

A Little Slice of Heaven

September 2020



Elbow Lake Chatter

The Annual Hayride is at 4:30 pm, October 10th, with some changes because of COVID-19

The Boat Launch will again be the site of the Hayride. Besides the hayride, we will have a bonfire, Halloween costume contests for all age groups, and Trunk-or-Treating. Precautions must be taken because of the Virus so social distancing will be a must and masks are recommended. There will be no food or drinks provided this year so bring your own picnic dinner and beverages. All candy for Trunk-or-Treating must be bagged. There will be cash prizes given to costume winners. Lisa Wick has volunteered to organize the event. Donations of firewood are welcomed. Any food or dessert brought to share must be individually bagged. There will be no games, nor is there a rain or cancellation date. With safety measures in place this year, our hope is that we can return to some sense of normalcy for next year. Fingers crossed!

**It's not too late to join ELCOA for 2020-21!
See the last page for membership information.**

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:
elbowlakecoa@gmail.com

FISH STORIES

What are you catching?



Since ELCOA is investing in fish, send us some pictures and let us know what you are catching!

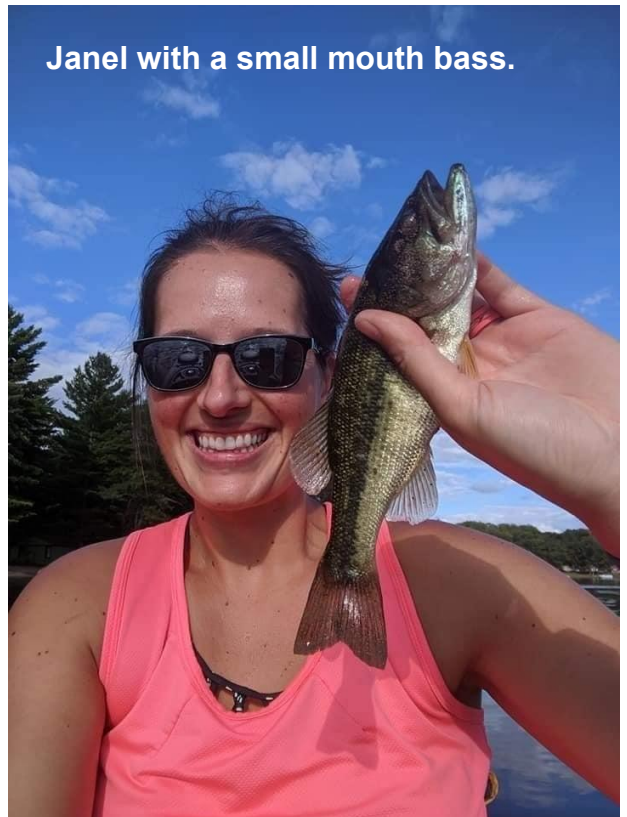
Caleb with the world's tiniest catfish!



Chad shows off his catch.



Janel with a small mouth bass.



COMMUNITY NEWS

The Fourth Of July Was a Blast!



Boat Parade Winners:



4th:
Mike Hamlin

3rd:
Randy Wilson & friends



2nd: Jay & Mary Smith



1st:
Neighbors/Tenorio family



New to the Area . . .

Welcome to new full-time residents Frank and Sherilyn DeVuono. They come to us from Clinton Township.

They have purchased the House home on South Shore.

John Schepizon, from Roseville, bought the Helinski cottage on the corner of Toohy Trail and South Shore. He hopes to make it his permanent residence.

We welcome to both of these families to Elbow Lake!

With Sympathy....

We are saddened to inform you of the passing of these residents: Betty Bison passed away last winter after a long illness.

A long-time resident at Elbow Lake, Tom Niemi passed away in July in Marquette. He was a retired HS history teacher and basketball coach. Ron Seabolt will also be missed. We are so sorry for all of your losses.

Unsung Heroes . . .

