

Elk Lake Shorelines

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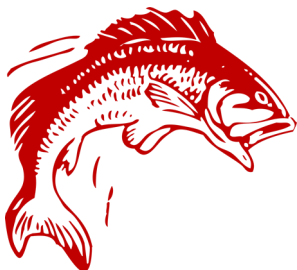
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President's Note

Season of Change-

Fall is a great time of year. The leaves have changed and with the weather getting cooler many of us can enjoy a nice fire in the fireplace. I love this time of year.

New Board Mem- bers

Your ELPOA Board is changing. Every year 3 of the 9 board members are up for re-election and this year Jason Wainscott and Patrick Tessier have decided not to run for re-election. I want to personally thank both Jason and Patrick for their dedication of time and energy to make Elk Lake a better place for all of us to enjoy. I have said many times before that one of the rewarding benefits of being on the board are the new friend-

ships you develop. Scott D. Jones jonescott1396@yahoo.com

Although I am confident that both of them will stay involved in the business side of ELPOA they will be missed in the weekly conversations addressing the issues at hand. You all should have a ballot for the Board candidates so be sure to vote.

Annual Meeting

Last month we hosted the Annual meeting. This was a re-scheduled date from the May target date. It has been my hope to develop the Annual Meeting as a highly anticipated "event" which members look forward to. This year, 2020, was just not the year for a big turnout. Let's see...it was raining; it was cold; the Bengals were playing; and of course we had Covid

– 19 to deal with. My hats off to those few who attended. If all goes well, I hope to host next years Annual Meeting in May. During this year's Annual Meeting, in addition to the State of the Union presentations from committee chairs, Bill Sprunk gave a wonderful presentation on the new signage program and was able to answer some questions. We were also fortunate to have a representative of the local EMS attend to give their 2 cents of why ELPOA should proceed with this plan to make Elk Lake safer for all. It is our plan, as your Board, to proceed with this program.

President's Note Continued

Wake Surfing

Last month I mentioned that the topic of Wake Surfing is back on the agenda. This was discussed and voted on in early 2019. The issue at hand is "Is our lake too small for this activity"? I recently reached out to Lake Waynoka near Cincinnati to see what their policy was regarding Wake Surfing. Ironically, it has become an issue for them as well and they are currently addressing the issue to develop their policy. In light of having new board members, we are pushing this discussion off until January and February of 2021. Based on the Covid conditions in January we will announce how we will address this issue to accommodate member debate. A vote to keep or ban Wake Surfing is just that...a vote. I cannot tell you the out-



come of the vote. But if you are out shopping for boats and you have your eye on a Wake Surfing boat, I suggest to hold off until you know the status of the ELPOA policy.

Board Meetings

With the spike in Covid-19 cases and the weather turning cold, we will no longer be holding our monthly meetings outdoors at the pavilion and will return to remote/virtual meetings. Depending on conditions we may conduct these in the lodge but will not have non-board members attend. If you have questions or issues you would like us to address during the board meeting, please reach out to any of us prior to the Board Meeting.

Season of Giving

Every year I ask the generous membership of Elk Lake to think of our wonderful staff during this Holiday season. This year has been very challenging and while many of us were hunkered down in our homes our staff showed up every day. And in addition

to their normal duties the staff became a postal service dealing with all of our online purchases. Let's show them how much we appreciate them by making a donation for the holiday fund. Happy Thanksgiving!! Stay Safe and Healthy!

Scott D. Jones, ELPOA - President

NEW MEMBERS

- **Michael & Precia Wood– Lot #788**
- **Dennis & Maureen Potter– Lot #837**
- **Danny & Susan Gwyn Whitacre– Lot #200**
- **Jason & Traci Combs– Lot**



Financial Report **Tom Goldschmidt** tom@gesgoldschmidt.com

September was similar to August with additional new members which increased our Miscellaneous Income and will allow us to finance our reserves as we go into 2021. We will be using some of this money to finish the Road section from the Hairpin turn to the Lodge. Most other budget items are running close to Budget.

