

Elbow Lake Chatter

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The Annual Hayride will be October 12

Join us at 4:30pm at the Boat Launch for the annual Hayride. There is no rain or cancellation date. Expect hot dogs, chips, pop, water, apple cider, desserts, door prizes, and prizes for the best Halloween costumes—children to adult. If you choose to bring a dish to pass, it is always welcomed. Again, it is BYOB due to liability. The chair for this event will again be Janet VanRiper. Please consider helping her by offering to pick up supplies, cook hot dogs, run the contests, decorating, or helping in general. Donations of firewood will keep that bonfire burning. Contact John Krieger with your ideas if you plan on making a haunted house (scary tent!). We'll also have Trunk or Treat for the kids, so come decorate your trunk and hand out treats to the children. If you wish to donate candy for the children's bags, please give your donation to Janet VanRiper.

It's not too late to join ELCOA for 2019-20.
See page 10 for membership information.

Coming Events:

October 12, 2019 Hayride
4:30pm at Boat Launch

October 13, 2019 Board Meeting
10am at Karl & Mary Ann Wood's home

You Need to Know

Sheriff

989-539-7166

Oxygen

Charlie & Deb Smith

9895 Toohy Trail

989-539-1743

Karl & Mary Ann Wood

10385 N. Athey Ave.

989-539-1817

Oxygen and AED

Ruey & Stephanie Wood

10328 Toohy Trail

989-539-1580

Elbow Lake Chatter is the official voice of ELCOA. We invite you to send comments, ideas, or photos to:

susan4neighbors@gmail.com

KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW

Please Use Those Boat Stickers!

If you don't have stickers for all of your watercraft, contact Mike De-Sloover. Your first one is free and additional stickers are \$2.00. The new design helps identify watercraft that is allowed on the lake. As a private lake, those without a sticker are asked to leave.

No Dirty Boats, Please!

We need to stress the importance of cleaning boats, watercraft and trailers from other lakes. A boat from a "dirty lake" could have a hitchhiker who could infect Elbow Lake with a new invasive species. Please share with family and friends to help keep our lake clean.

Help stop the spread of Oak Wilt

Oak trees must only be trimmed during dormant (winter) months. If you must cut, please consult a certified arborist and if you have storm damaged trees, please address them ASAP and seal ALL wounds with an appropriate latex tree product.

Welcome to our new Neighbors . . .

These families are new to our neighborhood:

Darbi & Nick Rowley on Northwoods Trail

Floyd & John Johnson on Toohy Trail

Jane & Ron Brown on Toohy Trail

Fourth of July Boat Parade

The theme was "MOVIES" for this year's parade and a total of six boats came out to strut their stuff. The winners: 4th place—the Becks with #6 Independence Day; 3rd place: the Sylvesters with #4 The Oscars; 2nd place: Jay & Mary Smiths with #3 Titanic; and 1st place: the Tenorio/Neighbors with #1 Star Wars. Honorable mention to; #2 Rocky by the Ciemnickis and #5 Coming to America.

There were some serious water fights going on between the #6 boat and the unregistered rebels led by Randy Wilson. Everyone had a good time and got really soaking wet!



Next year's theme is MICHIGAN!
Start planning Now!



Let's have more boats—more fun—in 2020!



ACTIVITIES



**2019 Hayride is
October 12
4:30pm
Boat Launch**



Last Year's ELCOA Hayride

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday, April 28, 2019 at Karl and Mary Ann Wood's home.

Present: John Krieger, Deb Smith, Mary Ann Wood, Ruey Wood, Stephanie Wood, Karl Wood, Ken VanRiper.

Absent: Mike DeSloover, Carol Miller, Marty Neighbors, Janet VanRiper, Jerry Hurst, Mary VanDeKerkhove, Fred VanDeKerkhove, Shirley Miller, Ross McCallum, Renee Ciemnicky, Lisa Wick. Quorum established according to by-laws.

Guests: Charlie Smith

Meeting called to order at 10:02 am by President John Krieger.

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of October 14, 2018 were read by Mary Ann Wood. Corrections included that the treasurer's report should be income noted instead of expenses. Also the date of the neighborhood clean-up was incorrect. Amended report accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was read by Deb Smith. The report's expenses noted at \$1600.35 and balance on hand as \$2764.04. Report accepted.

