



Indianhead Lake Property Owners Association ILPOA

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A Message from the Chairman

I am thrilled to represent Indianhead Lake property owners. Protecting water resources is my passion and has been my profession for many years. I believe that our lake is an important resource for our community here in Sherwood. It provides a great place to live, fishing opportunities and boating recreation. Without the lake the region would not be what it is today.

I look forward to utilizing my background as a water resource project planner and resource conservationist to build

on the initiatives of the Board Members and community.

The Board Members are great people who are dedicated to working together for everyone's benefit and we all live along the shore of Indianhead Lake.

Please be encouraged to suggest ideas for improvements, problem resolutions and help me advocate for a CLEAN AND SAFE Indianhead Lake. If you see something please speak up by contacting me personally or leave a note on our Facebook page or website.



Tim Sweeney,
Chairman



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Indianhead Lake and the surrounding wetlands are "Waters of the United States." This Federal Law prohibits dumping of any kind (lawn clippings) into our lake or associated wetlands. The main reason is that pollutants will destroy the lake over time; resulting in a marsh for a backyard with thousands of potentially disease carrying mosquitoes. Indianhead Lake operations is a non-profit Association: there are no paid Board Members and the only funds available to perform operations, maintenance, and improvements comes from membership fees. We incurred a few 'one time' improvement expenses this year that forced the Board to use reserve funds.





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2020–2021

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Membership Status Update

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We'd like to say a special THANK YOU to all our 270 members who renewed last year! Your renewal fees help the ILPOA manage our programs and promote a Clean and Safe Indianhead Lake. Please go to our website and renew your membership for 2021 before March 31 to avoid a late fee.

There are three levels of membership:

1. Regular Membership (resident)
2. Senior Membership (over 65)
3. Non-Resident Membership



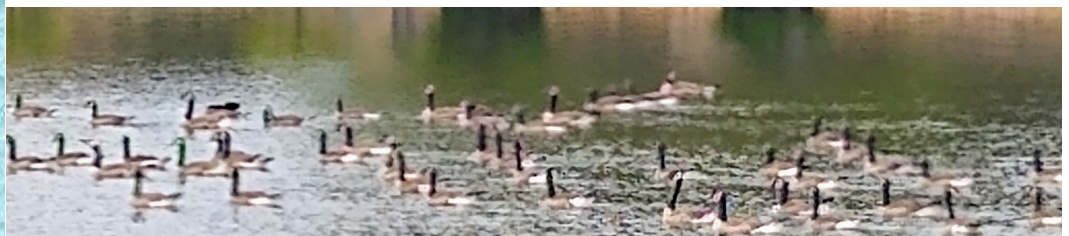
Paul Leonard, Membership Chair

Each year we have a specific day where all the Indianhead Lake Property Owners Association members come together to help complete some larger maintenance projects around the lake. This is a good opportunity to meet some of your fellow Association Members.

Please like and share our posts to your FB friends! We have 200 followers on FB and want to reach everyone in the vicinity of the lake.

2021 Calendar of Lake Events

Jan 19	Board meeting. Begin membership drive planning
Feb 16	Board meeting. Continue membership drive planning
Mar 16	Board meeting. Membership drive, work day planning
Apr 17	Work Day. Bring gloves and rakes!
Apr 20	Board meeting. Plan fishing tournament
May 18	Board meeting.
June 13	Lake picnic for everyone! Election of board members.
Aug. 17	Joint Board meeting, old and new
Sep. 21	Board meeting. Begin planning/budgeting process
Oct. 19	Board meeting. Budgets submitted.
Nov. 16	Board meeting.
Dec.	No meeting





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2020 Foot Bridge Repair — Leslie Durbin

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New Bridge



Damaged Bridge

The original walk bridge was damaged on January 13, 2020, and finally in September the damaged walk bridge was removed and a new bridge constructed after a long dry spell. The new bridge is much better constructed than the original one with concrete support risers and cable anchored supports. The contract was awarded the middle of August 2020 and work was completed on September 16, 2020. The total cost of deconstruction and disposal of the old bridge and construction of the new bridge was \$11,362. There are plans to treat the lumber of the bridge when the time is right to make it last for many years to come. We hope you are enjoying the beautiful new walk bridge and getting back to your exercise routines.