ELPOA Income / Expense Analysis

Type	Accounts	2020 September Operating Budget		
		Actual YTD	Budget	Balance
INCOME				
	Membership Dues	\$410,208.00	\$404,800.00	-\$5,408.00
	Reserve Transfer - Lake & Dam	\$17,575.00	\$17,575.00	\$0.00
		\$427,783.00	\$422,375.00	-\$5,408.00
Total				
EXPENSE	Payroll Expense	\$85,295.00	\$113,895.00	\$28,600.00
	Security Expense	\$4,605.00	\$6,200.00	\$1,595.00
	Building & Grounds Expense	\$72,135.00	\$93,690.00	\$21,555.00
	Lake & Dam Expense	\$30,279.00	\$28,575.00	-\$1,704.00
	Road Expense	\$97,001.00	\$103,000.00	\$5,999.00
	Administration Expense	\$41,981.00	\$74,850.00	\$32,869.00
Total		\$331,296.00	\$420,210.00	\$88,914.00
	Profit /Loss	\$96,487.00	\$2,165.00	
Marina Gas				
	Marina Gas Income	\$36,239.00	\$35,000.00	
	Marina Gas Expense	\$33,693.00	\$35,000.00	
	Total Profit / Loss	\$2,546.00	\$0.00	
Citizens Union Bank Loan				
	Membership Dues - Loan	\$74,500.00	\$73,600.00	
	Road Loan Payment	\$69,794.00	\$69,794.00	
	Available for Loan Payment	\$4,706.00	\$3,806.00	
Miscellaneous Income				
	Miscellaneous Income	\$123,953.00	\$49,750.00	
	Reserve Budget Accounts	\$0.00	\$49,750.00	
	Profit / Loss	\$123,953.00	\$0.00	

Roads/Dam Jim Millar emillar75@gmail.com

Road Report

The road maintenance plan for this year has been completed. As always, there will be some minor touchup and pothole filling until the 2021 maintenance plan work begins next spring. We have completed 2 years of a 3 year plan to address the side roads and mile 1 of the main road that were neglected while mile 2 - 8 of the main road was reconstructed. Reconstruction of the main road to the clubhouse is nearly finished. The roadway will settle in over the winter. In the spring the road will be regraded with some additional gravel and will receive dust suppressant.

Dam Report

From my observations, engineering reports and discussions with the State Division of Water, the following is an approximation of the condition of the dam. There are four known major leaks. The total loss from leakage is approximately 500 gallons per minute or about 1/8" reduction of lake level per day. The rate of loss seems to have remained constant since the last major repair in March 2019. All leaks appear to be running clear. However, there is still some cloudiness in the pool near the bottom of the spillway. This is an indication that there is some soil being transported through the dam or from with-

in the dam (piping). Piping is detrimental to the dam. The deep leak still runs clear with a slight Sulphur odor (common for deep leaks). There is the sound of running water under the spillway indicating voids. There are two areas of subsidence and one area of sink holes on the lake side of the dam. We continue to monitor these areas as they are a concern that soil is being transported through the dam.

There are spalls in the roadway along the spillway. Materials to patch the spalls has been purchased and repairs will be made within the next month. The roadway will not be closed to make these repairs. At the east end of the dam, just north of the road (creek side) there is a bulge of soil from erosion of the embankment above. This area will be repaired to stop further erosion.

General comments:

All earthen dams leak, even new ones. Some say earthen dams are good for about 50 years. But It's not that the dams fail but rather that the lakes become useless for recreational purposes. The day a dam is finished a lake begins to fill in as we are seeing at Elk Lake. We need to address erosion of the shoreline as well as maintaining the dam.

The dam has two major issues: Construction of the core and rock formations below. Part of the core is original unprepared earth that over time will allow seepage veins to develop. The rock below the dam can have small cracks and voids that can allow seepage. Finding these veins and voids is very difficult. Closing one vein can just move the leakage to another vein or worse widening another vein.

Chasing and fixing leaks is expensive. We spent about \$110,000 in 2019. Loss of water is not so much an issue if we do not erode the dam and we have enough level for recreational use. But as the reports indicate and the loss of water through this summer, we are nudging ever closer to concerns for both.

Going forward, I'm getting input from the State, engineers and dam specialists to consider our next steps. Further testing is being considered as well as developing short and long term plans. We need to continue to build reserves for repairs. Remember the valve to lower the lake to winter pool will be opened November 1st.

