

ELDA General Membership Meeting – July 11th, 2026, 10AM

Officers:

Mike Connolly President
Jon Walko, Vice President
Pat Walker, Treasurer,
Millie McCarthy, Corresponding Secretary
Kathy Emanuelson, Recording Secretary

*Denotes absent

Board Members:

Mark Murray ('26)	Paul Szwayka ('27)
*Joe Palonis ('26)	Dennis Gregory ('28)
Tom Serafin ('26)	Chris Mann ('28)
Brian Devaney ('27)	*Holly Stanton ('28)
*Mike Henshaw ('27)	George Firmstone, Past Pres.

- **Call to Order & Introductions**

President Mike Connolly called the meeting to order at 10am. He welcomed everyone and asked those present to introduce themselves and sign in. Sign-in sheet is attached (addendum 1)

- **Recording Secretary's Report** – Kathy Emanuelson reminded members that the minutes of the August 16th, 2025, General Membership Meeting were shared electronically with ELDA general membership for their review prior to the meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jon Walko, seconded by John Parker. The motion passed with no one opposed.

Please note: April board meeting minutes were not shared and so will be approved at the August meeting!

- **Corresponding Secretary's Report** – Millie McCarthy reported that there are 148 members, with all but 3 paid. There are 160 active Lake rights, and Millie has issued 53 personal watercraft stickers and 524 manual craft stickers.

- **Treasurer's Report** – Pat Walker shared his treasurer report documents electronically with ELDA members for their review before the meeting. (please see Addendum 2)
The Balance Sheet shows all ELDA assets, with checking, CD and Dam Collateral Bond totaling \$669,736.62. Pat also provided the ELDA Profit and Loss document, which is ELDA's annual budget for the membership's review.

Pat was asked how the dam collateral bond worked. He explained it was a DEP requirement to have those funds for the costs of breaching our dam if its inspection was unsatisfactory. Mike commented that we have contracted engineering services from Wayco, Inc., located right in Waymart. There is one minor area of concern in our dam that will be addressed immediately. Mike emphasized that it is the board's priority to keep the dam inspections without any issues.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports was made by Brian Devaney, seconded by Len Addison and was approved with no one opposed.

- **Financial Records Review Committee** – Pat reported that the same team of Vince Gatti and Randy Berini will review the treasurer's records of the last fiscal year, and report to the ELDA membership at the August meeting.

- Patrol Report and Boating and Safety - Joe Farrell was absent but gave his report to Brian Devaney. He reported no serious incidents on the lake. There was a report of tubers being pulled the wrong way on the lake. Brian emphasized how it is every member's responsibility to contribute to the safety on the lake, and to be sure mentor new members.
- Fish Committee – Jack Mulka reported that antidotally about three-quarters of ELDA members are fishermen. He shared several fishing stories: the 10-year-old MacNamara reeling in his 1st trout ever, amazing pictures and variety of catches reported by the Onge family, young Nicole catching her small mouth, John Parker catching his largest walleye ever and getting it mounted, and this writer's Mother's Day rainbow trout booty! Jack reminded members that stocking the lake will continue on schedule. 750 rainbow and brown trout were stocked this spring and walleye will be stocked in the fall. Jack thanked Rob Howell and Kristin Conover who continue the annual Fishing Contest, this year to be held on Sunday, August 2nd. If anyone is interested in joining the Fish committee, please let Jack know as there will be a meeting this fall.
- Water Quality Report – Fred Stanton reported for Dave that all lake measurements last year were good. Fred asked, as always, ELDA members keep good septic maintenance, don't apply any fertilizers, watch for boat fuel leaks, all contributing to our pristine lake health. Concern about runoff into the lake from the horrific fire last month was expressed, and George Firmstone reported that he reached out to Aquatic Environment Consultants (our testing company) and also to ELDA member Jason Palonis (who is in the environmental field) asking if ELDA should perform extra water quality testing. The recommendation was to continue our routine testing as usual. Question: test for any toxic chemicals? George reported that it's a large list and neither expert felt testing for any would be necessary. Mike noted that the devastating fire was already one month ago. He thanked all the first responders and commended the thorough and amazing job that was performed.
- Fracking Committee Report – Fred reported for Dave Stanton that the fracking issue has been quiet. He suggested considering if ELDA should have any concern with Data Centers requesting to draw Elk Lake water for their facilities. Chris Mann suggested that the board could suggest a By-Laws change codifying that "No commercial draw" would be allowed on Elk Lake. He suggested talking to our counsel to see if our by-laws would have any power in stopping this action if it were requested..
- Dam report – Fred Stanton reported the dam board is installed as soon as the ice is off the lake; late March this year. It will be pulled during the last week of October. Mike Connolly reported that Mike Henshaw's recommendation of establishing Wayco, Inc. as our engineering firm, being local and reasonably priced, was a good one. Jeff Weinstein is our engineer with Wayco, Inc, and our inspection shows no major issues. There is one minor issue scheduled to be addressed as soon as possible.
- Committee Appointments
 - Nominating Committee – John Parker shared that the committee includes Joe Henshaw and Beth Walko along with himself. John welcomed our new board members: Holly Stanton and Tom Serafin, and congratulated our new president Mike Connelly and VP John Walko, with George Firmstone stepping into the past-