Thank you, Mark Scott, Ken VanRipper, and Mike DeSloover, for getting things done! Besides driving the flare boat on July 4th, and leveling the dock at the Boat Launch, Mark ordered the sand for the beach, and is taking care of getting fish planted in Elbow Lake. In June, he had perch and hybrid bluegill delivered. Walleye and crappie are expected to be planted this fall. If you have any questions regarding the fish, he can be reached at mascott7676@gmail.com

Speaking of new sand for the beach, Ken spread the 33 yards of sand that was delivered.

And thank you, Mike, for repairs to the fencing at the Swim Site. Your time and efforts are so appreciated by all of us who enjoy the enhancements to the facilities that ELCOA provides.

We have a new Facebook Page!

Check us out at:

Elbow Lake community page

We want to have a place of positivity and support. We'll have local information about events that are happening as well as updates on our community.

PS: check out Mark Scott's post about Bears from the National Park Service . . . Informative and hilarious!!



O Canada . . . It's not the same without you!

We Miss You!

Please be a good neighbor to them and their properties.



Dates to Remember:

September 6, 10am:

Board Meeting,
at Deb & Charlie Smith's Barn

October 10: Hayride

at Boat Launch

October 11, 10am: Board Meeting

SUMMARY OF MINUTES 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 Fedor.

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 currently 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 Tammie Fedor. 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.

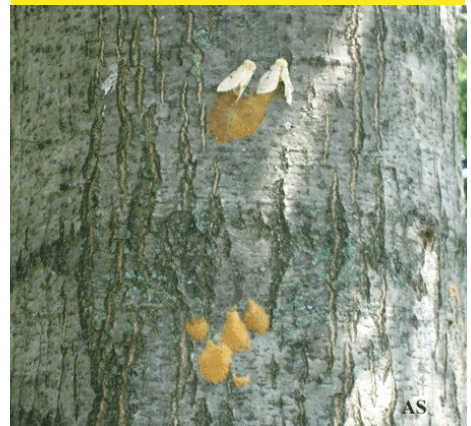
Lawn Mowing: Ruey Wood does not want the job anymore so until someone is found, Mark Scott will attend to the mowing.

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

Gypsy Moth News

The Clare County Conservation District announced their Gypsy Moth Crews have begun counting egg masses. Not every property will be inspected but Franklin Twp. Is scheduled before the end of the month. Egg masses may be removed AFTER the area has been counted. This survey will determine which areas will need to be sprayed next spring.



This photo shows female moths and their egg masses, which can contain 500 to 10,000 eggs. Locate eggs on buildings, play structures and wood piles.

You can remove the egg masses to prevent the population from increasing the following year.

Using a putty knife, playing card, or business card, carefully go behind the egg masses and "PEEL" it off into a dish of "SOAPY" water or paper bag. Any eggs that fall to the ground will hatch next year. Winter does not kill the eggs, so care should be taken when removing. The dish soap container will kill the eggs and burning the egg masses is also a great alternative. Remove all the pupae at the same time. Moths usually hatch late July-early August. Consider purchasing a trap from the county next summer to capture the male moths and prevent them from reproducing.

Lake Weed Treatment Schedule

September 16

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

PLEASE STAY OFF LAKE FOR 24 HRS.

**We're looking for ways to
improve our fish habitat.**

**If you have any ideas,
contact Mike DeSloover at
mgdesloover@gmail.com**

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, July 5, 2020

Location: Beach Site

Present: John Krieger, Mark Scott, Mike DeSloover, Deb & Charlie Smith, Mary Ann Wood, Stephanie Wood, Marty & Sue Neighbors, Ken VanRiper, Kathy DeSloover, Mary & Fred VanDeKerkhove, Tammie Fedor, & Lisa Wick.

Absent: Karl Wood, Jerry Hurst, & Janet VanRiper.

Guests: Ed Henri

The meeting called to order at 10:05 am by President John Krieger. President John did the welcome.

