

ELDA General Membership Meeting – August 10th, 2024, 10AM

Officers:

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

*denotes absent

Board Members:

*Joe Palonis ('26)	Dennis Gregory ('25)
Jon Walko ('26)	Chris Mann ('25)
Mark Murray ('26)	*Paul Szwayka ('25)
Mike Connolly ('24)	Bob Keen, Past President

Call to Order & Introductions: President George Firmstone called the meeting to order at 10am and welcomed everyone. He asked everyone to introduce themselves and the shoreline they are from at Elk Lake. (Attendance sign-in page attached.) Mike Matzko also shared a black & white photo from 1948 Elk Lake shore with Mike's grandfather on the doc, and JB Parker, JB's dad, Mike Matzko and a sister all in the water.

Recording Secretary's Report: Kathy Emanuelson requested a motion to approve the minutes from the July 13th, 2024, that were distributed electronically to ELDA General Membership for their review prior to today's meeting.

The motion was made by Mike Matzko and seconded by Brian Devaney. No corrections or omissions were noted, and the motion passed with no one opposed.

Nominating Committee: Chair John Parker thanks Holly Stanton and Beth Walko for their time in this process. At the July meeting, the committee presented the following slate of officers and board members nominations:

George Firmstone, President	Dave Stanton, Vice President
Pat Walker, Treasurer	Millie McCarthy, Corresponding Secretary
Kathy Emanuelson, Recording Secretary	
For the board:	Mike Connelly, Mike Henshaw and Brian Devaney.

As there were no further nominations from the membership at the July meeting, on behalf of the committee, John put forward these nominees for a vote of approval from the membership. That motion was made by Pat Walker, seconded by Len Addison, and passed unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Millie McCarthy reported that it was an easier month, with every member being paid. She thanked the membership for their continued support, and reminded members that next year's invoices will be sent out by April 30th, 2025. It is members' responsibility to look for them, and return them before the end of May with boat registrations and information updated.

For members' information: ELDA has issued 54 stickers for <20HP motors, 129 for 20-75HP motors, 52 for jet skis and 511 (!) manual craft stickers!!

Treasurer's Report: Pat Walker shared the Balance Sheet through July 2024, with checking/savings assets totaling \$247,666.50, and total assets of \$654,531.00, and the Profit and Loss Summary dated August 2023 through July 2024 with the net income being \$5,826.54. He also shared the checking account transaction detail for this fiscal year. (All treasurer's reports are attached.)

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report was made Dave Stanton, seconded by Barb Lutat and passed unanimously.

Financial Records Review Committee: Vince Gatti reported that he reviewed the accounts for this fiscal year and everything is in order.

Township Meeting Report: George reminded membership that there is no longer a board member attending meetings. He asked if anyone is aware of any township news, and to please share any future news or items of interest with him via phone or email. A member inquired as to frequency of township meetings: they are monthly held in Aldenville at Clinton township building. There was an inquiry if any members had issues with township tax bills; no one commented on the issue.

Patrol Report: Joe Farrell reported that it has been a fairly quiet summer. No unstickered fishing boats had to be asked to leave, and a few boaters were reminded not to do 'figure 8s'. July 4th weekend definitely the busiest.

Boating and Safety: Mike Matzko reminded members that there are plenty of fish ID posters, safe paddling and other wildlife and boating safety pamphlets. He reminded members that anyone 42 years or younger must have a boating safety certificate to operate a watercraft with 25 or greater horsepower motors. Your certificate must be in your possession on the boat with you. Also important: jet ski's playing with each other is illegal and unsafe!

George sincerely thanked Mike for his over 25 years of service to the ELDA board.

Fish Committee: John Parker reported for chair Jack Mulka, and thanked Kristin Conover and Rob Howell for their time in organizing and running a very successful fishing tournament! We have an excellent fishery here, as was proven again in the tournament.

Regarding stocking the lake, the fish committee was polled for their opinion on fish stocking. Six members were in favor of keeping it as it is with alternate years of stocking trout and walleye; 2 were in favor of only stocking trout, and one was in favor of stocking trout and shiners.