president post. He reminded that elevating some board members to officers necessitated two of the board members elected/re-elected in our last election to have abbreviated terms, maintaining ELDA's rotation of 3 elected board members per year. This year Joe Palonis will retire after many years of service to the board.

The Nominating Committee's recommendation for this year's slate of board members for the three positions active through 2029 are: Mark Murray, Tom Serafin and Jerry Theobald.

John then asked for any further nominations from the floor. None were made. A motion to close nominations was made by Mike Connelly, seconded by Jon Walko, and passed with no one opposed. Elections will be held at the August meeting.

- Summer Activities

- General Membership Meeting – Saturday August 8th, 10AM
- George Stanton Annual Golf Tournament – Saturday July 18th, Memorial Links, tee off 8:30AM – Stanton family and Len Addison
- Annual Field Day – Saturday, July 25th, 1PM, Dugan family
- Covered Dish – Saturday July 25th, 6PM, Laura Beard and Joanne Connolly
- Fishing Tournament – Sunday August 2nd, Measurements at Howell cottage at 11AM, Rob Howell & Kristin Conover. Sign up at covered dish.

The golf tournament (at \$55 per golfer) is sold out! Please arrive by 8a.

Joanne and Laura have been putting together the covered dish for the last 10 years, and it's always been a nice time to catch up. Lately, attendance has been waning, and they are open to any idea to refresh the event!

Remember there is no wake until 11am on fishing tournament day, Sunday 8/2.

Charlotte lori is starting a Mahjong club teaching new players and enjoying the game with those who know how. There was a sign-up sheet at the meeting, and anyone interested, please contact Charlotte for details. Also, she is setting up two free lending locations for kids and adult books, games & puzzles. One will be at the meeting pavilion and one at Jake's. If you have any games, puzzles or books to donate, please contact Charlotte at 570-561-5805.

- Old Business

- All of ELDA thanks and complimented the fantastic July 4th fireworks display gifted by Jakes and the Szwayka family! It was worthy of the 250th!

- Invasive weed issue – Lake Ariel and Lake Alden are still treating their lakes for the invasive Hydrilla weed. It is of utmost importance to thoroughly clean and let completely dry any watercraft that has been in another lake to prevent infestation of our water. Treatment of invasive weeds is estimated to be \$20-30,000 annually. Bev Parker reported that treatments are added every 2 years in Lake Alden. It was noted that a fire tanker discharged water into Elk Lake after the fire. Local fire departments were sent letters requesting no discharge into the lake. This was, however, an emergency event.

Fred Stanton noted that the lake has indigenous weeds, that absorb phosphorus and provide food and shelter for aquatic life. A question was raised about the mussels/clams in the lake. They do seem to be increasing, and is there a point when there are too many? No one had an answer to this. Water shoes are recommended when enjoying the lake to protect your feet from their sharp edges.

Joe Henshaw reminded people that Wayne Conservation will sample and examine any weed from the lake, and report back on whether it is invasive, at no cost to ELDA.

- Mike let members in attendance know that the Lake Alden community donated money to the fire victims. He reported that on August 11th, there will be a meeting of investigators representing fire and insurance agencies at the sight of the fire to try to find out the specifics of the cause of the explosion.

There were many questions on how residents can help fire victims. It was shared that the Dave Ragnacci Dance Studio will be holding a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Rita Wasnowic and Fred Natale in August. Please look for specifics on our Facebook page. Other than that, the consensus was that no specific aid is needed at this time.

- New Business

- Len Addison suggested increasing this year's ELDA donation to local fire companies, especially Waymart, Browndale and Prompton. Brian Devaney noted that personal donations from ELDA members are helpful in any amount to these fire departments, and always, they'll gladly accept cases of bottled water at the fire stations.