Minutes: The minutes were read by secretary Mary Ann Wood. The following corrections were made: Tammie Fedora name misspelled. It should be Fedor. Lisa Wick was absent. Minutes read present and absent. Under newsletter, Sue neighbors said newsletter would go out via email not Facebook which was included. Minutes accepted with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was read by Mike DeSloover. The balance is \$5068.36 after expenses are subtracted. This includes the income from flares. There were 192 sold this year and we ran out. We could have used 2 more cases. Mike discussed that 200 registrations went out and only 50 returned. He expressed his concern that an early bird prize does not seem to be having an effect. He also said the raffle tickets are a lot of work for the income that they bring in. Currently we have 52 members. Marty Neighbors said he had expenses for doing the floats at the beach site. He will turn these in. Fred VanDeKerkhove said if we provide the Tax ID we can get a discount on flares. He will maintain being the person for pick up. Marty Neighbors suggested we have one person as contact and manager of flares. He will be that chair person. Report accepted.

Report of Committees:

Neighborhood Watch: Ken VanRiper reported all is good. President John Krieger revealed that Lapinski (a member) is a graphic artist that wants to change the neighborhood watch sign. He had 3 samples. They were passed around and the board was asked to vote on the one they liked. The winner was announced and they will begin being used in the 2021-2022 season.

Community News: After 47 years at

Elbow Lake, Donnie House has sold his property. He took a sentimental journey around the lake on his paddle boat. Dick Bison's wife died this past winter. Larry Boudot's wife's mother died. Tom Niemi is in a nursing home in Marquette Mi.

Fish Planting: Mark Scott said \$1000.00 of hybrid bluegill and perch were planted. He informed the board that walleye and crappie are planted in the fall. He asked if the board would consider doing it again this fall as we have not done it for several years. Deb Smith made a motion to purchase and plant \$1000.00 of walleye and crappie to be planted in the fall in the lake. Motion passed.

Facebook: Lisa Poston resigned and is upset about untimely comments added to her posts. President Krieger asked if we could table a replacement until the next meeting. Charlie Smith made motion to table this until the next meeting. Motion passed.

Area Clean Up: President Krieger said we need to trim the pine trees as the whole beach is in shade. He said it is legal to do so when hanging over the property. However, we could write a letter to the Rickeards (property owners) and offer to take the trees down. It was also revealed that the fence needs repair as boards are rotten. Mike DeSloover said he will look into a fix/repair of the fence. Then there was a question of the need for beach sand. We definitely need more. Ken VanRiper can spread it. Stephanie Wood made a motion to purchase 10 yards of beach sand. Motion passed. Mark Scott will look into the purchase of the sand.

Water Testing: Charlie Smith said it will be tested 1-2 weeks prior to the annual meeting.

Fourth of July: Parade: Theme *Michigan!* Sue Neighbors revealed there were 4 registrants. It is felt because of the closed borders between US and Canada, an increase in 4 wheelers, and the corona virus, registrations were down this year. All entrants were prize winners. 1st place went to the Neighbors-Tenorio families for the road construction float. 2nd place went to Jay Smith for his Michigan State float. 3rd place went to Randy Wilson for his party boat that was MSU versus U of M. 4th place went to Mike Hamlin for his kayak decorated with a bamboo umbrella.

Fireworks: President Krieger suggested we think about combining the fireworks with a picnic. Something to think about. Jeff Webster told the president for him to do next year money must be collected prior to June 15, 2021. There was thanks to Mary Ann for the Facebook post. There were complaints about the direction of the fireworks. Because they were shot toward the trees, there were many that could not see the display. This information will be given to Jeff. Thanks to everyone that displayed fireworks. It was a stupendous show—the best ever from the consensus of the board. There was discussion on thanking Jeff for his efforts.

Annual picnic: There was a lot of discussion on the picnic due to the corona virus or Covid-19. We cannot have a buffet. We cannot have stuff that is touched by others. Kathy DeSloover said at a family reunion they have decided to have meat and everyone bring their own sides. The meat would be served by 1-2 people wearing gloves and wearing masks. The board decide this would be the best approach.