The Bridge has been treated with preservative



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2021 North Lake Dam Repair – Tim Sweeney

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Last year over 100 Cu. Yds. of dirt was placed on the lake berm to fill holes and reduce the potential of overtopping during large rain events. This year the Indianhead Lake Property Owners Association (ILPOA) fixed a serious leak in the berm. This type of problem is expensive to fix. The construction of the new bridge on the East end of the lake provided the ILPOA an opportunity to get relatively cheap earth fill material to create a cutoff barrier in the berm to stop the leak. The ILPOA has plans to do additional earth work on the lake berm which will raise the berm to prevent overtopping during future storm events.



2020 Fish Structures Installation – John Lipscomb



The ILPOA installed 30 new fish structures to the lake in late summer in the locations indicated on this map. Of these, 27 were put in the main lake and 3 in the North Lake. All of these structures will attract algae, small insects, and bait fish which in turn will attract larger fish.



Building man-made fish structures has been going on for generations in both private lakes and public reservoirs. Top anglers who are continually successful in local tournaments often have their own private man-made structures located where other anglers aren't likely to find them.

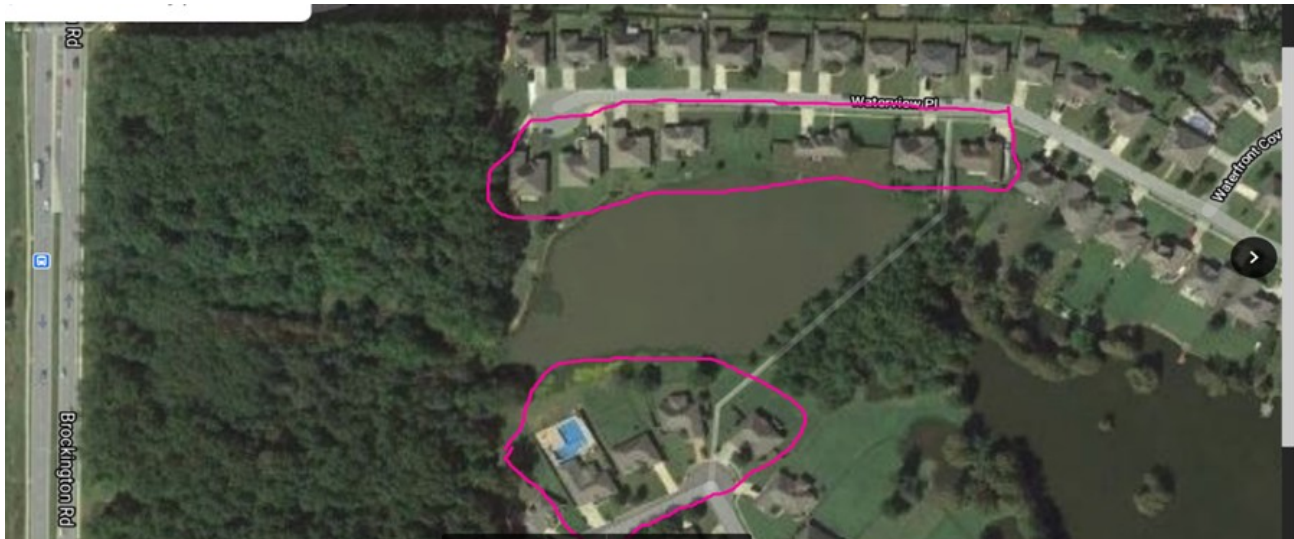


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2021 West Lake Reservoir – Leslie Durban

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As grounds chair I would like to plan for the 2021 year to continue improving the function and aesthetics of our lake and surrounding areas. One such area I would like to tackle is the fountain in the West lake reservoir area just West of the walk bridge. In 2006 there were two fountains set up on timers to keep this area of the lake aerated and improve the aesthetics for the homes surrounding the reservoir. One of the fountains has become unanchored and drifting closer to the bank. The electricity and meter are already in place. I would like to see if I can locate the other fountain and hopefully the fountains are still in working order. For the fountains to be checked out and electricity turned back on I need cooperation from the homes surrounding this part of the lake by paying for the yearly membership to the IL-POA. These memberships would help cover the cost of the monthly electric bill and any fountain maintenance. Please join so I can continue bringing improvements to the lake. I have provided a satellite photo with the homes circled that we need to join to get the fountains up and running again. Thank you in advance for your active participation in your lake community.



