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President's Report

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Fireworks at Elk Lake

The fundamental mission of the board that serves the ELPOA community is to provide safe enjoyment for the collective membership and to protect the value of the homes. Most activities of the Board, whether it is improving roads, gate security, safe boating or building permits, can be traced to this fundamental mission.

What makes this mission a challenge is that Elk Lake, being a Lake community, for many is a place to relax, have fun and entertain family and friends. Sometimes one member's enjoyment disrupts the enjoyment of the neighbor.

For the past few years and especially this year from about the third week of June to mid- July we had a near continuous boom of fireworks. Some went well into the night after things were suppose to quiet down. Some were much louder than commercial fireworks.

I fielded numerous complaints about the noise. Several people said they tried to tolerate the noise but eventually packed up and left the lake. I know we suffered at our house but for a slightly different reason. Our dogs cannot stand the noise and insist on taking refuge in the house. The problem was that one of the dogs had tangled with a skunk a week before and still had some aroma. My wife who has a better nose than me was not a happy camper.

So the firework noise was brought up at the August board meeting. We cannot have an environment where members are leaving the lake or worse, nervous wrecks awaiting the next explosion. What started out as a noise discussion quickly grew to a full-blown discussion of the dangers and the legal requirements for discharging fireworks in a community such as Elk Lake.

State law says fireworks cannot be discharged within 200 feet of any person or structure. The Owen County Fire Marshal and a representative of the Kentucky Department of Forestry have determined that just about every inch of Elk Lake is defined as a forest, which also has laws against fireworks and open combustion. (I know this all too well after having been pulled into a charge of unlawful burning of brush near Deer Lake Dam a couple years ago where I received a schooling by the authorities.)

This season was not at all dry, but the next time we do have a dry season and a fire happens to be started by fireworks,

we could be in very big trouble. A fire starting in a grove of cedars or dry underbrush could get out of control quite quickly. There is a very poor record of the Owen County Volunteer Fire Department being able to put out house fires at Elk Lake. It is not their fault. There is a serious problem getting enough water to the fire. We do not ever want to see a fire getting loose at Elk Lake in a dry season!

So what is the right answer to deal with the firework issue? What used to be a few bottle rockets and firecrackers on the Fourth has now turned into Armageddon for three straight weekends. The fact that we know the opinions of the local authorities and that Kentucky Law prohibits fireworks in most areas of the lake, we find there is really only one action we can take to protect the interest of ELPOA.

The board voted to amend the Rules and Regulations forbidding the discharge of fireworks. The amendment was reviewed at the September Meeting and was passed unanimously.

The members leaving the board are Ted Blaney Lot 17, Gene Stetler, Lot 789, and Paul Miniard, Lot 799.

Roads

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Work continues in the back of the lake. One mile has been completed through the step of adding dust control, and the second mile should be complete by the printing of this newsletter, weather permitting.

Originally, the next section we had planned to do is from lot 1254 at South Shore Circle to Echo Knoll Hill. We have changed course and will continue to work back towards the gate for the month of October.

I want to remind all members that beginning Nov. 1 when we open the valve, work will begin on the main section of road from the guardhouse towards the lodge. There will be some delays during this part of the project.

The plan is to rework the road and add gravel. Then put dust control down, weather permitting. It must be 60 degrees for the product to be applied. The last step of adding another two inches of gravel to this section will be one of the last steps of the project because of the heavy machinery driving over it.

ATV's and Dirt Bikes

Let's Be Safe....Let's Be Responsible

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I cannot emphasize enough the need for safety as it pertains to the use of ATV's, UTV's and dirt bikes. We all understand that on private roads, the rules may be a little relaxed compared to county laws, but this should not be interpreted as a license to operate vehicles in an unsafe manner.

Throughout my first year on the board, the vast majority of complaints filed by members are either noise related or ATV and Dirt Bike related. I myself had a near miss experience with an ATV that was cutting the corner on the inside (left) lane and almost kissed the front bumper of my F-150. Most of the issues are geared toward younger kids' joy riding.

In addition to the need for safe usage is the need for responsible and lawful usage of the vehicles. As you all know, Bruce has been working his rear end off rebuilding the roads. Without question, they are the best I have seen since I joined Elk Lake in 2007. We have had a couple of incidents where ATV's or Dirt Bikes took advantage of the soft gravel in the "work zone" of a road being rebuilt and were doing donuts in the middle of an area that Bruce was working on. **And it was just reported that ATV's or Dirt Bikes destroyed an area that was recently graded and reseeded.** Imagine how Bruce must have felt, with so much to do, to see that an area he had looking great was vandalized with off-road vehicles. This lack of judgment and lack of respect is completely unacceptable.

Listed below is a reminder of a few rules that are designed for safe enjoyment:

Children under the age of 16 must be under the supervision of an adult and be trained in accordance with KRS 189.515.

ATV's should operate in the same direction as other motor vehicles (no left lane).

All vehicles, including ATV's and dirt bikes, must adhere to the 15 MPH speed limit.

All ATV's must have a safety flag displayed, and the use of helmets shall be as prescribed by Kentucky law.