Activities Report:

Neighborhood Watch: Ken VanRiper reports that everything is good in the neighborhood. The dust is extremely bad. Pres. Krieger reported there is a new oil well pump on his property. Because he has no mineral rights this happened as a result of the oil survey.

Community News: Mary Ann and Stephanie Wood gave a report in Shirley Miller's absence. Betty Meyer had nasal surgery and a possible stroke. She is blind in one eye now. Shirley Miller's granddaughter Megan has been in and out of the hospital since January with major medical issues. Tom Helinski has been in a rehabilitative nursing home this winter for rehabilitation. He is now home but must have someone with him. The oil surveying with sonar has been completed. Ken Barnes has had many health problems but is now doing better. Prayers were asked for Sally Rouse's mother.

Facebook: No report.

Fish Planting: No report.

Area Clean Up: Ruey Wood and Darrell Poston were the only ones that showed up. They got the beach area cleaned. Ken VanRiper will pick up the pile of leaves with his tractor. The boat launch still needs cleaning. Pres. Krieger said it would be completed Memorial Day weekend.

Water Testing: The chairman for this should be Charles Smith instead of Shirley Miller.

Fourth of July: No report.

Annual Picnic: No report.

Hayride: No report.

Old Business:

Road Maintenance: Ruey Wood reported there is nothing new to report.

Lake Weed Treatment: Ruey Wood has a new contract for weed treatment and questioned what the board wanted to do. Motion was made to move ahead with lake treatment again and it is okay for Ruey to sign the contract and remain the contact with Jeff. Motion passed. The first treatment will be when water temperatures reach 65 degrees.

Dock Installation: No discussion. However discussion was held around the excavation of the boat launch. Ruey Wood reported a quote of \$1700. Quotes were obtained from 3 companies. Further discussion was held later in the meeting.

Buoys: It was reported the buoys are on the beach. Ruey Wood will get them scrubbed, painted, apply new decals and get them in the lake. Marty Neighbors can purchase the roping for the beach area. Motion passed.

Newsletter: Mary Ann and Deb reported the newsletter is done and stuffed. The envelopes are available for those present to take theirs and anyone's they can deliver to save on postage.

Grass Cutting: Ruey Wood will continue the grass cutting with the same price as last year.

New Business:

Meeting Dates: President Krieger reported there is no meeting in June. The dates of 2019 upcoming meetings are: May 26, July 7, August 4, September 1, and October 13.

Pavilion Project: Ruey Wood requested monies from ELCOA to support the pavilion. Pres. Krieger said our current ELCOA balance is around \$2700. and we need \$1000 plus delivery for fish in the fall. There is also the charge for postage for the newsletter and the purchase of roping as approved at this meeting. The expenses for 2017-18 were 5300. He feels expenses are too high right now and we should wait until we see what monies come in from membership. He wants to table this until the next meeting. Ruey then suggested their committee send letters to businesses for donations to support the Elbow Lake Project. He read his donation request letter. The cost of the project is \$8600. The business would have their name engraved on a plaque and get exposure on FB and our website. He sees this as an opportunity so ELCOA doesn't have to dig into funds. He has a list of 60 businesses to contact. Charlie Smith said it is his personal opinion that title should be Elbow Lake Pavilion project and not EL-

COA project. Deb Smith said there would be swimming at the boat launch (which is not allowed), trash to pick up, etc. There are no set guidelines for care and she felt we needed to plan ahead for the future. She also doesn't like the location. Charlie suggested that other pavilions be looked at for the purpose of checking the cost of clean-up, insurance and how much they are used. There would be a need for a porta-potty at the site, which is a monthly expense. Stephanie Wood said we need a place to hold meetings. Ruey commented that ELCOA currently takes care of maintenance on all properties: the docks, swing set, sand, etc., are all handled by ELCOA. He said we would have extra monies coming in from businesses and that would allow us to not tap into general funds. Karl Wood asked how much would it be used? Pres. Krieger said the letter should go back to the committee for a decision on how to mail out but that it could not be included with the newsletter. Deb said we cannot count on membership dues as membership may drop. Charlie feels membership may be down because some residents don't use lake very much. Pres. Krieger asked what would happen to the money from business donations if the Pavilion falls through. Deb asked about the building permit. Can one be obtained with so many property owners of the deed? Ruey said the committee will send the letter and if the Pavilion fails, the monies can be held in the account until something is decided on how to move forward. Mary Ann Wood asked about the donation letter. Ruey read the letter, which describes a 30x40' pavilion with a 40x60' cement floor. Excavation and tree removal costs \$1800, materials and building will be \$6800 for a total \$8600. \$5500 have been collected so far. Deb said we will lose membership because it looks like ELCOA is endorsing the project. Pres. Krieger said he understands and the letter will be mailed separately. Motion made to send letter as written. Approved (5 yays to 3 nays) Ruey said a decision needs to be made whether ELCOA is going to support it or not.