Sue Neighbors will get it on our website and email to all those with registered emails. Everyone is to bring their own sides, drinks, and meat will be provided by association. There will be no adult or children games. Deb Smith volunteered to be the picnic chair. This will all be only for this year because of Covid -19. Sue Neighbors made a motion to have only the meat at this year's picnic. Motion passed. Meat is ordered and Charlie Smith cannot pick up this year. Looking for a volunteer. Meat cost is \$341.27 this year.

Hayride: Janet is absent. Ken VanRiper revealed that Janet's husband fell down stairs and just got home from hospital with injuries and pneumonia.

Old Business:

Road Maintenance was previously done by Ruey Wood. It was questioned as to why we call the county if the township does automatically. The new township supervisor said people expected a larger area to be done twice a year. Tammie Fedor will check and report back at next meeting. It does not need to be discussed at future board meetings.

Lake Weeds: It was reported that Jeff

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Benjamin stays in touch with Ruey Wood. He makes the schedule and it depends on the weather. The contract is for 3 years at a time. It was reiterated that you **STAY OFF THE LAKE** for 24 HOURS. They do not want the chemicals stirred up. Jeff will add this to the memo that is posted prior to spraying.

Mark Scott said the special lock that is placed prior to and during spraying will be cut off if it is done again. Or he will contact the county and the whole gate will have to be taken down. Ruey Wood placed the lock. He will be advised.

New Business:

Mike DeSloover suggests that we think about the habitat for the planted fish, because just planting fish doesn't guarantee a good crop. He suggests that maybe Christmas trees be left on the ice in the winter.. Charlie Smith said that bluegill beds are not as plentiful as they once were. Is it because of so much personal watercraft traffic on the lake? Mike also suggested stones along the edge of the lake. It was suggested that maybe someone could come talk at the picnic regarding this issue.

Mike also discussed at length the raffle tickets that right now the association has a deficit as the tickets have not been coming in. He said it is a lot of work for the little dollars we garner from this event. He also suggested that registrations be split off from the treasurer's responsibilities.

He then said the fiscal year for the association should be changed as it causes a lot of confusion in filling out reports for the state and taxes. He said October 1 to September 30 would be a better fit. Deb Smith agreed that there is difficulty with numbers because of interpretation from others, their input and your own (when one treasurer takes over from another). Stephanie Wood also said with the prizes going down, raffle sales are consequently down also. Motion by Deb Smith to break off the registration from the treasurer's responsibilities. Motion passed. Sue Neighbors volunteered for this chair as she said the email addresses would help her keep a better record of those along with memberships.

Charlie Smith suggested the Annual Meeting return to 10:00 am as designated by

the bylaws. Charlie said he will offer his garage for the annual meeting. Motion made by Mary VanDeKerkhove to return to 10:00am annual meeting. Motion passed. President John Krieger announced the new board will meet the day after the picnic as in the past. Stephanie Wood made a motion to have lunch at 1:00 pm allowing for everyone to get to meeting and then picnic. Motion passed. Tent set up will be Friday July 31, 2020 at 10:00am. Mark Scott and John Krieger will check the destroyed tent and see if poles and canvas can be repaired. Charlie Smith made a motion to purchase a new tarp if needed after checking on the destroyed tent. Motion passed.

Marty Neighbors made motion to change all positions of the board to October 1 instead of August 1, because of the change with the fiscal year. Motion passed.

Gypsy Moths were discussed. The township does the spraying. Mary Ann Wood said there was a form on Facebook to fill out for Clare County—like a survey. She will get it to Sue Neighbors to post on

website.

Starry Wort was mentioned and people need to wash boats and water craft. We don't want it in the lake.

Lisa Wick was sporting a new t-shirt with Elbow Lake depicted on it. Her daughter made it. She will check with her and see if we could have some for sale at the picnic. We can look at this instead of continuing with raffle sales in the future, maybe we could sell this kind of stuff. Tammie asked about garage sales and silent auctions. It was pointed out they were eliminated due to lack of interest. Someone should bring this up at the annual meeting to see if interest has changed.

Election chair: Discussion on elections. Marty Neighbors volunteered to be the election chair. Ross McCullum sent a letter that he was resigning from the board. This will be one position to fill.

