuss, Sandi Jeffery adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m. The membership *unanimously* supported her decision.

Respectfully submitted,


Connie Berg, Corporate Secretary
May 25, 2013

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2. **Approval of Spring 2013 Membership Minutes ~ Connie Berg.** The Spring Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2013 were approved as written after being reviewed by the membership. (1st: Mark Walter 2nd: Bill Galambos).
3. **Treasurer's Report ~ Dick Larsen.** Treasurer's Report was approved after Len Pilz moved the report be accepted and second by Andy Russell. Dick stated the current balance is \$46,232.52.
4. **Membership Report ~ Dick Larsen.** The current membership numbers are one member less than last year at the end of year. The suggestion for donations to the Safety Fund proved successful; the fund has higher revenue than last year. Membership in Zone 18 and Zone 1 are 100%.
5. **Recognition Awards ~ Terry Tisdale.**
 - **Recognition Award.** A recognition certificate was presented to John Whalen's wife on his behalf for his years of service to the membership.
 - **Memorial Brick Paver Program.** A three person committee was established, chaired by Janet Terrell, to develop criteria and guidelines for the program. The proposal, including the cost of the brick, contractor to lay the brick, text on the brick, and eligibility, will be presented to the Board at today's meeting. The guidelines will be posted on the website for review.
6. **Election of Shore Representatives ~ Terry Tisdale.** Terry presented the Shore Representation Ballot draft to the membership naming the nominees, both new and incumbents. After discussion, Terry asked for a unanimous ballot acceptance. The ballot passed unanimously. **One Wild Cherry Beach Shore Representative is needed.**
7. **Lake Improvement Report (Milfoil/Water Quality) ~ Mark Walter.** The efforts this summer revolved around three things:
 - Weevil placement,
 - Herbicide treatment, and
 - Water quality study sampling (in the same place each year).

Milfoil growth is down this year; this is a trend across all Michigan lakes. The weather is cooler this year which is directly related to the headway. Further follow up studies are forthcoming. The chopped up weeds and milfoil on shore were from boating over the Fourth.

The water quality is good; the water is potable in Eight Point Lake. See the website for the water quality testing results. Be thoughtful on how we treat our Lake, if we want it to be clean.
8. **Township Supervisor ~ Dave Byl.** The Township Supervisor discussed happenings and the progress being made to improve the township, i.e, Fire Department can drive, transfer station illegal dumping, nuisance-blight rules in effect, security grant for camera, road brining increased, Depot available for public meetings, widening of the road near the Lake General Store, Welcome signage near the hardware store, and future plans to address the bike path along Partridge.

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9. Marine Watch Program ~ Len Pilz.

- Len thanked the 14 volunteers from around the Lake for displaying their signs and participating in the program.
- Len also thanked the Membership for donating \$2,168 to hire a Marine Officer for six days this summer. The Marine Officer was here for two days each of the three holiday weekends. Below are the statistics for the summer of 2013 to date:

2013 Summer Marine Officer Stats		
Weekend	Date	Number of Contacts
Memorial Day	Saturday, May 25	12
	Sunday, May 26	15 with 1 warning; 1 complaint
Fourth of July	Friday, July 5	20 with 3 warnings
	Saturday, July 6	21 with 2 warnings

The results for Labor Day weekend will be posted when they become available.

Len feels strongly that our Lake has been safer this summer because of having a Marine Officer on the Lake. The Clare County Sheriff's Department has been approached about the summer of 2014. The charge is the same \$40/hour maximum for the Marine Officer and their equipment. Lynn Kraykaft moved that the Association hire a Marine Officer from the CCSD for six days again next summer during the three holiday weekends (Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day), which would be approximately a \$2,000 cost to the Association where special donations can again be made to the "Safety and Law Enforcement Fund". Cindy Russell seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Please call the Sheriff's Department with the MC# to make a report if you see inappropriate activity on the Lake. The non-emergency number is in the Lake Directory.

10. Boater Safety and Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Training ~ Len Pilz.

- The Boater Safety ~ The class was held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, June 22, 2013. Twenty-three students attended; five adults and 18 children (youngest was 9 years old). All students passed and received Boater's certificates. Lunch was provided by the Association at a cost of \$107.65. Thanks to Roy Musgrove from West Beach for his cooking expertise. In 2014, another class has been scheduled for Saturday, June 21. This will be listed in all Association publications.
- The ORV Training ~ Class was held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, July 13. Only four people signed up. A minimum of 20 people is needed to have Clare County Sheriff's Department to teach the class. The class had to be cancelled. We will try again next summer. The class is scheduled for Saturday, July 14, 2014. The class will be on the Association schedule next year.

11. Labor Day Fireworks Update ~ Dan Sopchak. The fireworks are tonight, August 31, and will be shot off at dusk. Dan asked the Association members to stay away from the loading area while the fireworks are being loaded. A buoy with "blinking lights" and "fireworks" is about 500 feet away signaling the danger.