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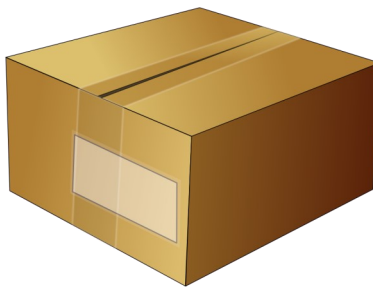
Cheri Fredelake cherifredelake160@gmail.com

Well the summer season may have come to a close after Labor Day but the building and remodeling season seems to be going strong. Please remember to fill out your Property Improvement Application before starting any type of construction. You must be approved by the board in advance of any new construction. Please also remember to fill out your Contractor forms at the gate as well. The guards are to report any type of non compliance to the board. This means if you do not have the correct paperwork on file your contractors and any materials can be turned away at the gate until the proper paperwork is turned in and approved.

The gate has also received a few complaints from property owners whose neighbors are building or remodeling. It seems that contractors are blocking driveways and blocking roads with their equipment or trailers. Please make your contractors aware that they can not use or block another owners driveway without permission and roads

must remain open at all times.

At the risk of sounding repetitive I would like to ask everyone to please pick up your packages from the gate as soon as possible. There is limited space at the gate. Larger and/or heavier packages are kept outside. This means they are subject to the weather. With the holidays rapidly approaching there will be more packages on top of the usual heavy amount of daily packages. Your cooperation and help with this matter is greatly appreciated.



There have also been some complaints of vehicles passing equipment or boats on the roads. Passing on our narrow gravel roads is dangerous enough but passing on a hill or curve is not only dangerous but reckless. Someone could be seri-

ously injured or killed. Please also remember the speed limit is 15mph. That is for all vehicles as well as atv's and side by sides. Please remember only bagged household garbage goes in the dumpsters. Be aware there are cameras at the dump which are monitored at the gate. If you are caught dumping anything but household garbage you can be fined.

I was asked at the annual meeting who was responsible for the flowers and decorations at the front gate. I will tell you it was our employees and contractor. I would like to thank Bruce for removing the dead shrubs and bushes. Bruce also sprayed weed killer for us. Then I would like to thank Janetta for coming up with the plan and getting the list of supplies together as well as picking out the flowers. Last but not least I would like to thank Ashley and Anastasia for their hard work in preparing the flower beds and then planting the flowers. As for the decorations that is all Janetta. I'm just the gofer.

Buildings & Grounds

Bill Sprunk sprunk.william@gmail.com

As we move fully into fall and the off season, I wanted to remind all that we are officially in the fall no burn season. Please see below for the details of Kentucky's rules for open burning. I have also included a summary of what can and cannot be burned.

Kentucky Fire Seasons

- During fire seasons, it is illegal to burn anything within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland between the hours of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Spring Forest Fire Hazard Sea-

son: Feb. 15 - April 30.
Fall Forest Fire Hazard Season: Oct. 1 - Dec. 15.



Burn bans generally prohibit the following:

1. Burning of forest, grass, crops, woodlands, marshes or other similar areas.
2. Burning leaves or debris.
3. Campfires, bonfires and warming fires.
4. Open pit cooking and charcoal grilling.

Use of fireworks and welding may also be prohibited or regulated. Secondly, I have been busy with Property Improvement Applications. Thank you for all who have reached out to me in advance of starting their projects. It makes the process so much easier when everything is in line. Please keep calling and e-mailing. My contact information is Bill Sprunk 513-702-8862 and sprunk.william@gmail.com. Have a great month.