President John Krieger then announced that the next board meeting is August 2, 2020 at 10:00 am at the boat launch so we can get the tents down.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 am.

Submitted by Secretary Mary Ann Wood.



Eagle on Meredith Grade Road by Lisa Poston

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, August 1, 2020

Location: Charlie and Deb Smith's garage

Present: John Krieger, Mike DeSloover, Mary Ann Wood, Marty and Sue Neighbors, Janet VanRiper, Deb and Charlie Smith, Fred and Mary VanDeKerkhove, Stephanie Wood, Mark Scott, and Lisa Wick.

Absent: Ken VanRiper, Karl Wood, Jerry Hurst, Lisa Poston.

Guests: See sign in sheet. Tammie Fedor, Ed Henri, Kathy DeSloover, Ken Scott, Donna Militello, Chad Modica, Jim Hurst, Shirley Miller, Joe Maes, and Larry Boudot.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President John Krieger. President John welcomed everyone to the annual meeting.

Minutes: The minutes from the August 3, 2019 meeting were read by Mary Ann Wood. One correction to the minutes was that Don House's check was for fish stocking not for the tent. Mike DeSloover donated the cost of the tent. There was a motion to accept the minutes with corrections by Marty Neighbors and seconded by Shirley Miller. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was read by Mike DeSloover. See formal report.

The balance on hand as of 8/1/2020 is \$5,142.63. He indicated that 65 members have paid dues as of 8/1/20. There was a question as to the grass cutting and Mark Scott said he is cutting and donating his time. Charlie Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Mary VanDeKerkhove seconded. Motion approved.

Election of Board:

The Election of Officers was then handled by Marty Neighbors. He said Jerry Hurst has resigned as did Mark Scott.

He announced that the following positions are available and do the people want to stay on (because he wants to run for vice-president). The election was then turned over to Deb Smith:

President: John Krieger said he would remain as president for another term.

Vice President: Marty Neighbors volunteered.

Treasurer: Mike DeSloover said he would remain as treasurer for another term.

Secretary: Mary Ann Wood would remain

as secretary for another term.

She then indicated that there are three positions open for directors.

Directors: Phil Serra, Tammie Fedor, and Donna Militello all volunteered to be directors for a two year term.

This made a total of 15 on the board. This concluded the nominations of board, and Deb Smith made a motion to approve all board members and Stephanie Wood seconded. Membership approved all positions. President Krieger announced the new board will meet Sunday, August 2, 2020 at Charlie and Deb Smith's garage at 10:00 am. There was a question about term limits for other board members. This will be discussed later.

Neighborhood Watch: Ken VanRiper reported there are no problems.

Community Watch: Tom Helinski's property is up for sale for \$169,900. Georgia Wilson's mom died. Tom Niemi died 7-20-2020 and there is a solid offer on his property. Don House's property sold for \$299,000 and the closing will be this week. The new owners will be year-round residents.

Fish Planting: Mark Scott revealed \$1,000 of hybrid bluegill and perch have been planted. Another \$1,000 of crappie and walleye will be planted in the fall about October. He revealed the board is having discussions on the habitat in the lake. Because we spray for weeds, sometimes the good habitat is also affected. The board will discuss more tomorrow per Mike DeSloover.

Facebook: Mike DeSloover said he has a bill for the website for over \$300.00 listed as "Domain listing". Susan Neighbors said her website is free. President John Krieger said not to pay and he will look into it. Deb Smith said she asked Julie Cline to put her on as an administrator for Facebook. She has not heard back from her. Deb will call Julie and handle this. Mike DeSloover said offensive comments toward women are sexist and someone needs to monitor this. Donna Militello said the site can be set up so administratively you can approve or cancel comments.

Area Clean-up: President Krieger said he will contact the neighbors next to beach site in regards to cutting or trimming the overhanging trees.

Water Testing: The bill has been turned

into the treasurer. Charlie Smith said 4 samples were taken and the highest result was 5.1. He said results need to be over 300 to have problems with our waters. So all is good.