John summarized the cost of fish stocking for the membership: rainbow trout have increased from \$5 to \$5.75 per fish, brown trout \$6.50 per fish, Walleye are \$5 per pound, plus sales tax. The current fish stocking budget is \$5,000, and the committee requests an increase to \$6,000 annually. Treasurer Pat Walker reminded members that the fish budget line item was just increased a couple of years ago and recommends it stays the same or possibly splitting the difference. Barb Lutat asked: "has our annual cash balance has increased year to year?" Pat answered, "Yes, that cash balance is comprised of money in three CDs, a money market account and our checking account, and it does increase, modestly, annually. He offered to include several year comparisons for membership in next year's reports. Pat reminded members that the large dollars in savings are there for emergency dam repairs or if there were ever an opportunity to buy the 42 acres of Sandy Point. Barb asked if the board could make such a purchase on its own, and George confirmed that only approved budgeted expenditures were within the spending authority of the board. Anything else will require membership approval.

Water Quality: Dave Stanton reported that the results of the July water testing found a slightly elevated E.coli level in front of Jake's beach, a value of 65. For reference, Dave reminded members that 235 is unswimmable, and last August the level at the same location was 10, with the rest of the lake measuring less than 5. The plan is to see the results of the re-test of the same location in August, to make sure it wasn't an anomaly or testing issue. If the value is high again, there will be an effort to track down the source of the contamination. A member asked if we tested for sulfates, Dave answering he didn't think so. Testing is mainly for phosphates, nitrogen and bacteria.

Fracking Committee Report: Dave reported that there is nothing to report.

Dam Report: Dave reported for Fred that all is well with the dam. A member asked if the state does regular inspections. George answered that he thought so, about every 5 years or so, although no one on the board could remember the last time the state inspected our dam. Pat Walker reminded us that we pay an annual bill of \$1,500 to the PA Clear Water Fund for the dam. It was suggested that perhaps information could be found on the state website.

Summer Activities:

- George Stanton Annual Golf Tournament – held at Memorial Links on July 20th. Winning team was Ron and Landon Firmstone, Collin Ennis, Jacob McCormick, with a score of 14 under par! The event was hosted by the Stanton family and Len Addison, and was a great day enjoyed by almost 50 golfers!
- Annual Field Day – was held on the afternoon of July 27th, hosted by Sarah Sierra, Theresa Dethlefsen, and Jason Palonis, where a lot of kids had heck of a lot of fun! They are stepping down from the event, and so George is looking for new volunteers to carry on the event.
- Covered Dish – was held later that day, hosted by the Beard and Connolly families, with all kinds of good food and camaraderie!
- Fishing Tournament – was held on Sunday, August 4th, hosted by Rob Howell & Kristin Conover, with great participation, big fish reported and very nice prizes for the youthful participants! George again sincerely thanked everyone who made these events happen from year to year for all of our members enjoyment.

Old Business: George had no items to comment on there, other than the ardent reminder to everyone to keep invasive weeds out of Elk Lake. He asked all to always wash boats, trailers, paddle craft with hot water after being in another body of water, and completely dry before replacing them in our lake.

New Business:

- Summer Newsletter – George asked all to share pictures of summer events to Laure Carlo at laurecarlo@yahoo.com. Laure, in attendance, was thanked by George for all the information on our website. Laure reminded everyone of what we can find on our web page, <https://eldapa.org/>, including ELDA ByLaws, a link to the PA Fishing Handbook, all minutes, and called it, tongue-in-cheek, “great bathroom reading”!
- George took a few minutes to thank and honor our two retiring board members. Jack Cleary stepped away due to some health issues. George commented on enjoying the genuine thoughtful conversations he had with Jack regarding board issues. The entire board wishes him the best and better health. Mike Matzko spent 26 years on the board. George commented that no words are sufficient to express our gratitude for that level of dedication, especially promoting safe boating on Elk Lake, even back in the day offering boat and safety classes at Jake’s. With a ‘wink, he hoped that Mike would enjoy the “ELDA pension plan” that he certainly deserved. As a side note, Mike was the FIRST barefoot skier on Elk Lake in 1960!
- Kate Dugan spoke for Cottagers reminding all members that the AED is available in the Pavilion for any emergency need. She shared an incident 3-4 weeks ago on West Shore, where it took >30 minutes for an ambulance to arrive. She remembers a past conversation about other shores adding a convenient active AED and advocated for that. George recalled that because of liability issues ELDA will not fully fund any AED, but if another street/neighborhood wanted to purchase one, ELDA would probably make a donation to help defray costs. Cynthia Matzko suggests that members learn CPR and suggested that perhaps a course could be offered at Jake’s next spring.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Sartori, seconded by John Parker at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Emanuelson
8/19/2024

