ELDA General Membership Meeting July 10th 2021 Highlights

- Displaying ELDA stickers on boats is a requirement, not an option. Please make patrolman Joe Farrell’s job and the Board of Directors job easier by making sure all your watercraft have the appropriate stickers displayed.

- Safety
  - Everyone knows that boating at a speed that creates a wake after sunset is not permitted. What some of us might have a harder time determining is whether the sun is actually set or not. 😊 If you have even the slightest thought that maybe it is too late then most likely it is.
  - A reminder to everyone that if they are traveling at a wake-creating speed that they must travel in a counterclockwise direction around the lake.
  - Sitting outside seating area of any boat (most often occurs with pontoon boats) is not only dangerous but also illegal. Also, be extra cautious when people are seated in the open bow area of ski boats.
  - When traveling at a wake-creating speed, boats must stay at least 100 feet away from the shoreline, docks, and swimmers.
  - For all of the above safety concerns, please remember that things happen fast. Even if we have been boating our whole lives, accidents can happen in the blink of an eye. Once an accident commences there is often little we can do, so take the necessary precautions to ensure the accident doesn’t have a chance to get started.
  - Lifejackets and whistles (or other sound producing device) must be present on all watercraft, even manual craft such as kayaks, paddleboards, etc.

- Summer Activities
  - Field Day – Saturday July 24th, 1PM, Sarah Sierra (sarahmsierra@gmail.com), Theresa Dethlefsen
  - Covered Dish – Saturday July 24th, 6PM, Laura Beard and Joanne Connolly
  - Fishing Tournament – Sunday August 1st, Measurements at Howell cottage at 11AM, Bob Howell, Rob Howell, Kristin Conover.

- Summer Newsletter
  - Please send stories/photos to Laure Carlo at laurecarlo@yahoo.com.

- Invasive weed
  - This issue has been discussed the last few years, focus has been on the hydrilla weed, but there is a constant concern regarding any invasive weed. We should not have a false sense of security just because we are a private lake with no public access, there are examples of private lakes within one hour of us that are dealing with this issue.
  - All watercraft and equipment (trailers, fishing gear, etc.) need to be thoroughly cleaned and dried before returning to Elk lake.