

ELDA General Membership Meeting – August 14th, 2021, 10am

Officers:

George Firmstone, President
Dave Stanton, Vice President
Pat Walker, Treasurer
Millie McCarthy, Corresponding Secretary
Kathy Emanuelson, Recording Secretary
*board members absent

Board Members:

*Jack Cleary ('21)	Joe Palonis ('23)
Mike Connelly ('21)	*Jim Sartori ('22)
Bob Howell ('23)	Ken Swan ('23)
*Chris Mann ('22)	Paul Szwajka ('22)
Mike Matzko ('21)	Bob Keen, Past President

Call to Order & Introductions

President George Firmstone called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 10:03am. He asked everyone present to introduce themselves. (sign-in attendance sheet is addendum 1)

Recording Secretary's Report – Kathy Emanuelson noted that the minutes of the July 10th General Membership Meeting were shared with members via email and on the Elk Lake website for review prior to this meeting. A report of any omissions or corrections to those minutes was requested, and with no issues being noted, a motion to approve them was made by John Parker, seconded by Mike Matzko and passed with no opposed.

Nominating Committee – Chairman John Parker reminded members that nominations for officers and board members were open at the July 10th meeting, and that no nominations were made from the floor. With that, the Nominating Committee's recommendations are to renew the current officers: George Firmstone for president, Dave Stanton, vice-president, Kathy Emanuelson, recording secretary, Millie McCarthy, corresponding secretary, Pat Walker, treasurer, all for one-year terms. For new 3 year terms as board members, the committee recommended renewing the terms of Mike Connelly, Jack Cleary and Mike Matzko.

A motion was requested to approve the recommendations of the committee, made by Len Addison, seconded by Jerry Theobald, and passed with no opposed.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Millie McCarthy reported that of 150 members, two have still not paid. She has been in touch with those members.

Treasurer's Report – Pat Walker reported to members attending that ELDA's fiscal year ended in July. A detail of expenses was presented on the 8/2020-7-2021 Profit & Loss statement, with a total yearly income of \$38,607.28, total expenses \$28,046.61, and total net income of \$10,560.67. Pat also shared the account transaction detail with members. (Note: both follow as addendum 2) A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Dave Stanton, seconded by Mike Matzko and passed with no opposed.

Financial Records Review Committee - Vince Gatti was present and reported that he and Randy Berini reviewed both ELDA's fiscal statements and balance sheets, and found no variances of note. All fiscal records were in order, and they had favorable comments on them.

Township Meeting Report – Ken Swan was at the Clinton Twp meeting this past Wednesday and inquired if there was any knowledge of use of the Turbo Draft water pumps. As the Browndale fire chief was not present, no answer was available. Ken suggested that the grass is kept trimmed to give easy identification and access to the Turbo Draft storage. He noted that Tammy O'Neil had excellent reporting of Township meetings in the Forest City paper. Ken also noted that the township supervisors were very helpful in a severe noise issue that couldn't be worked out between neighbors and wanted members to be aware of that service. Clinton township will be paving Little Keen Road from Stanton Drive to the township line.

Patrol Report – Joe Farrell was not present. No report, so George assumes there were no major problems.

Boating and Safety – Chairman Mike Matzko recommended all members take a PA Fishing Summary/Boating Handbook for their reference. This is the first year that they are together in one publication. Mike asked for any complaints/concerns:
Dave Stanton noted that a jet ski came too close to boats and docks. Many members collaborated this complaint. Mike emphasized that a boating safety certificate is required to operate a jet ski, and serious liability exposure can result from unsafe & uncertified operation.
John Parker noted that many boats still do not have the 2021 ELDA sticker on their boats or have them in the wrong place. George expressed frustration at members who just haven't carried out that small requirement.
Paul Szwayka suggested finding a way to get the Fish & Boat Handbook to all members.

Fish Committee – Chairman Jack Mulka thanked the fishing tournament committee of Bob and Rob Howell and Kristin Conover for running a very successful tournament this year.
The fish committee will meet soon to decide what kind of fish to stock next spring. He welcomed anyone interested in participating to be in touch with him and Jack will share the date of the upcoming meeting. Jack noted that it has been an overall great fishing year. Reports of 18" small mouth, 18" large mouth, 3 kinds of rainbow trout, two 6lb walleye and plentiful pan fish. The 18" bass were probably 9 years old, so fishermen are certainly respecting the "catch and release" recommendation. Jack asked for suggestions from the membership, and none were made.