- Summer newsletter – Send stories and information to Laure Carlo at laurecarlo@yahoo.com

A motion to adjourn was made by Len Addison at 10:53.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Emanuelson
July 26, 2026

SIGN IN ELDA 7/11/24

Kaitlyn Emanuelson
 Charlotte Dori
 Jack & Katherine Mulder
 Cynthia Matzko
 Luke Carlo
 Ted Carlo
 Jason + Tammi Sarnaski
 MARK MURRAY
 Jim Serkin
 Paul Seaway
 Mac & Natalie
 Kelly & Vince Gatti
 Karen Firmstone + Landon
 Joe Henshaw
 Joe Wilho
 ANN MARIE WALSH BRENNAN
 Don Hagerty
 Randy Dennis
 Jerry Theobald
 Bob FISLER
 Chris Mann
 Don Hungarey
 LEN Addison
 Barb Wyatt
 George Firmstone
 Bev / John PARKER
 Dan Brown
 Dennis Huggins
 B. Devaney
 Chris Roe

Greg Prokorski
Theresa Dethlefsen
Paul Dethlefsen
Bobby Bunting
Fred Steuten
Janice Reif

Treasurer's report, Balance Sheet

Addendum 2

			ELDA				
			BALANCE SHEET	Jul 11, 26	Jul 11, 25	\$ Change	
ASSETS							
	Current Assets						
		Checking/Savings					
		*Checking 5435	25,071.35	18,552.44	6,518.91		
		*Money Market 3701	0.00	45,003.46	-45,003.46		
		CD -7590 (3.5%) 3/3/27	61,200.28	59,095.42	2,104.86		
		CD - 7593 (3.75%) 9/3/26	105,263.97	101,451.14	3,812.83		
		CD - 2670 (4.0%) 6/22/28	41,336.52	0.00	41,336.52		
		PA BOND COLLATERAL ON DAM					
		CD - 8654 (3.8 %) 12/23/26	30,000.00	33,474.91	-3,474.91		
		Total PA BOND COLLATERAL ON DAM	30,000.00	33,474.91	-3,474.91		
		Total Checking/Savings	262,872.12	257,577.37	5,294.75		
		Total Current Assets	262,872.12	257,577.37	5,294.75		
	Other Assets						
		Lake Right Property	406,864.50	406,864.50	0.00		
		Total Other Assets	406,864.50	406,864.50	0.00		
		TOTAL ASSETS	669,736.62	664,441.87	5,294.75		
LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
	Equity						
		Members' Equity	663,543.68	654,543.56	9,000.12		
		Net Income	6,192.94	9,898.31	-3,705.37		
		Total Equity	669,736.62	664,441.87	5,294.75		
		TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	669,736.62	664,441.87	5,294.75		

Treasurer's report, Profit and Loss

Addendum 2

		ELDA P&L	Aug 1, '25 - Jul 11, 26	
		Ordinary Income/Expense		
		Income		
		Membership Fee Income	32,236.00	
		Memorial Donation Received	915.00	
		Total Income	33,151.00	
		Expense		
		Admin Fees (Treasurer/Secy)	1,160.00	
		Contributions	200.00	
		Fish Replenishment	5,000.00	
		Insurance	6,680.64	
		Lake Patrol Services	2,303.71	
		Lake/Dam Maintenance	4,725.00	
		Lawn Care	826.80	
		Office/Postage	875.23	
		Permits	1,500.00	
		Picnic/Events	2,222.27	
		Professional Fees	580.00	
		Realty Taxes	5,759.88	
		Repairs & Maintenance	193.11	
		Total Expense	32,026.64	
		Net Ordinary Income	1,124.36	
		Other Income/Expense		
		Other Income		
		Interest Income	7,256.72	
		Total Other Income	7,256.72	
		Other Expense		
		Inc Tax (IRC Sec 528)	2,188.14	
		Total Other Expense	2,188.14	
		Net Other Income	5,068.58	
		Net Income	6,192.94	