2020 Alligator Grass Control

An increased effort to control alligator grass was undertaken this last year. Spraying was done in regions of the lake, on five occasions. Effort was prioritized on hot spots of growth on member properties. This grass is more than a nuisance. It will spread and overtake the lake, beginning with the more shallow areas. Some property owners around the south end of the lake have undertaken their own efforts as well, which is much appreciated. It is important that spraying be done in a controlled manner, taking care not to unleash or set free floating mats of alligator grass – they will just land elsewhere or cause additional damage. A floating mass of debris, primarily alligator grass, was responsible for damage to and loss of the wooden footbridge, as you will read about in the Grounds Report. It is best to spray at intervals, working in from the lake side to the ground side. Weed killer will take several days to turn the grass, but it does a good job. Spraying should take place on dry days, with no rain forecast for at least 6 hours, when temperatures are at or above 80 degrees. Members can contact the lake Chair for bottles of weed killer, we have been dispensing concentrate ready to mix with 2 gallons of water. A regular garden sprayer works well. Consider that late in the spring, before this mess starts its summer growth spurt, please.

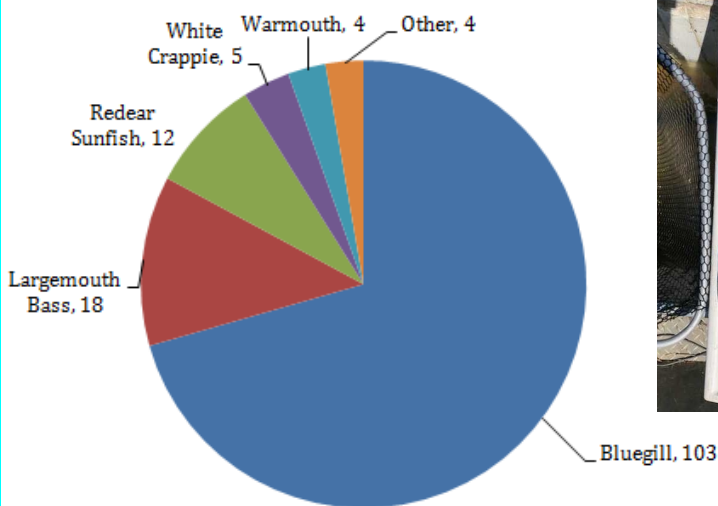


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2020 Arkansas Fish and Game Report

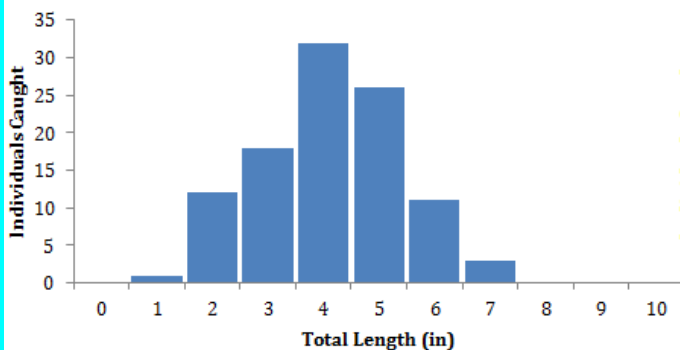
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We had the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's biologists out for another fish shock and sample, exactly five years from the most recent one. Overall fish numbers were slightly down, and the bass size was somewhat reduced, though the sample number was small. We noted a definite increase in the number of bream and bluegill, with an accompanied decrease in size. The Board is going to be working with the biologist to determine what, if anything might need to be done. The fish population is not in "definite need" of active management, and is suitable by standards for a lake of its size and structure. This pie chart is the sample size AGFC collected from seven sites in the lake by "electro-fishing."

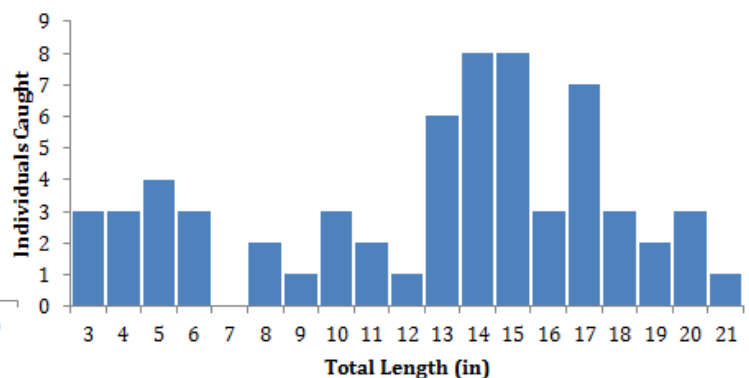


These two bar charts show the length distributions of the Bluegill and Largemouth Bass that were caught. The Largemouth Bass collected ranged from 3-21 inches and up to seven pounds. The size range of Largemouth Bass most frequently encountered was between 13-17 inches. Average Largemouth Bass catch per hour of electro-fishing at the six shoreline sites was 54 fish per hour, which was below average for this part of the state (74 fish per hour).

