

A Little Slice of Heaven

July 2020

Elbow Lake Chatter

The Fourth of July is almost here!

Come to the Boat Launch Saturday morning, July 4th, between 10 and noon to buy flares to decorate your shoreline during the fireworks. The cost will be \$5 for 2 flares. They will also be sold door to door.

Or, email us with your order and we will deliver them and collect payment: [**elbowlakecoa@gmail.com**](mailto:elbowlakecoa@gmail.com) *Let's light up the lake!*

The boat parade will begin at 6:45 pm.

Pre-registration is required, so sign up at the Flare Sale or at Neighbors/Tenorio cottage or dock at 9952 South Shore. The theme is **MICHIGAN** so make it happen!

Cash prizes given to first-thru-fourth places.

We also need judges, so please offer your services!



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

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COMMUNITY NEWS

4th of July Boat Parade

Decorate your boat to represent some aspect of "MICHIGAN" for the annual Boat Parade.

It's free to enter at a chance to win a cash prize. Boats will scored in each of three categories, receiving points from 1 to 10:

1. Does it represent the "Michigan" theme?
 2. Does it have creative construction details?
 3. What is its overall impression?
- The three scores will be added up to determine the winner.

First prize: \$25

Second prize: \$20

Third prize: \$15

Fourth prize: \$10

The parade starts at 6:45 pm with at least 2 tours around the lake for the judges. Boat parade participants should cruise around *ENTIRE* lake as judges will be located at both East and West ends, as well as North and South sides of lake.

There are several ways to register your boat:

1. Register early by emailing: elbowlakecoa@gmail.com

OR — on July 4th:

2. Register at the Flare Sale at the Boat Launch, from 10 to noon
3. Register at the Neighbors/Tenorio cottage or dock at 9952 South Shore

You'll get a number to display so the judges can identify your boat and vote.

If you would be willing to be a judge, please volunteer during the Flare Sale or email us. At least 1 of the 5 judges must be an off-lake resident.

Thank you!

New to the Area . . .

Chad and Stacy Modica purchased the Policicchios' cottage on Toohy Trail. They, along with their 3 children, are looking forward to spending their free time at Elbow Lake. They reside in White Lake, MI.

And Erik and Heather Kramer purchased the Reitermann cabin last fall on Toohy Trail.

Welcome to both of these families to Elbow Lake!

Great News!

Shirley Miller's newest great-grandchild, Luna Poppy Sammis, is home and thriving. Congratulations, Shirley.

With Sympathy....

We are sorry to hear that the mother of Georgia Wilson passed away suddenly. Also, Phil Militello and Mary VanDeKerkhove both recently lost their brothers.

We are so sorry for all of your losses.

Holiday Boating Hours

Elbow Lake is "All Sports" between 11am and 6pm on holiday week-ends. (Only to 5 pm at other times.) Please stay at least 100 feet away from the shore, docks, rafts, boats either anchored or not under power for safety. And remember to travel counter-clockwise on the lake.

No Dirty Boats in Our Lake, Please!

We need to stress the importance of cleaning boats, watercraft and trailers that have been in other lakes to prevent the importation of invasive species and algae into Elbow Lake. As they say, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Thank you in advance for your attention to this.

Fireworks Guidelines

Please be courteous when setting off fireworks, which may be upsetting for dogs and military veterans.

Under Michigan law, fireworks can be used from June 29th through July 4th. Please plan on ending by 11pm for the sake of all the children (and the rest of us!) enjoying the holiday at Elbow Lake.

Have a Safe and Happy Independence Day!

The US-Canada border closing has been extended to July 21st and is affecting many Elbow Lake homeowners.

Please be a good neighbor to them and their properties.



Dates to Remember:

July 4, 10-12pm: Flare Sale
at Boat Launch

July 4, 6:45pm: Boat Parade
Pre-registration required

July 5, 10am: Board Meeting
at Beach

August 1: Annual Meeting and Picnic
at Boat Launch

August 2, 10am: Board Meeting
September 6, 10am:

Board Meeting
October 10: Hayride
at Boat Launch

October 11, 10am: Board Meeting

FISH PLANTING

Go Fish

ELCOA stocked Elbow Lake with fish on June 3rd. 300 Perch, 4 to 5 inches long, were planted as well as 575 hybrid bluegill, 2–4 inches long. Here are some interesting facts about these species:



Yellow perch are only found in North America and have two dorsal fins. Females mature in 3-4 years and are generally larger, grow faster and live longer, compared to male perch who mature in 2-3 years. Perch prefer shallow water and are a major source of food for bass and walleye. Adults range from 4 to 10 inches in length and can live up to ten years. Good luck breaking the world record for the largest yellow perch ever caught . . . an 18 inch, 4 lb 3 oz perch was caught in 1865 in New Jersey and is the longest-standing record in North America for a freshwater fish!