Announcement: Deb Smith will be gone June 6-July 23, 2019. In the interim, Mary Ann Wood will take over the check-book.

Carol Miller will be contacted regarding selling flares. Charlie will inventory and Ruey will purchase more if needed. The VanDeKerkhoves will pick them up.

President John Krieger announced the next meeting is May 26, 2019 at 10 am at Karl and Mary Ann Wood's home.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 am.

Minutes recorded by Mary Ann Wood.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday, May 26, 2019 at Karl and Mary Ann Wood's home.

Present: John Krieger, Deb Smith, Mary Ann Wood, Ruey Wood, Stephanie Wood, Marty Neighbors, Janet VanRiper, Jerry Hurst, Karl Wood, Ken VanRiper, Ross McCallum, Shirley Miller, Renee Ciernicki, Charlie Smith and Lisa Wick.

Absent: Mike DeSloover, Carol Miller, Mary VanDeKerkhove, and Fred VanDeKerkhove.

Guests: Jeff Webster

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by President John Krieger.

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of April 28, 2019 were read by Mary Ann Wood. Corrections included dock installation/excavation was \$1700 and pavilion excavation was \$1800. Amended report accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Smith reported expenses of \$163.74 and balance on hand as \$3650.30. Report accepted.

Defibrillator questions: Pres. Krieger said expired accessories do not need to be replaced. Pediatric pads were purchased. Oxygen tanks should be refilled if necessary, at purchase point. Residents maintaining them will follow thru.

Activities Report:

Neighborhood Watch: Ken VanRiper reported that neighborhood is quiet.

Community News: Shirley Miller reported her granddaughter is home on TPN therapy for additional feedings at night. Betty Meyer is doing well now with physical therapy in her home. Stephanie Wood is expecting triple bypass surgery in the near future.

Facebook: Marty Neighbors reports that the Clines want to remain as Facebook administrators.

Fish Planting: Jerry Hurst reports that because of retirement, a new contact needs to be made. Ruey Wood will assist Jerry to find new source.

Area Clean Up: Ruey Wood said he cleaned up boat launch area and mulched the grass there with his mower.

Water Testing: Charlie Smith said testing would be completed closer to fall.

Fourth of July: Carol Miller absent. Stephanie Wood unable to reach Carol so is concerned. Flares will be dropped off at Ruey Wood's place. Sale will be from 10-2 at boat launch. It is to be on the website and Facebook. Suggestions included: putting flyers announcing times in everyone's door, selling door to door—as done in the past.

Boat parade discussion held and Susan/Marty Neighbors will organize. Suggested theme: Pirates, Game of Thrones, Classis Cars.

Fireworks discussed with Jeff Webster saying he spends \$2500-2600 for a \$5K show. Board suggested that requests for donations be on website and Facebook, with donations sent directly to Jeff by June 15, 2019. He will only purchase in amount donated. Ross McCallum will handle flare boat from Richard Bison. Flares, at 2/\$5, subject to change.

Annual Picnic: Renee Ciernicki still needs to get prizes and help for the games. She will resign from board after picnic. Mary Ann Wood will order meat, to be picked up by Charlie Smith.

Hayride: Janet VanRiper will provide a report at July board meeting.

Old Business:

Road Maintenance: Ruey Wood said roads have been graded, no dust. He inquired about oil brining roads but didn't get an answer. Concerns about logging trucks using Athey instead of Clarkoskee and Ruey Wood will follow up with county. Sawmill is shut down until winter.