Annual Picnic: President Krieger said the picnic had to be canceled due to the coronavirus.

Hayride: President John revealed we are okay for now and we should go ahead with plans for the hay ride or we can table it until the Labor Day meeting. Mark Scott said he cannot store the tents anymore. Marty Neighbors said he will store them. Stephanie Wood revealed that Ruey still has games, dock, and some tent supplies at his barn. We need to gather them all at one place.

Pavilion: Everyone who donated should have their money mailed back to them by now. Businesses also got their checks as stated by Stephanie Wood.

New Business:

Gypsy Moths: Sue Neighbors presented a letter from Clare County for the secretary to read. There will be a count in mid-September of the gypsy moth egg masses. Fred VanDeKerkhove asked about the spraying. It will not be determined until a count is taken. Mike DeSloover asked if the association can purchase some traps. President Krieger asked Sue Neighbors to look into the traps and see the amount of the area they will cover and the contact person. She will give report to Mike DeSloover. She will also put information in the newsletter and on the website.

Raffle Tickets: Mike DeSloover discussed raffle ticket sales. He said we took in \$540.00 and the cost of the raffle was \$527.00 that includes prize giveaways, licensing, and printing and mailing. He said it is not beneficial to run the raffle he wants to eliminate them. He will bring up at board meeting tomorrow and hopes to get a vote. He also introduced the new Neighborhood Watch sign that was designed by Mr. Lapinski and voted and approved on at last board meeting. They will go into effect in 2021. He also said Sue Neighbors will be handling registration in the future. Mike also said the drawing for this year's raffle tickets will be at his house at 4:00 pm, if anyone chooses to be present.

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Marty Neighbors brought up boat launch and beach site. He said he has concerns regarding the comments on Facebook regarding ELCOA needing to deal with the issues. He said there was rude and inappropriate behavior related to on Facebook. His concern is that those areas are not ELCOA properties and according to our mission statement (ELCOA) we are not an enforcement group. He said proper authorities or law enforcement needs to be contacted in these situations. He said with the coronavirus and having to wear masks and social distancing that everyone's tempers are short and we all need to just take a step back. Then he asked Mark Scott why he is resigning. Mark Scott said he needs to distance himself from the board because he has issues with somethings he intends, as one person, to address. He said he reported the GoFundMe page as

fraud and secondly, he does not want the gate locked at the boat launch. Marty then said the property owners and ELCOA backed up the locked gate to prevent intruding species into our waters. Mark said he should not have to contact someone to get access to his property. Mike DeSloover said one day, to prevent the lake from being infected, should not be a problem. Mark again reiterated it restricts his access by the gate being locked. Shirley Miller asked why the gate can't just be closed and not locked. President Krieger said we should have one lock with a new combination given to all property owners. Deb Smith made a motion to purchase a new combination lock or use the same lock and change the combination and have it sent to all property owners. It was seconded by Mike DeSloover as long as there is no second lock. Motion passed. Marty asked Mark if

that helped his issues. Mark said it was a start.

Shirts: Lisa Wick said she has brought the Elbow Lake shirts and wants to thank everyone for their interest. Sue Neighbors will put on website and Deb Smith will put on Facebook.

Joe Maes asked if there was any information on Kevin from Lickin n Spoon. It was revealed he is at his sister's house since the outbreak of coronavirus. No one has been able to reach him for further information.

President Krieger reminded board members of the meeting at Deb and Charlie's Smith tomorrow at 10 am.

Janet VanRiper made motion to adjourn, seconded by Sue Neighbors. Motion passed. Adjourned at 11:13 am.

Submitted by Secretary Mary Ann Wood.



Although it drizzled during the Annual Meeting on August 1st, the sunrise and the sunset on that day were spectacular.

Congratulations to the \$100 winners of the Raffle:

**Connie Hoffmeyer, Walt VanVyve, Dave Wick, Ken VanRiper,
& Mike DeSloover**

Sue Bushman won \$25 in the Early Bird Drawing.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday August 2, 2020

Location: Smith's garage

Present: John Krieger, Marty Neighbors, Mike DeSloover, Deb and Charlie Smith, Mary Ann Wood, Stephanie Wood, Susan Neighbors, Ken VanRiper, Kathy DeSloover, Fred VanDeKerkhove, Tammie Fedor, Janet VanRiper, Donna Militello, and Lisa Wick.