Hybrid Bluegill are a cross between a male Bluegill and a female Green Sunfish. Although they look much like a bluegill, they



have a deep yellow to orange belly on an olive striped body as well as more yellow and white in their tails and fins. Hybrid bluegills tend to be a little more aggressive. This tasty fish grows fast and can weigh as much as 2 lbs. A one-year-old fish often reaches 8 inches in length. They do not reproduce well because their offspring are typically 90% male but they are not sterile. The typical lifespan is 5 to 6 years. They prefer the warmer shallows but will move to deeper water later in the summer. They tend to congregate in schools; grasshoppers and night crawlers make good bait. Good luck fishing!



The 4 photos above are courtesy of Lisa Poston.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES—PENDING APPROVAL—FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, May 23, 2020

Location: Boat Launch prior to area clean-up

Present: John Krieger, Mark Scott, Deb and Charlie Smith, Mary Ann Wood, Stephanie Wood, Marty and Susan Neighbors, Lisa and Darrell Poston, and Tami Fedora.

Absent: Ken VanRiper, Karl Wood, Mike DeSloover, Jerry Hurst, Janet VanRiper, Kathy DeSloover, Fred and Mary VanDeKerkhove, and Lisa Wick.

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 am by President John Krieger. President John did the welcome.

Minutes: The minutes were not read as impromptu meeting held at boat launch.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's report. Mike DeSloover will stay until the August elections at which time a new Treasurer will be sought.

New Business:

President John Krieger than announced that chairmen are needed for the various activities this year. The following volunteered as chairmen:

Hayride: Janet VanRiper

Fourth of July: Marty and Susan Neighbors are the chairs. President Krieger commented we should be able to continue with the traditions as long as we all practice social distancing, limit our groupings to 10 as cur-

rently expected, and remain as scattered as possible. This is all due to the Corona Virus or Covid-19. The boat parade theme is Michigan—anything Michigan. Flares were discussed. Stephanie Wood said there are some left, but doesn't know the count. She will also contact John Krieger about information for ordering the flares. They will need to be picked up. Deb Smith will message Mary and Fred Van about the possibility of picking up the flares (they are still in Florida). If they can not pick up, John Krieger may be able to pick up. Sales of flares will be handled by Marty Neighbors, Stephanie Wood and Tami Fedora. John will also contact Jeff (fireworks guy) to see if he intends to do anything with the monies he collected last year for the fireworks.

Annual Picnic: Looking for a volunteer to organize games and prizes—to be posted in newsletter.

Fish: Mark Scott will call about fish since we still do not have any implanted. He will look at perch, hybrid blue gill, and crappie. A sum of \$1000.00 is to be allocated to this venture.

Broken Aluminum Dock: Mark Scott will handle this at today's clean-up.

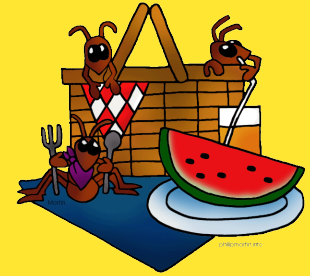
Lawn Mowing: Ruey Wood does not want the job anymore so until someone is found, Mark Scott will attend to the mowing.

Face Book: No discussion.

Newsletter: Susan Neighbors informed us that a short newsletter would be out via email and website prior to Fourth of July. She asked that these minutes be included.

Adjourned at 9:45 am. Next Meeting: 7-05-2020 at place to be determined.

Submitted by Secretary Mary Ann Wood



2020 ELCOA Pig Roast/Potluck & Annual Meeting August 1st 12 noon at Boat Launch

At this meeting there will be an election of officers and board members. You can be eligible for the board with your paid membership in the association. Please consider running for office. You just need to make a commitment to attend meetings and offer up your input. ELCOA will again provide roast and pulled pork from Ebels.

A dish to pass is your ticket into the picnic. Bring your own table service.

BYOB

We hope to have children's and adult games.

Lake Weed Treatment Schedule

July 22

August 12

September 16

Treatments could occur
1 day earlier or later, depending
on weather conditions.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES—PENDING APPROVAL—FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday October 13, 2019, at home of Karl and Mary Ann Wood.

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

Present: John Krieger, Mark Scott, Ruey and Stephanie Wood, Deb and Charlie Smith, Jerry Hurst, Susan and Marty Neighbors, Ross McCallum, Lisa Poston, Lisa Wick, Mary Ann and Karl Wood, Ken VanRiper, Janet VanRiper, and Mary VanDeKerkhove.

Absent: Mike and Kathy DeSloover, and Fred VanDeKerkhove.

Visitors: Tammie Fedor, Fred Stutzman, Wendy Hurst, Darrell Poston, Richard and Julie Cline.

Minutes: Minutes from the September 1, 2019 meeting were read by Susan Neighbors. Report accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Report read by Susan Neighbors in treasurer's absence. Opening balance was \$4534.76; expenses were \$242; income of \$460 for a balance as of Oct. 13, 2019, of \$4752.76. Current membership is 71 members. There was a question of membership dues income being inaccurate in report, but treasurer was absent. Clarification expected at next meeting.

Activities Report:

Neighborhood Watch: Ken VanRiper said there are no issues.

Community Watch: Mary Ann Wood reported that Ruey Wood's sister-in-law passed away; the Browns will be year round residents at Elbow Lake; Ron Seabold is home from the hospital, and Ross McCallum is having some problems with his leg.