Lake Weed Treatment: Ruey Wood said first spraying will occur when lake temperature rises to 65 degrees.

Dock Installation: Another piece of dock is still to be installed. It has not been done for 3 summers now, per Ruey Wood. He suggested it be tabled until new pavilion is built.

Buoys: Ruey Wood will scrub, paint and restripe buoys and get them in lake. Marty Neighbors will rope off swim area with floating buoys.

Newsletter: An excellent newsletter has been completed.

Grass Cutting: Ruey Wood is doing the grass cutting.

New Business:

Donation Letter: Ruey Wood said of 60 business letters sent out, 3 donations, totaling almost \$500 have been received so far; he is expecting more responses.

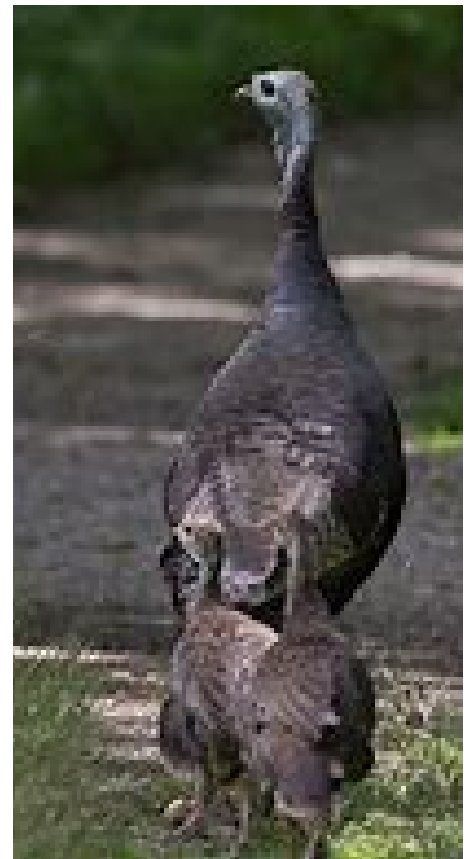
Pavilion Project: Ruey Wood asked if ELCOA board has decided to support the Pavilion project financially. Pres. Krieger suggested we wait to see how the businesses respond. There were many questions about insurance, maintenance, liability. Ruey Wood said those answers will remain unknown until the board makes a decision. He said ELCOA currently maintains these sites: the play area, sand, fencing, mowing, etc. As far as insurance, landowners should care if insurance is on the pavilion. Deb Smith said we now live in a litigious society. Janet VanRiper suggested events should be covered. Charlie Smith asked whether ELCOA's support would be a one-time donation or continuous. Ruey Wood said \$1700 is needed for excavation of the boat launch. Pres. Krieger said the real

amount is \$3500 and that Ruey Wood needs to split it with \$1700 for excavation of pavilion and \$1800 for leveling off of the boat launch. It was asked if a civil engineer has done a survey for correct placement of the pavilion. Ruey Wood said he sat for 2 hours with the building permit people on where it should go. The holdup now is who the building is to be deeded to and also for the DEQ involvement. Pres. Krieger said we should donate some money because we will have to buy tents anyway if pavilion not built. Charlie Smith suggested pavilion should be at the swim site as we are going to have a problem with kids swimming at boat launch. Ross McCallum: motion to loan \$1700 for excavation. Janet VanRiper: seconded, saying excess monies come back to ELCOA and that it include personal donations as well. Motion passed—9 yays, 3 nays. Pres. Krieger said no excavation until all monies are collected for building. He also said all permits and DEQ approval must all be completed. Ruey Wood said construction will only take a maximum of 2 weeks so it should be done for the picnic.

President John Krieger announced the next meeting is July 7, 2019 at 10 am at the Boat Launch.

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 am.

Minutes recorded by Mary Ann Wood.



SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday, July 7, 2019 at Karl and Mary Ann Wood's home.

Present: John Krieger, Mary Ann Wood, Ruey Wood, Marty Neighbors, Janet VanRiper, Jerry Hurst, Karl Wood, Ken VanRiper, Ross McCallum, Shirley Miller, Renee Ciernicki, and Lisa Wick.