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12. **Fish Contest Results ~ Jim Darland.** Gift certificates were distributed to the following Fish Contest winners:

2013 Eight Point Lake Fish Contest Winners					
Name	Cottage	Shore	Category	Length	Weight
Hunter Lewis	Witbeck	East	N. Pike	22"	1.8 lb
Jerry Eichorn	Ruckle	East	Walleye	27"	5.7 lb
Ken Jones	Jones	South	Largemouth Bass	17 3/4"	2.4 lb
Hunter Lewis	Witbeck	East	Smallmouth Bass	20"	3.1 lb
Will Farr	Boyd	North	Black Crappie	12 1/2"	.9 lb
Scott Strait	Strait	North	Bluegill	9 1/2"	.6 lb
Sammy DiBlasi	Wahl	W. Beach	Sunfish	9"	.4 lb
Jeremy Diglopper	Hayden	South	Rock Bass	11"	.7 lb
Jeff Bartlett	Cook	South	Perch	13 1/4"	1.0 lb

Jim reported the DNR supplied Eight Point Lake with 20,000 walleye in the Lake in June. Next year's fish stocking, by the Eight Point Lake Association, will be done mid-to-late October consisting of walleye and black crappie.

13. **Summer Events Review ~ Sandi Jeffery.**

- **Flag Raising ~ Micki Denoyer.** The flag raising event facilitated by Micki Denoyer was wonderful as usual!
- **Road Race ~ Tony Voisin.** Sandi Jeffery reported the Road Race had another record number of entrants. Event was highly successful. Sandi will ask for a total count from Tony.
- **Road Parade ~ Cindy Russell.** Cindy reported there were 34 entrants. Pre-registration was available at Bev's Store. The Grand Marshall rode in a vintage car. The pace improved. Judges came to the Clubhouse, in advance, to preview. The event was fun and a huge success. Thank you, Cindy, for a fantastic job on such short notice.
- **Venetian Night ~ Jack Niemi.**
 - Sandi expressed appreciation and many thanks to Jack Niemi for taking leadership of the Venetian Night event.
 - Watercraft were decorated with lights and paraded around the Lake at dusk. The pictures of the four winning watercraft can be viewed on the website.
 - We are in need of a volunteer photographer for Venetian Night 2014. The photographer arrives at Bev's Store before dusk, where the entrants will stop for a quick photo before parading around the Lake. Interested?
 - There will be a flyer in the Spring 2014 mailing with instructions on "How to Light Your Boat".

14. **Website Update / Photo Contest ~ Jeanie Stewart.**

- The website continues to have steady, high volume of traffic. There were 741 visits to the website, a 43% increase over 2012.
- Digital Photo Contest ~ We are encouraging a digital photo contest next year. This is an effort to encourage more participants from our younger people at the Lake – kids and teens – and also an effort to get more photos submitted for the website.
- **Tell Me a Memory ~** For the historical section of our website, everyone has an assignment: Tell Me a Memory. We all have memories and history about times and activities that would be fun to read and share. A "TMaM" form is available on the website. Fill it out and return to the newspaper slot of Jeanie Stewart's mailbox at 11501 S. Shore Dr., or email your story to info@8pointlake.org.
- We could always use more photos!

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15. **Garage Sale Recap ~ Sandy Hines.** One word for the garage sale: Successful! The garage sale brought in \$743.41; \$100 was from the bake sale. The donations were quality this year. The dates for the 2014 garage sale are: July 18-19. Drop off dates are: July 15-17. Volunteers are needed and are encouraged to call Sandy Hines to sign up.
16. **Clubhouse Report ~ Dan Sopchak.** The Clubhouse looks great! Dan and Margaret Sopchak have worked hard. Thank you. The exterior facade looks awesome; the bathrooms have been updated; and the water pressure has improved.
17. **Neighborhood Watch ~ Ralph Stewart.** Crime at Eight Point Lake during 2013 has been reduced. We are aware of only one cottage break-in. Crooked Lake has been plagued with the theft of gasoline cans from boats and storage sheds. The Sheriff's Department has recovered a number of stolen gasoline cans. File a crime report with the Sheriff's Department at (989) 539-7166 if you become a victim of theft or a break-in. Filing a crime report allows law enforcement to begin an investigation into the crime loss and updates crime statistics for our area.
18. **New Business ~ Sandi Jeffery.**

- **Other:** Recording Secretary replacement needed after the Spring 2014 meeting. Gail Neff volunteered and will accept the duties effective with the Fall 2013 Executive Board Meeting. Thank you, Gail.
- **Other:** Cindy Russell reported that the Clubhouse is getting used for card parties, Maj Jong, family reunions, etc.
- **Other:** Jeanie Stewart will coordinate a March of Dimes walk the morning of the Venetian Night. More details to follow on the website.
- **Other:** ORV training is critical. Please, please encourage family, friends, and friends with children to sign up for the ORV Training class on July 14. Safety is of great concern to the Association members and Board. Serious injury is eminent with the speeds the golf carts and four-wheelers are traveling around the Lake. The law enforcement operating regulations require: helmets, safety belts, operating lights, and turn signals. **You must be 16 years of age to legally operate an ORV alone. Drivers 12 through 15 years of age must have an ORV certificate and be accompanied by an adult.**

19. **Adjournment.** The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Berg, Corporate Secretary
August 31, 2013