Absent: Karl Wood, Mary VanDeKerkhove, and Phil Serra.

Guests: none

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by President John Krieger.

Minutes: The October 2019 minutes were read by secretary Mary Ann Wood as the April 2020 meeting was cancelled because of the Covid-19 and the May meeting was impromptu at the boat launch so minutes were not approved. Marty Neighbors made a motion to accept and seconded by Deb Smith. Motion carried. The July 2020 minutes were read and there were no corrections. Report accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was read by Mike DeSloover. See report. The balance is \$5213.49 after expenses of \$480.87 were subtracted. The raffle drawing was held yesterday at Mike's house at 4:00 pm. The winners of \$100.00 each are: Connie Hoffmeyer, Walt VanVyve, Dave Wick, Mike DeSloover, and Ken VanRiper. The early bird drawing of \$25.00 went to Sue Bushman. He expressed his concern that an early bird prize does not seem to be having an effect. He also said the raffle tickets are a lot of work for the what they bring in. He feels the ticket sales are down due to the Covid-19 virus and no picnic. Stephanie Wood suggested we think about going back to larger prizes, but several mentioned businesses are not donating anymore. Charlie Smith suggested we up the money prize for first place. However, yesterday at the annual meeting Mike ran out of raffle tickets because so many were sent out and not returned. The board has decreased the number we print over the years due to lack of sales. Mary Ann suggested upping the dues. Mike felt a fee of \$45.00 would be good. Everyone wants to continue with 50/50 sales. Mike explained that there are 170 property owners and only 61 members. Charlie suggested a decision needs to be made because of

paperwork and licensing fees that have to be applied for early. Marty Neighbors said we need to determine if the raffle is for fun to see who wins or as a fund-raiser. Mike also suggests raising the early bird drawing to \$100.00 so it would entice people to get their registrations in early. President Krieger said if we are operating at a loss then there is no reason to do the raffle. Mike said it was \$127.00 for administrative fees for raffle. We took in \$525.00 and paid out \$500.00 in prizes. Sue Neighbors suggested doing the \$100.00 and 50/50's. Donna Militello made a motion to eliminate the raffle and increase the early bird drawing to \$100.00 and have more 50/50's. Motion passed. Fred VanDeKerkhove made motion to have early bird cutoff of July 15th meaning your registration needs to be in by then. Motion passed. Treasurer's report accepted.

Report of Committees:

Neighborhood Watch: Ken VanRiper reported nothing new.

Community News: Deb Smith will take this committee over and asked community news be given to her. Tom Niemi died 7-20-2020. His house has a solid offer on it. Georgia Wilson's mother died unexpectedly. Tom Helinski's place is for sale at \$169,900. Hunter's Paradise has been sold. Shane and Laurie Heilman are moving to Glen Arbor where he will be a stay at home dad. The new owner takes over Labor Day weekend. There is no news on Kevin from the Lickin 'n Spoon.

Fish Planting: President Krieger said Mark Scott has handled the fish planting due to Jerry Hurst's resignation. He will contact Mark to see if he would maintain chairing this committee. Mike also reported talking to DNR and they were no help on ideas for improving the fish habitat in the lake. He also talked with PLM lake and land management. One place wants to access the number of fish in the lake first to the tune of \$6000.00. He will continue to investigate and get different cost estimates. Marty Neighbors suggested putting an old automobile on the ice in the winter and sell raffle tickets as to when it would sink with the melting ice. Tammie Fedor reported there are a lot of snails this year and she googled it getting an answer of they create swimmers itch. Mark Scott reported at the annual meeting yesterday that \$1000.00 of hybrid bluegill

and perch were planted. He informed the board that walleye and crappie will be planted in the fall.