Absent: Mike DeSloover, Deb Smith, Carol Miller, Stephanie Wood, Mary VanDeKerkhove, Fred VanDeKerkhove, and Charlie Smith

Guests: Jeff Webster, Tammie Fedor and guest, Fred, Susan Neighbors, and Don House

Meeting called to order at 10:02 am by President John Krieger.

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of May 26, 2019 were read by Mary Ann Wood. Report accepted.

Treasurer's Report: In the treasurer's absence, Mary Ann Wood reported expenses of \$593.75 and balance on hand as \$5570.30. Report accepted.

Activities Report:

Neighborhood Watch: Ken VanRiper said clean up from last year's storm continues on north Athey. There was also a report of a boat and trailer missing from a yard on Athey.

Community News: Shirley Miller reported Stephanie Wood is to have a stent placed on Tuesday. Karl Wood had a cancerous growth removed from his ear. Shirley's granddaughter is home and doing better. Larry Boudot's son-in-law passed away. Fidet's brother committed suicide last week. Tammy Brady's mother passed away last week. Pat VanRiper is having a tough time dealing with Alzheimers.

Facebook: Julie and Rick Cline absent—no report.

Fish Planting: Jerry Hurst reports that he checked with the same vendor and that fish will be planted in October.

Area Clean Up: Pres. Krieger reports more help with clean-up is needed. There are seedlings at the beach; Jeff Webster volunteered to rake. President also said we need to get one tree off the beach but we can't cut it down. Ruey Wood volunteered to talk with the property owners next to the beach and see if it can be trimmed.

Water Testing: Charlie Smith absent, but testing should be complete one week prior to the annual meeting.

Fourth of July: Carol Miller absent. Susan Neighbors reported that the Star Wars themed pontoon won first place. Titanic was second, The Oscars was third, and Independence Day took fourth. She will get the award monies to them at the annual meeting if not before. Marty Neighbors reported that in addition to the boat launch, flares were sold door-to-

door. It worked well. He suggested both methods be used next year.

Fireworks discussed with Jeff Webster saying his donations totaled \$1630 of the \$2030 he spent on fireworks. Addition donations that night were \$385 which he will apply towards his next year's show. Everyone felt it was a good show. Marty Neighbors said emails asking for donations were sent to west end cottages.

Annual Picnic: Renee Ciernicki still needs volunteers for the games. Pres. Krieger said his family will help. She still needs to get prizes and help with set up. She suggested having people eat during the meeting. Decided that picnic/meeting will be at 12 noon. Mary Ann Wood ordered the meat, to be picked up by Charlie Smith.

Hayride: Janet VanRiper will provide a report at August board meeting.

Website: Marty Neighbors said the website needs more current information and better looking. Ruey Wood said he is not doing the website because he has not met with Sally Rouse—the former website admin. Susan Neighbors volunteered to do the website. She has talked to Sally and will meet with her downstate to get everything going.

Old Business:

Road Maintenance: Ruey Wood reported the roads will be cleaned up and brined after the holidays.

Lake Weed Treatment: Ruey Wood said the contract is signed and all in place.

Dock Installation: Nothing new.

Buoys: Work completed

Newsletter: Susan Neighbors volunteered to take over the newsletter.

Grass Cutting: Ruey Wood is doing the grass cutting.

New Business:

Don House spoke of his concerns regarding the pavilion. He has owned on- and off-lake property at Elbow Lake for 48 years and is a long-time member of ELCOA. He is concerned about parties, safety, security, hours of use. Opinions

of several attorneys are that no building can take place on the lake lots that belong to off-lake people. The building inspector told him that the commercial permit would include ADA requirements. Mr. House said the "Go Fund Me" request by the pavilion committee doesn't meet the rules and regulations of that venue. He said a local business owner was upset about their donation because they thought it was backed and supported by ELCOA. He said there are 3 documents that show misrepresentation and that the pavilion cannot happen and why are we continuing to pursue it. Tammie Fedor said 10 years ago ELCOA turned down an almost free pavilion because of the liability that would fall on all the off-lake property owners. Janet VanRiper said the pavilion should only be used for ELCOA events. Mr. House said that liability rests on every property owner off the lake if someone should get hurt. He is concerned about the slippery boat ramp algae and liability concerns there. He mentioned the judiciary responsibility of every board member. Ruey Wood said he'll meet with the township supervisor again and may have to go to court. He's putting together a presentation for the annual meeting. It was asked why the Pavilion Committee isn't holding a public meeting at the boat launch.