Bluegill



Largemouth Bass

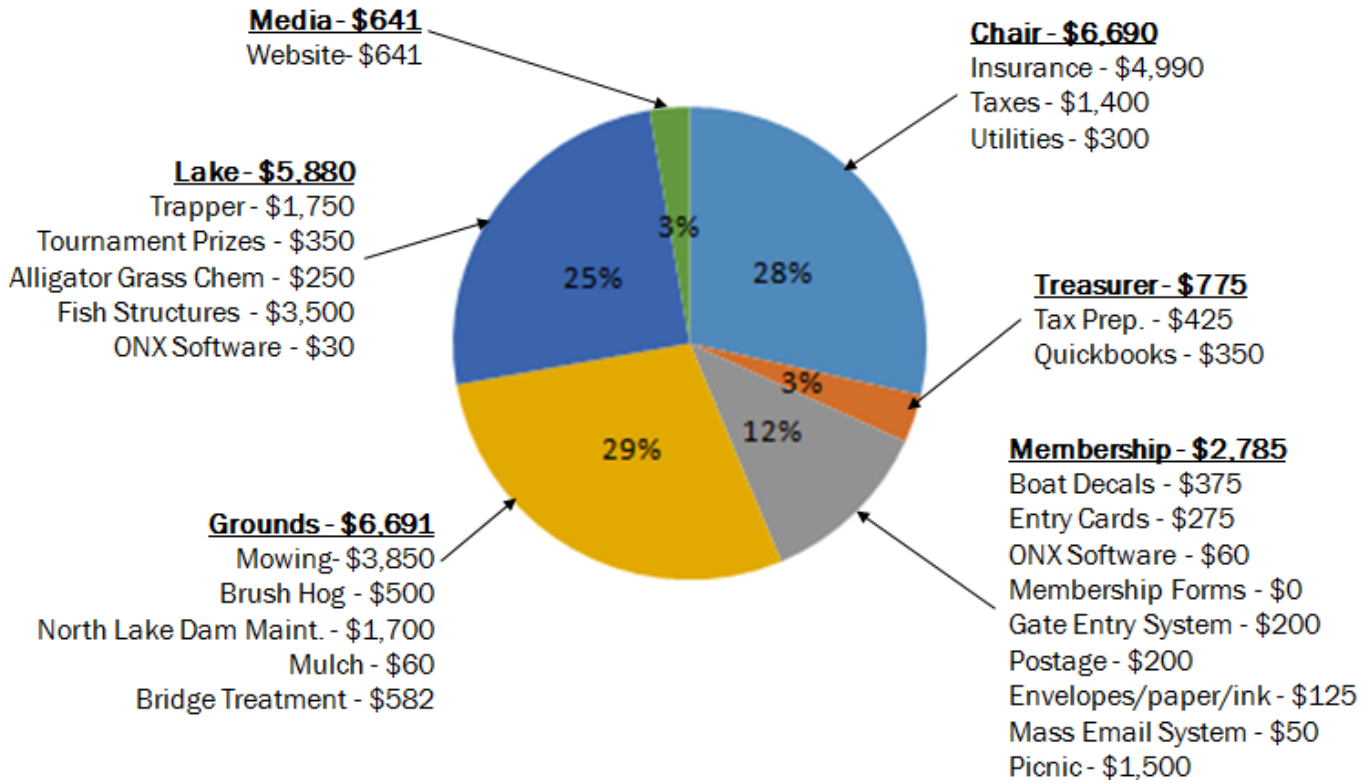




2021 Annual Budget – Jonathon Adams

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Projected 2021 Budget \$23,462.83



Membership dues currently provide approximately \$23,700 as operating capital. The funds are used for lake improvement projects, taxes, utilities, insurance, grounds mowing, paying a Trapper to catch Nutria and Beaver, and the annual membership picnic. We are as shrewd as possible to cover costs, but emergencies do come up: like the footbridge damage caused by the January storm.





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Our Feathered Friends around the Lake

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Black-Bellied Whistling Ducks



Family time



Lunch time grazing



Goose eggs



Well-hidden Duck eggs



Momma sitting on her eggs