It was also suggested that it be put on Facebook to ask for contributors to size and number of fish and pictures of their catches.

Facebook: Deb Smith has not gotten access from the administrator to open a Facebook community page that she will monitor.

Area Clean Up: President Krieger said he will contact the Rickeards (property owners) and offer to take the trees down at the beach area. Fencing was discussed by Mike DeSloover. He said it looks good but there is still one section needs repair. All poles and fencing were secured and fixed, but one part is collapsing. He wanted to know if it should be taken down as it is a small area not in balance with the other fencing. The board agreed it should be taken down.

Sand at the beach was also discussed. It was reported 11 yards had been delivered but it is not enough. Charlie Smith asked what happens to sand already there? The area needs to be enlarged to allow a safe environment for children to play (e.g. by swings). Janet VanRiper made motion to have an additional 22 yards of sand delivered. Motion passed.

Water Testing: Charlie Smith had the testing done. He gave the results of 5.1 in front of Neighbors, 3.0 in front of Smiths, 3.1 in front of bar, and 2.0 in front of swim access. It was reported that geese poop every 7 minutes and there are 3 living on the lake. Mike DeSloover also reported an increase in snapping turtles which we have had for years.

Hayride: A decision on the hayride event moving forward will be made at the Labor Day board meeting. Lisa Wick asked if the hayride could have the money allowance from the cancelled picnic for the hayride. Decision to be made at next board meeting.

Old Business:

Road Maintenance: Discussion was held regarding road maintenance. Donna Militello asked if the board could pay for additional road brining since there is extra funds. Janet VanRiper revealed her portion of road doesn't get brined, as doesn't South Shore and by Millers. She said she

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buys calcium chloride and does it herself. Donna reported it is impossible to even open windows due to the dust. Deb Smith made motion to have Donna Militello investigate the cost of extra brining for next meeting. Motion passed.

New Business:

Mike DeSloover said he has an old flag pole if anyone wants it.

Mary Ann reported a message from Shirley Miller that we could update the

lock code every year and send out with the spring newsletter, saving postage and hassle.

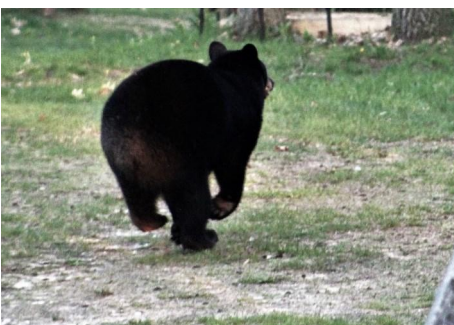
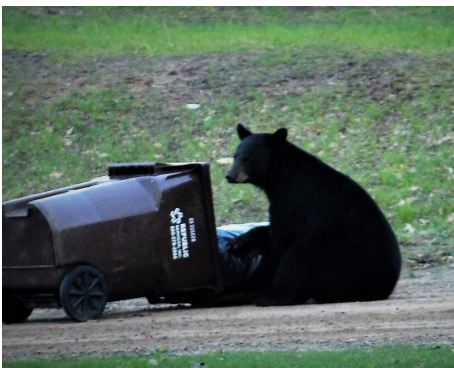
Marty suggested a committee be formed to do housekeeping on the bylaws. Deb Smith made a motion to have committee formed, chaired by Marty Neighbors, to update bylaws. It was seconded by Mike DeSloover. Motion passed. Committee is Marty Neighbors, Charlie Smith, Mary Ann Wood, and Fred VanDeKerkhove. Deb Smith talked about investigating new

ideas for picnic such as magician, balloon person, dunk tank etc., She made a motion to have a committee to handle this after investigating the cost and bringing this information to the board. Motion seconded by Lisa Wick. Motion was passed. President Krieger announced the next board meeting is 9-6-2020 at 10:00am at the Smith's garage.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 am.

Submitted by Secretary Mary Ann Wood.

We hope you are enjoying the photos of the Elbow Lake area shared by Jodie Rose, Lisa Poston, Meghann Tenorio and Susan Neighbors.



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2020-2021

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