Lisa Wick brought up discussing boat/jet ski safety rules, regulations with guests of residents, after a jet ski hit the boat launch dock containing fishermen. She also recommended no smoke bombs as fireworks. Fireworks debris caused a small fire on the north side of the lake, which was luckily discovered and put out. We currently have 43 paid memberships. Last year's total: 85 memberships. Lake use and wake times should be posted.

President John Krieger announced the next annual meeting is August 3, 2019 at 12pm at the Boat Launch. The new board will meet on August 4, 2019 at 10am. Location TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 am.

Minutes recorded by Mary Ann Wood.



SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019 at boat launch.

Present: John Krieger, Ruey Wood, Mike DeSloover, Deb and Charlie Smith, Jerry Hurst, Fred and Mary VanDeKerkhove, Ross McCallum, Renee Ciemnicki, Marty Neighbors, Stephanie Wood, Karl Wood, Lisa Wick, Ken VanRiper and Janet VanRiper.

Absent: Shirley Miller, Mary Ann Wood, Carol Miller.

Visitors: See sign-in sheet.

Meeting called to order at 12:55 pm by President John Krieger.

Minutes: Minutes from the August 4, 2018 annual meeting were read by Deb Smith. A correction to the minutes was made, citing Jeff Webster instead of Jeff Christianson as the fireworks captain at the boat launch. Amended report accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Smith reported that the balance as of July 6, 2019 was \$4856.57 and the ending balance as of August 3rd is \$5029.57. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Janet VanRiper; seconded by Mary VanDeKerkhove. Motion approved.

Activities Report:

Neighborhood Watch: Ken VanRiper reported there were no concerns.

Fish Planting: Jerry Hurst confirmed it would be done this fall as scheduled.

Water Testing: Charlie Smith said the water was retested and is good.

Hayride: Janet VanRiper will give us an update on the Hayride at the Labor Day meeting. The date for the Hayride will be October 12, 2019.

Road Maintenance: Ruey Wood said all was okay.

Lake Weeds: Ruey Wood reported that the lake will be retreated for weeds this month. Previous treatments did not seem to control the weeds sufficiently so a return to previous effective chemicals would be used. Treatment is scheduled for August 14, 2019. A resident was concerned about the lake being over-treated by too many chemicals. Mr. Wood assured her that the technician knows what he's doing and he's taking his advice.

Election of Officers: Ruey Wood.

President: As there were no volunteers, John Krieger agreed to remain as president.

Vice President: Mark Scott volunteered to be our new vice president.

Treasurer: Mike DeSloover volunteered to be our new treasurer.

Secretary: Susan Neighbors volunteered to be our new secretary.

Board of Directors: Resignations from Carol Miller, Renee Ciemnicki, and Shirley Miller. Volunteering to be on the

board are Deb Smith and Mary Ann Wood. We are still in need of a couple more members on the board. Interested parties should attend tomorrow's board meeting to see if they want to volunteer.

Motion made by Deb Smith to accept new board. Seconded by Stephanie Wood. Motion passed.

Pavillion: A resident questioned Ruey Wood regarding the status of the project. Mr. Wood said he would not discuss it at this meeting. He went on to explain that he was informed by the county that the deed to the boat launch site does not allow for any construction on the property. There were inquiries as to the status of the GoFundMe website; Mr. Wood said he will continue to seek donations. He also indicated that he is still seeking donations from businesses, and said his request letter states that the pavillion is an ELCOA project to lend it legitimacy. Mr. Wood invited Resort 2, 3, & 4 residents to remain after the ELCOA Annual Meeting was adjourned to get a pavillion update.

A big "Thank You" goes to Don House for providing the tent for this year's annual meeting and picnic. Thanks also goes to Mike DeSloover for coordinating the setting up/taking down of the tent.

Boating Safety: Deputy Schuler, Clare County Marine Officer, discussed and answered questions about water safety: Children aged 6 and under MUST wear a life jacket at all times if the boat is moving.

Persons less than 12 years of age:

- 1) may operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 hp legally without restrictions;
- 2) may operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp but no more than 35 hp legally only if they have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board the boat and are directly supervised on board by a person at least 16 years of age.
- 3) may not operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 35 hp legally under any conditions.