Open Burning List for Kentucky

Allowable Open Burning

Always check local laws before you burn. Except for certain restrictions marked by an *, state regulation allows the following open burning activities:

- Fires for cooking
- Recreational and ceremonial fires
- Construction site warming fires (contained, clean lumber only)
- Fires set for recognized agricultural practices
- Prescribed burning for forest, range, ecological, or wildlife management
- Fires set for weed abatement, disease, and pest prevention*
- Fires set to dispose of natural growth from land clearing and storms*
- Fires for disposal of household paper products*
- Approved fire fighter training
- Fires set for the prevention of a fire hazard

**From May-September, these activities are not permitted in Boone, Boyd, Bullitt, Campbell, Jefferson, Kenton, Lawrence (partial), and Oldham counties.*

Prohibited Open Burning

Home & Farm:

Animal bedding
Hay
Muck piles
Grass clippings
Agricultural plastic
Structures of any kind including barns, sheds, and trailers

Construction:

Construction, demolition, or renovation debris
Asbestos
Shingles
Drywall
Structures of any kind

Household:

Food scraps
Plastic or products containing plastic
Cans

Glass

Styrofoam

Diapers

Wood materials:

Fence posts
Wood mulch, chips, or shavings
Sawdust
Painted, stained, or pressure-treated wood
All wooden building materials

Miscellaneous:

Tires
Furniture
Carpeting
Insulation
Coated wire
Rubber
Used oil
Waste from any business, school, church, or farm

Sportsman Club News

Bob Duke

October tournament was a good turnout. Still can't figure out why fishing is so slow. Another week weigh-in with not a lot of fish being caught.

1st Place: Rob Epperson with 10.11 lbs

2nd Place: Johnny Duncan 8.07 lbs

3rd Place: Darren & Spencer Hackworth 6.61 lbs

Big Bass: Doug Worley was 3.24 lbs



With this being the last tournament of the year, thanks to all for having a great year. So total points for the year

1st place: (winning the points pot): Robb Epperson 78 points

2nd place: Bob Cardosi 64 points

3rd place: Bob Duke 60 points

4th place: Justus Zammarron 57

5th place: Dale Jones 52

6th place: Tie Johnny Duncan/ Ron Moschel 48 points

7th place: Dylan Epperson 46 points

8th place: Darren Hackworth 44 points

9th place: Bill Wheatley 40 points

10th place: Casey Nutini 32 points

Great summer for fishing hope to see everyone again next year! I will be putting out a schedule for next year and hoping to do a couple of night tournaments also. Thanks to all! FISH ON!!!!



Important Notices for Members



- ♦ **Regular meetings** are moved to the third Saturday of the month @ 9a.m. (meeting is “virtual” for board members only)
- ♦ **Do NOT park vehicles at the dam unless you are launching a boat which will be taken out the same day (All other vehicles will be towed)**
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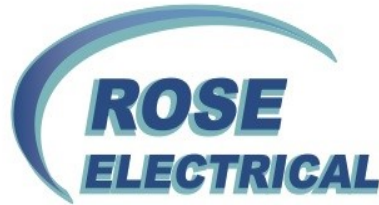
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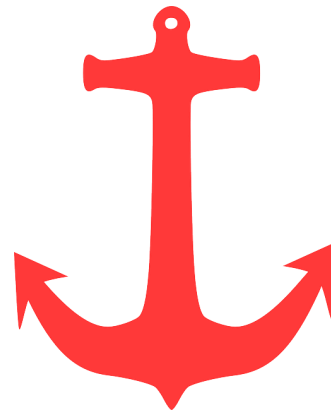
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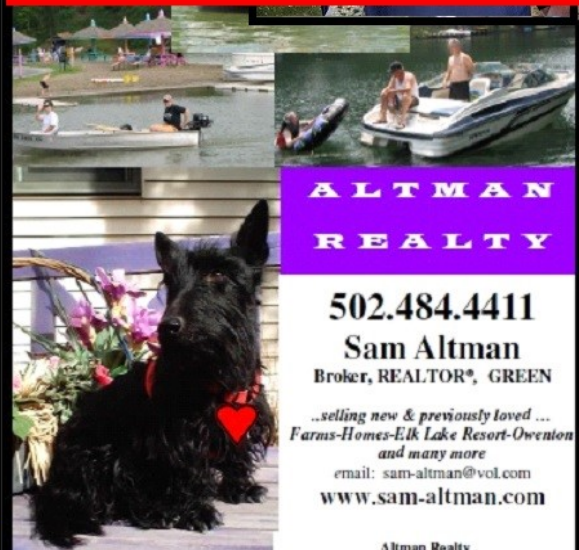
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