Water Quality Report – Dave Stanton reported that Aquatic Environmental took samples in June and July and will return later in August for their last sample. It has been a very rainy year and Dave commented that we should be concerned about nutrient runoff. He requested that all residents take extra care of home septic systems.

Fracking Committee Report – Dave Stanton has no report.

Dam report – Dave reported for Fred Stanton the dam is in compliance. Regarding bridge repair planning, he suggested that it remains a convenient width for walkers and bicycles, but not wide enough for ATVs.

Summer Activities

George gave an emphatic "Thank You" from all member volunteers that ran this year's activities!

- o George Stanton Annual Golf Tournament was run by Wayne Thompson on Saturday July 17th at Memorial Links. There was a good turnout and the Mike Farrell team won. Next year Fred & Dave Stanton and Len Addison will be running the tourney.
- o Annual Field Day was Saturday afternoon, July 24th organized and run by Sarah Sierra and Theresa Dethlefsen. There was a good turnout, the kids had great fun and everyone was glad to have it back.
- o Covered Dish was later in the day on Saturday July 24th, organized by Laura Beard and Joanne Connelly. Nice turnout and good food. Thanks to Len Addison for the annual egg toss.
- o Fishing Tournament was Sunday August 1st, with measurements at Howell cottage at 11AM, organized by Bob Howell, Rob Howell, & Kristin Conover. Again, great turnout and fun family activity!

Old Business

- o Invasive weed issue: George commented this will always be on our agenda. He emphasized how important it is for all members to remain vigilant about not contaminating Elk Lake with an invasive weed. George asked if anyone had been in touch with someone on Lake Alden, where they

have been treating the lake for a couple of years for the hydrilla weed. Ron Firmstone said he had, and the fishing there is essentially dead.

Mike Matzko noted Dave Minor has a cottage at Lake Alden.

Channel 16 had a news segment of invasive weed at a lake in Goldsboro.

Ron Firmstone inquired whether Aquatic Environmental testing includes looking at weeds. They sample 7 different locations. Dave Stanton replied that yes, their report is very complete, including vegetation.

Trudie Haddon asked about signs around the lake. Do they remind people who take kayaks in and out various places too? George noted that there is a sign on Westshore Road. A suggestion was made to add signs on Lizzy Lane and/or Giles Road.

Joe Palonis agreed with Trudie's point that non-motorboats should be made aware and be just as cautious.

- Ken Swan complemented the beautiful photograph images on the Elk Lake FaceBook page.
- George brought up the nuisance problem of geese and ducks on the lake and the mess that make. He queried for suggestions about what could be done about them. Suggestions: put down hot sauce (would that work and would it hurt the lake?); fishing line, which discourages the fowl from boarding flat docks and shores, but can be hazardous to people walking.

It was emphasized that they should not be fed! It was suggested signage to state that around the lake.

Paul Szwayka noted that people bring brown ducks to the lake that don't fly, and so are here forever.

Someone suggested that hunting season for fowl starts September 1st.

- A bear was spotted on Sensitine Road and also a mom and cub walking along Elk Lake Drive, around 3p on a Thursday. It was suggested that everyone do what you can to minimize odor with your garbage: spray a solution of Clorox or ammonia (NOT mixed) on top of your trash in your can before replacing the lid and securing the lid with bungies will discourage bear scavengers. Don't leave anything out with any odor that will attract bears to the neighborhood.

- Jack Mulka thanked the officers and board members for the time they give to ELDA.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Matzko, seconded by Larry Conover at 10:44am.

Respectfully submitted,

Káthy Emanuelson
Recording Secretary
8/28/2021

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 George Finstone
 Paul & Tam Swartz
 Bob Keen
 Doug Straker
 Ken Swan
 Ted Swan
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 Bob Lott
 Judith Hadden
 Kate Dugan
 Dolly Finstone
 Edna Finstone
 Lon Finstone
 Robert Howell
 Amy Putnam
 Maureen Brennan
 Janice Roe
 Bob FIGLER
 Gary VanPelt
 Bill NATALIE
 Mary and Robert
 Pat Walker
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 Mike Connolly
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