Tearing up roads (which includes about 20 feet on either side) or any common areas is not only a violation of ELPOA Rules and Regulations but is unlawful and very costly to ELPOA.

Since we do not have our roads patrolled by law enforcement on a regular basis, it is up to the membership to enforce these very important rules. If you are the owner of an ATV, please review the rules with your young riders and be sure all of the safety equipment is installed.

If any member witnesses unsafe behavior, please politely remind the riders of the rules and/or obtain the proper identification and inform the board.

Lastly, the use of Elk Lake roads for ATV's and Dirt Bikes is a privilege, a privilege that many want revoked. It is the goal of the board to provide for the safe enjoyment for all ELPOA members, including the ATV and Dirt Bike owners. However, **if the current behavior does not improve, the Board will err on the side of safety and fiscal prudence and ban access of ELPOA roads for these vehicles.** Let's get a handle on this to preserve this recreational activity and more importantly before someone gets hurt.

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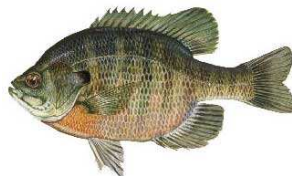
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Elk Lake Information

Regular meetings of the ELPOA are the third Saturday of each month.

Elk Lake Resort car licenses and frames. For sale at office, gate, and marina — \$5 each.

Email: elpoa@elklakeshores.net Website-www.elklakeshores.net

Elk Lake Membership Annual Meeting Sunday, Oct. 9 2 pm at the Lodge

IMPORTANT MEMBER NOTICE!

The ELPOA Board will meet Oct 8 at 9 am in addition to the Annual Meeting the next day. Several Member Rule changes are on the agenda such as fireworks which is covered in a separate article. This takes the place of the board meetings which are normally the third Saturday of each month.

Ted Blaney, ELPOA President
Sheri Donaldson, ELPOA Secretary

Important Notice!

We are planning to start renovation of Beach Road from about Lot 158 to the gate shortly after the Lake valve is opened for the winter. **Plan ahead and get your boat out before road construction becomes a problem.**

Financial report

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Type	Accounts	2016 August		
		Actual YTD	Budget	Balance
INCOME				
	Membership Dues	\$274,422.00	\$290,000.00	\$15,578.00
	Road Dues	\$67,600.00	\$71,800.00	\$4,200.00
	Loans	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00
	Other Income	\$69,042.00	\$43,825.00	-\$25,217.00
Total		\$561,064.00	\$555,625.00	-\$5,439.00
EXPENSE				
	Payroll Expense	\$62,160.00	\$94,785.00	\$32,625.00
	Security Expense	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	-\$1,000.00
	Building & Grounds Expense	\$56,909.00	\$81,000.00	\$24,091.00
	Lake & Dam Expense	\$4,638.00	\$3,500.00	-\$1,138.00
	Marina Gasoline Expense	\$16,093.00	\$5,500.00	-\$10,593.00
	Road Expense	\$50,876.00	\$66,000.00	\$15,124.00
	Road Rebuild Expense	\$192,369.00	\$221,800.00	\$29,431.00
	Administration Expense	\$39,962.00	\$63,800.00	\$23,838.00
	Reserve Accounts	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$0.00
Total		\$450,007.00	\$562,385.00	\$112,378.00
	Profit /Loss	\$111,057.00	-\$6,760.00	

ELPOA Board Meeting

At the office at 9 am,
Saturday, Oct. 8

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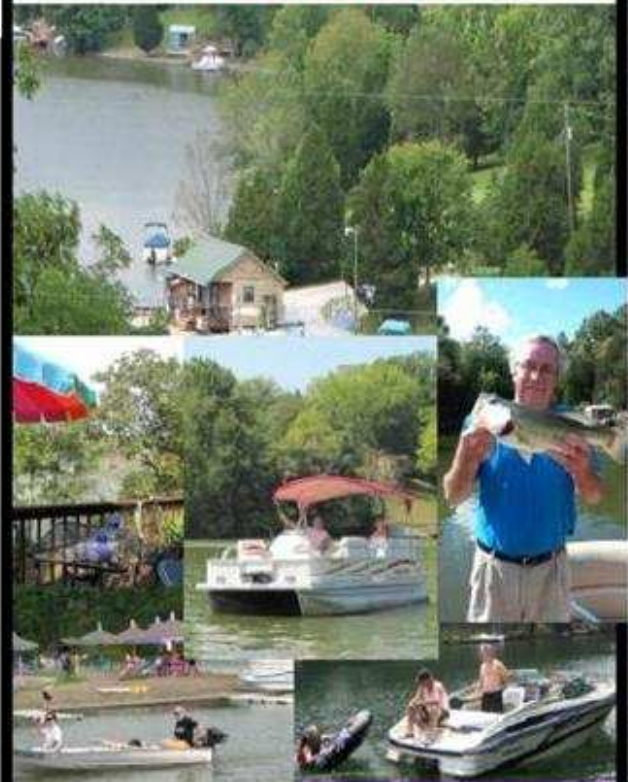
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