Treasurer's report, Expense Detail

Addendum 2

ELDA Expense detail thru 7/11/26	Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
Admin Fees (Treasurer/Secy)								
	Check	05/01/2026	1484	Millie McCarthy	Recording Secretary 2026 fee	1,000.00		1,000.00
	Check	06/08/2026	1491	Patrick Walker, Tres.	160 active lake rights at \$1.00 per right	160.00		1,160.00
Total Admin Fees (Treasurer/Secy)						1,160.00	0.00	1,160.00
Contributions								
	Check	06/22/2026	1492	Browndale Fire Company	Donation	100.00		100.00
	Check	06/22/2026	1493	Waymart Fire Company	Donation	100.00		200.00
Total Contributions						200.00	0.00	200.00
Fish Replenishment								
	Check	03/25/2026	1482	Big Brown Fish Hatchery	balance due on trout stocking March, 25 2026	5,000.00		5,000.00
Total Fish Replenishment						5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Insurance								
	Check	09/05/2025	eft	US Liability Insurance Co	Liability Insurance (D&O)	279.00		279.00
	Check	03/23/2026	eft	US Liability Insurance Co	Liability Insurance (D&O) 1 of 2	279.00		558.00
	Check	07/02/2026	eft	Yurconic Agency		6,122.64		6,680.64
Total Insurance						6,680.64	0.00	6,680.64
Lake Patrol Services								
	Check	05/12/2026	1485	Spencer Printing	2026 boat stickers	1,294.71		1,294.71
	Check	05/12/2026	1487	Spencer Printing	ELDA membership cards	36.10		1,330.81
	Check	06/29/2026	1494	Joe Farrell	2025 service: 112 hrs. @ \$8.00/hr. + gas/oil of \$76.70	972.90		2,303.71
Total Lake Patrol Services						2,303.71	0.00	2,303.71
Lake/Dam Maintenance								
	Check	01/14/2026	1480	Aquatic Environment Consultants	Lake Study Samples/testing final payment with report	946.00		946.00
	Check	01/28/2026	1481	Stephen Knash	Dam Inspection	350.00		1,296.00
	Check	05/25/2026	1488	Aquatic Environment Consultants	Lake Study Samples/testing 2026	3,429.00		4,725.00
Total Lake/Dam Maintenance						4,725.00	0.00	4,725.00
Lawn Care								
	Check	08/22/2025	1469	Grass Roots and Garden	June/July 2025	254.40		254.40
	Check	11/18/2025	1478	Grass Roots and Garden	August/Sept	381.60		636.00
	Check	06/18/2026	1486	Grass Roots and Garden	May/June 2026	190.80		826.80
Total Lawn Care						826.80	0.00	826.80
Office/Postage								
	Check	04/30/2026	1483	Millie McCarthy	reimb for HP 17 AMD	794.98		794.98
	Check	07/02/2026	eft	Yurconic Agency	service fee on EFT of Ins payment to agency	2.25		797.23
	Check	07/09/2026	1497	Millie McCarthy	stamp reimbursement	78.00		875.23
Total Office/Postage						875.23	0.00	875.23
Permits								
	Check	06/22/2026	eft	PA Clean Water Fund	Dam Program 2026	1,500.00		1,500.00
Total Permits						1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Picnic/Events								
	Check	08/16/2025	1470	Rob Howell Jr.	Fish competition reimbursement	458.97		458.97
	Deposit	08/18/2025		Rob Howell Jr.	fishing contest entry fees		143.00	315.97
	Check	08/22/2025	1471	Owen Dugan		926.33		1,242.30
	Check	09/15/2025	1473	Boulevard Rental	Chairs/Tables/Tent for family picnic day 7/26/25	822.56		2,064.86
	Check	09/15/2025	1474	Reeves Rent-A-John	Covered Dish Picnic - 7/26/25 weekend rental	157.41		2,222.27
Total Picnic/Events						2,365.27	143.00	2,222.27
Professional Fees								
Acctg/Tax Prep								
	Check	11/20/2025	1479	Vannie B. Williams, CPA, P.C.	Tax Preparation (FYE 7/31/25)	580.00		580.00
Total Acctg/Tax Prep						580.00	0.00	580.00
Total Professional Fees						580.00	0.00	580.00
Realty Taxes								
	Check	09/29/2025	1475	Marianne L. Thorpe, Tax Collector	School tax on Lake body	4,405.93		4,405.93
	Check	09/29/2025	1476	Marianne L. Thorpe, Tax Collector	School tax on 0.85 acre lot	8.76		4,414.69
	Check	05/28/2026	1489	Marianne L. Thorpe, Tax Collector	County/Township tax 2026	1,342.52		5,757.21
	Check	05/28/2026	1490	Marianne L. Thorpe, Tax Collector	County/Township tax 2026 on 0.85 acre	2.67		5,759.88
Total Realty Taxes						5,759.88	0.00	5,759.88
Repairs & Maintenance								
	Check	09/12/2025	1472	Seaman's Marine	winterization of ELDA Patrol boat motor	193.11		193.11
Total Repairs & Maintenance						193.11	0.00	193.11
TOTAL						32,169.64	143.00	32,026.64