Those born on or after July 1, 1996, may operate a boat legally only if they have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board the boat.

Personal Watercraft

Those less than 14 years of age may not legally operate a PWC.

Those 14 and 15 years of age may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a Boating Safety Certificate:

- 1) and he or she is accompanied on board by his or her parent or legal guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who has been desig-

nated by the parent or legal guardian

- 2) or he or she is operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 feet from his or her parent or legal guardian or from a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian.

Those at least 16 years of age and born after December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a Boating Safety Certificate.

Those born on or before December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally without restrictions.

ORV Safety:

All ATV and UTV riders/passengers are required to wear a helmet. If you have a UTV, you can forego the helmet requirement if you are wearing a seat belt and the UTV has a roof meeting safety standards.

It is unlawful to operate an UTV anywhere with a passenger if it was not designed at the factory to do so. Must have current year ORV sticker for roads and ORV-Trail sticker for trails.

To operate at night, must have headlights and at least one taillight – red or amber; cannot use light bar at night on roads.

No open containers.

Cannot drive on highways with "M", "US" or "Old" markings (example: M-18, US-127, & Old 27)

Must drive on far right shoulders of roads. Maximum speed to be 25 mph for non-residential; 15 mph for residential areas.

Michigan Car Seat laws apply.

Children 12 to 15 years old may operate a 4-wheel ATV only when BOTH of the following conditions are met.

the operator is under the direct visual supervision of an adult.

the operator possesses a valid ORV safety certificate.

Children under 16 years old may operate other ORVs (ie. trail bikes) only when BOTH of the following conditions are met:

the operator is under the direct visual supervision of an adult.

the operator possesses a valid ORV safety certificate.

The next board meeting – with our new board – will be tomorrow, August 4, 2019, at 10 am at Karl and Mary Ann Wood's house.

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm.

Minutes recorded by Susan Neighbors

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Sunday, August 4, 2019 at home of Karl and Mary Ann Wood.

Present: John Krieger, Ruey and Stephanie Wood, Mike DeSloover, Deb and Charlie Smith, Jerry Hurst, Susan and Marty Neighbors, Mary Ann and Karl Wood, Mark Scott, Ken VanRiper, Janet VanRiper, and Fred VanDeKerkhove.

Absent: Ross McCallum, Mary VanDeKerkhove, Lisa Wick

Visitors: Lisa Poston, Wendy Hurst, Kathy DeSloover

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am by President John Krieger.

Minutes: Minutes from the July 7, 2019 meeting were read by Susan Neighbors. Corrections to minutes were made about the boat parade winners: third place winner was "The Oscars", fourth place was "Independence Day". An update on the Hayride will be at the Labor Day meeting. Amended report accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Smith reported that the balance as of August 4th is \$4578.90. Annual meeting expenses totaled \$1041.67 with income, including dues and raffle, amounting to \$591.00. Deb noted that membership is at 65 families. Report accepted.

Activities Report:

Neighborhood Watch: Ken VanRiper reported there was nothing new.

Community Watch: Mary Ann Wood volunteered for position. No news.

Fish Planting: Jerry Hurst will contact the vendor for the price so a check will be ready when fish are planted this fall. Same vendor is being used as in the past; scheduled for every 2 years.

Face Book Update: No report; Clines absent. Lisa Poston volunteered to become administrator, and also volunteered to be on the board of directors. Ruey Wood wants to contact the Clines first.

Area Cleanup: Not needed until spring.

Water Testing: Charlie Smith said that the e.coli report from 7/31/19 shows Elbow Lake well under dangerous levels (>300 ppm). Our lake tested at 2 ppm and 3.1 ppm at 4 locations.

Picnic: The food was great; the tent and PA systems were good but attendance was way down. There followed a discussion on how do we get people to come to it: Better prizes maybe, perhaps donated, including drinks. A profit of \$160 was made on this year's raffle. With only 65 members so far, thoughts that maybe the controversy with the pavilion was keeping people away were voiced. Also, attrition might be the culprit as many of the residents are getting older and the younger residents aren't joining up. Lack of communication was a concern, as the website has not been updated since last summer, still listing last October's hayride as an upcoming event. And maybe more newsletters than just the one in May needs to be sent out advertising the activities of ELCOA and peaking peoples' interest. It was noted that the younger generation communicates by social media and that we need to engage them their way. Perhaps a banner or sign could be used next year to advertise the Annual Meeting and Picnic. A Membership Recruitment Chairman was suggested and Mark Scott volunteered to try to get the younger generation more involved with ELCOA.