Attendance, General Membership Meeting 8.10.2024

George Firmstone

Kathy Emanuelson

Dave Stata

Holly Stata

Patricia Walker

Sue Walker

JOHN PARKER

JOE DEVANEY

Phil Devaney

Don Hagerly

RANDY BERLIN

Kate Dugan

Chris Mann

Mike + D'ANN NEPA

Joe Farrell

Doris Jillette

Barb Rutat

Bill Mabee

Andrew Datto

Jen Theobald

Paul + Theresa Dethlefsen

MILK CONNOLLY

BOB FIGLER

BILL + MARGARET NATALIS

Jim SARDER

Maud H Munay

Bob Keen

Millie McCarthy
Cynthia Matzko
Mike Matzko
Gary Piotrowski & Maureen Brennan
Walt Jordan
Vince & Kelly Gatti
RON FIRMSTONE
KAREN FIRMSTONE
LONDON FIRMSTONE
In Addison
Jon Walke
~~Geoff Walke~~
Brian & Julia Devaney
DENNIS GREGORY
BRIAN KUZNER

ELDA Profit & Loss, 7-31-2024

			Aug '23 - Jul 24	
		Ordinary Income/Expense		
		Income		
		Membership Fee Income	34,380.00	
		Total Income	34,380.00	
		Expense		
		Admin Fees (Treasurer/Secy)	715.50	
		Contributions	200.00	
		Fish Replenishment	5,000.00	
		Insurance	7,855.00	
		Lake Patrol Services	2,214.52	
		Lake/Dam Maintenance	3,564.00	
		Lawn Care	826.80	
		Office/Postage	136.00	
		Permits	3,000.00	
		Picnic/Events	2,465.83	
		Professional Fees	570.00	
		Realty Taxes	5,313.63	
		Repairs & Maintenance	169.60	
		Total Expense	32,030.88	
		Net Ordinary Income	2,349.12	
		Other Income/Expense		
		Other Income		
		Interest Income	4,526.42	
		Total Other Income	4,526.42	
		Other Expense		
		Inc Tax (IRC Sec 528)	1,049.00	
		Total Other Expense	1,049.00	
		Net Other Income	3,477.42	
		Net Income	5,826.54	

ELDA Balance Sheet, 7-31-2024

				Jul 31, 24	
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
	Checking/Savings				
		*Checking 5435		10,614.43	
		*Money Market 3701		50,876.77	
		CD - 80018654 (0.7001 %)		33,008.90	
		CD -80037590 (3.5%)		57,057.48	
		CD - 80037593 (3.0433%)		96,108.92	
	Total Checking/Savings			247,666.50	
Total Current Assets				247,666.50	
Other Assets					
	Lake Right Property			406,864.50	
Total Other Assets				406,864.50	
TOTAL ASSETS				654,531.00	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
Equity					
	Members' Equity			648,704.46	
	Net Income			5,826.54	
Total Equity				654,531.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY				654,531.00	

		Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
Admin Fees (Treasurer/Secy)									
		Check	07/25/2024	1431	Millie McCarthy	159 lake rights @ \$3 / right	477.00		477.00
		Check	07/25/2024	1432	Patrick Walker, Tres.	Tres fee 159 lake rights at 1.50 per right	238.50		715.50
Total Admin Fees (Treasurer/Secy)							715.50	0.00	715.50
Contributions									
		Check	07/23/2024	1426	Browndale Fire Company	Donation	100.00		100.00
		Check	07/23/2024	1427	Waymart Fire Company	Donation	100.00		200.00
Total Contributions							200.00	0.00	200.00
Fish Replenishment									
		Check	12/20/2023	1413	Big Brown Fish Hatchery	balance due on trout stocking April 2024	5,000.00		5,000.00
Total Fish Replenishment							5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Insurance									
		Check	10/12/2023	eft	US Liability Insurance Co	Liability Insurance (D&O)	284.00		284.00
		Check	04/19/2024	eft	US Liability Insurance Co	Liability Insurance (D&O)	279.00		563.00
		Check	06/07/2024	1420	Tuscarora Wayne	General Liability Policy	4,997.00		5,560.00
		Check	06/07/2024	1423	Tuscarora Wayne	Umbrella Policy	2,295.00		7,855.00
Total Insurance							7,855.00	0.00	7,855.00
Lake Patrol Services									
		Check	07/08/2024	1424	Joe Farrell	2023 service: 118 hrs. @ \$8.00/hr. + gas/oil	1,011.66		1,011.66
		Check	07/23/2024	1430	Spencer Printing	2024 boat stickers	1,202.86		2,214.52
Total Lake Patrol Services							2,214.52	0.00	2,214.52
Lake/Dam Maintenance									
		Check	01/15/2024	1414	Stephen Knash	Dam Inspection	350.00		350.00
		Check	04/29/2024	1415	Aquatic Environment Consultants	Lake Study Samples/testing payment 1 pf 3	918.00		1,268.00
		Check	06/07/2024	1421	Aquatic Environment Consultants	Lake Study Samples/testing payment 2 of 3	2,296.00		3,564.00
Total Lake/Dam Maintenance							3,564.00	0.00	3,564.00
Lawn Care									
		Check	08/21/2023	1404	Grass Roots and Garden	summer of 2023 cutting	381.60		381.60
		Check	12/18/2023	1412	Grass Roots and Garden	summer of 2023 cutting	254.40		636.00
		Check	06/07/2024	1422	Grass Roots and Garden	2024 lawn cutting by dam	190.80		826.80
Total Lawn Care							826.80	0.00	826.80
Office/Postage									
		Check	05/23/2024	1419	Millie McCarthy	reimbursment /US Postage	136.00		136.00
Total Office/Postage							136.00	0.00	136.00
Permits									
		Check	08/01/2023	1401	PA Clear Water Fund	Dam Program (FY 7/1/22 thru 6/30/23)	1,500.00		1,500.00
		Check	05/02/2024	1416	PA Clear Water Fund	Dam Program (FY 7/1/23 thru 6/30/24)	1,500.00		3,000.00
Total Permits							3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Picnic/Events									
		Check	08/02/2023	1402	Sarah Sierra	Field Day Games	894.93		894.93
		Check	08/18/2023	1403	Len Addison	remib on Golf outing/Field Day	62.13		957.06
		Check	08/22/2023	1405	Boulevard Rental	Chairs/Tables/Tent for family picnic day 7/30/23	771.15		1,728.21
		Check	08/22/2023	1406	Reeves Rent-A-John	Covered Dish Picnic - 7/30/23 weekend rental	145.75		1,873.96
		Check	09/12/2023	1407	Rob Howell Jr.	Fish competition reimbursement	446.07		2,320.03
		Deposit	09/12/2023		Howell, Robert	cash collection on Fishing tournament		94.00	2,226.03
		Check	07/23/2024	1425	NZ Signs	signs for Golf outing	38.00		2,264.03
		Check	07/23/2024	1428	Holly Stanton	reimburse Golf outing prize and H2O	87.27		2,351.30
		Check	07/23/2024	1429	Julie Stanton	reimb for refreshments - Golf outing	114.53		2,465.83
Total Picnic/Events							2,559.83	94.00	2,465.83
Professional Fees									
Acctg/Tax Prep									
		Check	11/28/2023	1411	Vannie B. Williams, CPA, P.C.	Tax Preparation (FYE 7/31/23)	570.00		570.00