

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