Hayride: Janet VanRiper said details will be forthcoming at the Labor Day meeting.

Old Business:

Road Maintenance: Ruey Wood: nothing to report.

Lake Weeds: Ruey Wood: new, recommended chemicals seem to be ineffective on weeds so treatment will revert to tried-and-true chemicals. Treatment is scheduled for later this month.

New Business:

Pavilion:

Ruey Wood said that someone had asked about pavilion petitions that were sent out. 105 were mailed, with 65 returned. 54 voted for the pavilion and 11 voted against. He stated that 83% of the residents were in favor of it (54 of 65). Another suggested that the correct percentage was only 51% in favor (54 of 105). Mr. Wood said Franklin Twp. ac-

cepted his for/against percentages. The Pavilion Committee, who says they now have the funds to build, wants to proceed with the project but their attorneys verified Don House's attorneys' opinion that the wording on the deed prohibits any building on the site. It is also their opinion that picnic tables, swing sets, docks, etc. are unlawful. The Committee wants ELCOA to support changing the deed. All 105 property owners in Resorts 2, 3 & 4 would have to agree to deed changes and have their signatures notarized. It was asked why the residents who want the pavilion weren't recruited to push the deed change with their neighbors, rather than asking ELCOA to get involved. Some board members who were for the pavilion now think it should be abandoned for the divisiveness it has caused in the community, saying it isn't worth it. But Mike DeSloover is concerned that unless the wording on the deed gets changed, we are in jeopardy of losing access to the picnic tables, etc., and will only be able to "access the lake" at the property, not even being able to park a car and boat trailer, or fish from the docks. He would like to see the deed wording changed for that reason only, and not for the pavilion. Motion was made by Stephanie Wood to enlist ELCOA to help get the deed changed. More discussion followed. Charlie Smith thought the new wording in the deed should be designed first, so the actual wording would be decided before ELCOA was asked to support it. Basically, it would read approximately, "...access to lake and recreational purposes". It was felt that all 105 off-lake residents should be shown exact wording for deed change. An attorney will be contacted to proceed with this deed change. Mike DeSloover moved to table the motion to the next meeting; seconded by Ruey Wood. Motion passed.

The next board meeting will be September 1, 2019, at 10 am at Karl and Mary Ann Wood's house.

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 pm.

Minutes recorded by Susan Neighbors

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Oxygen Tanks, an AED, ELCOA Signs, Fish Stocking, Picnic, Hayride, Raffles, Bulletin Boards, Access Lighting, Picnic Tables & Grill, Neighborhood Watch, Water Safety Rules, Flares, Prizes for Events, Boat Parade, Sand for the Beach, Grass Cutting and Snow Plowing at Boat Launch and Beach, New Dock, Swim Area Buoys/Roping, Slide and Swing for Kids, Fencing, Website, Facebook, Newsletter and a sense of Community

Join us and let us know how we can work together to make ELCOA work better for you and your neighbors!

It's Not Too Late to Join for 2019-20!

Membership dues for 2019-20 can be paid anytime during the year. (Of course, to be able to vote at the Annual Meeting and Picnic on the first Saturday in August next year, your dues for 2020-21 must be received on or before that date.) Please complete the section below and include with your membership dues payment.

For those paying by mail, please send **\$40.00**, payable to "ELCOA" to the Treasurer:

Mike DeSloover, 2324 Bluebush Road, Monroe, MI 48162

Please complete the section below and return with your payment:

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City, State, Zip_____

Elbow Lake Phone_____ Home Phone_____

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Elbow Lake Address_____ Lot #_____

Elbow Lake Phone_____

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Please forward that information to me and I'll see
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In an effort to keep you well informed, this newsletter
will contain minutes of meetings and news of what's
happening here in our community at Elbow Lake.

I hope to send out 4 newsletters a year.

If you would like to contribute photos, ideas,
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