Fish Planting: Jerry Hurst says yellow perch and blue gills – 3"-7" long – will be planted any day now. Crystal Springs Farm is the supplier. Cost will total \$1100.

Face Book Update: Lisa Poston will eliminate one of the Facebook pages so that there will just be one. It's

been confusing having two so she will "clean up" that media.

Area Cleanup: Spring cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2020, the day before the first meeting of the year.

Hayride: Janet VanRiper reported that about 70 people attended the hayride and everything went well. There were a lot of kids present. \$93 was collected on the 50/50 Raffle. There were many people contributing and helping, but she went slightly over budget. Kudos were given to Janet for a great job.

Old Business:

Road Maintenance: Mark Scott tried contacting road commission but didn't get far. Several residents reported dangerous situations they observed on our roads around the lake.

Lake Weeds: Ruey Wood says we are signed up for next year. A schedule still has to be made, although lake water has to have reached at least 65 degrees before treatment can begin.

Emergency Help: AED Pediatric paddles need to be replaced if the existing ones have expired. Oxygen tanks need to be checked that they are operating correctly. Those residents who maintain these items will verify their condition.

Pavilion Committee: Mary Ann Wood asked the Board to separate the Committee from ELCOA, according to Article 4, Section 3 of our By-Laws because of the great divide, anger, hardship it is causing in our community. Residents are concerned about how this is driving a wedge between neighbors and affecting property values. ELCOA set conditions to loan the Committee up to \$1700 if permits were obtained and the pavilion built by the time of the annual picnic. Since that never happened, John Krieger says ELCOA will no longer

support it.

Ruey Wood was questioned on the results of the petition he sent to Resort 2, 3, and 4 residents; he said a majority was in favor but expecting more to be returned. No actual numbers were mentioned, nor a cut-off date. Then it was discovered that the petition and Ross McCallum's memo to the board, presented at the last board meeting in September, are invalid since they both refer to incorrect lot numbers.

It was determined that the Pavilion Committee is a separate entity, ELCOA doesn't control the Committee, and hence, the pavilion will not be discussed at future meetings.

If the Pavilion Committee seeks action from ELCOA in the future, they can request to be added to the agenda and send a representative who can make a presentation to the board for their consideration.

Action: motion to remove Pavilion Committee (from ELCOA), seconded, carried with 4 nays.

Elections: Mary Ann Wood was asked to study the By-Laws and determine if we are following them pertaining to term limits, etc.

Website: Susan Neighbors is meeting with Sally Rouse in early November to take over the website.

Swim buoys will be removed around Labor Day weekend next year.

New Business:

Board of Directors meetings for next year will be April 26, May 24, and July 5, 2020. August 1, 2020 will be the Annual Meeting and Picnic.

The next board meeting will be April 26, 2020 at 10 am at Karl and Mary Ann Wood's house.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Neighbors, retiring ELCOA secretary.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION for 2020-2021

ELCOA Board Officers:

President

John Krieger	248-390-6881	gailkrieger@yahoo.com
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Vice President

Mark Scott	210-284-7700	mascott7676@gmail.com
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Secretary

Mary Ann Wood	989-539-1817	onecoolz@hughes.net
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Treasurer

Mike DeSloover	734-243-2221	mgdesloover@gmail.com
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ELCOA Project Coordinators:

Area Cleanup

tbd

Community News

MaryAnn Wood	989-539-1817	onecoolz@hughes.net
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Facebook Administrator

Lisa Poston	989-630-4628	abbyjoe@comcast.net
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Fish Planting

Jerry Hurst	989-539-2398	jhurst63@yahoo.com
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Hayride

Janet VanRiper	989-539-0360	janetvanriper54@gmail.com
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Lake Weeds Treatment

tbd

Neighborhood Watch

Ken VanRiper	989-539-0360	
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Newsletter/Website

Susan Neighbors	810-599-3366	elbowlakecoa@gmail.com susan4neighbors@gmail.com
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Water Testing

Charlie Smith	989-539-1743	kai538@yahoo.com
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ELCOA Board Members:

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Lisa Wick	810-288-9719	
Karl Wood	989-539-1817	onecoolz@hughes.net
Stephanie Wood	989-539-1580	randswood@hughes.net

ELCOA Dues 2020-2021

Membership dues can be paid before or at the time of the Annual Meeting/Picnic on August 1, 2020. Please complete the section below and include with your membership dues payment.

Your dues must be received by our treasurer no later than July 19, 2020 to qualify for the "EARLY BIRD DRAWING" - a prize of \$25. The winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

For those paying by mail, please send a \$50.00 check (\$40 for Dues *PLUS* \$10 for Raffle Tickets), payable to **ELCOA** along with the membership form below to:

Mike DeSloover, 2324 Bluebush Rd., Monroe, MI 48162

For additional tickets, contact Mike at 734-243-2221 or mgdesloover@gmail.com

Cut at dotted line, complete and return with your payment

ELCOA MEMBERSHIP 2020-2021

Name _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone(s) _____ indicate cell or landline

Email address _____

Elbow Lake Address _____

Elbow Lake Phone _____ Lot Number _____

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