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Central Arkansas' Best Kept Secret!

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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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Membership Status Update

We'd like to say a special THANK YOU to all our 228 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 2020 before March 31 to avoid a late fee.

There are three levels of membership:

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

Please like and share our posts to your FB friends! We have 199 followers on FB and want to reach everyone in the vicinity of the lake.



Paul Leonard,

Membership Chair

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2020 Calendar of Lake Events

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Feb XX Boat Launch channel dredging

March 31 Last day for dues payment before penalty

April 18 Annual Lake Cleanup Day, 8:30—11:30 at Boat Ramp

(bring gloves, boots, and safety vest)

April XX Fish Shock Survey (population check) by Arkansas Game & Fish

May 9 Fishing Tournament, rain date 16th

TBD XX Installation of Fish Structures in the lake bottom

June 14 Lake picnic for everyone! (Last year was catfish & chicken!)

Sept XX Water quality check by the Arkansas Dept. of Health

2019—2020 ILPOA Board Members

Chairman **Tim Sweeney Vice Chairman Steve Brigman** Secretary Virginia Pearson **Treasurer Rob Callahan Rules Chair Debbie Houston Lake Chair** John Lipscomb **Asst. Lake Chair Charles Hoskyn Grounds Chair Leslie Durbin Asst. Grounds Chair** Jim Bailey **Media Relations** Chair **Chris Torre Membership Chair**

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Geese loafing and feeding







Recent Storm Damage to Foot- bridge in January

We saw heavy rains in mid-January cause a significant rise in the lake level that unfortunately did damage to the popular footbridge at the northwest corner of the lake. The ILPOA is currently soliciting construction bids to rebuild it. We ask everyone to be patient and stay away from the bridge in the meantime.





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2019 North Lake Levy Repair

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More is scheduled for repair this summer of 2020.

The North Lake earthen dam has gradually eroded over the years, leaking water and overflowing due to Beaver and Nutria damage. So 150 tons of dirt by truck loads were brought in during Aug., 2019 to build

it up.







2019 Fishing Tournament

In May, 2019 we had our annual Fishing Tournament with a great turn-out! Wow! Smiling faces were rewarded with Bass, Crappie, Bream and Catfish in abundance! Cash prizes were awarded of \$25 each to the largest fish in each category and an additional \$25 awarded to the largest fish overall.





2019 Lake Cleanup Day

Cheerful volunteers showed up to clean up the boat ramp area. We hand-dredged (raked) the Alligator grass from the launching area, and removed old and abandoned boats together with their resting posts. The ILPOA Board has contracted for dredging the built up bottom muck covering the concrete ramp. which should be completed by approx. mid-March.





Additional clean-up is scheduled for this year.

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2019 Annual Picnic

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Great annual picnic at the Indianhead Pool area on Deerfield Drive. Fried catfish and chicken were provided by "Eat My Catfish", along with iced tea, fishing tournament prizes, door-prizes, and a vote to install the new annual members of the ILPOA.

2019 New Electronic Card Reader Installed on Boat Ramp Gate

A new electronic card reader was installed on the gate to the boat ramp area in 2019. This is a more secure and safer system than the previous lock and key method.

The boat ramp area also has a dock to fish from and picnic tables. Our recent cleanup effort has reduced some of the overhanging tree limbs and shrubbery.





2019 Nutria and Beaver Trapping



Our Trapping Program has reduced the Beaver and Nutria population which damages our lake dams by burrowing underwater holes. This weakens the dams and causes leakages; referred to as burrow erosion.



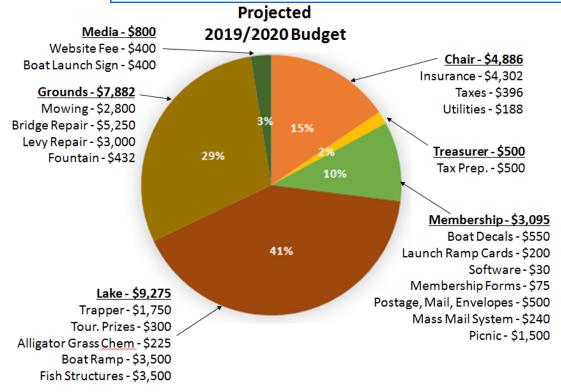
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Membership dues currently provide approximately \$21,481 as operating capital. The funds are used for lake improvement projects, the fishing tournament, taxes, utilities, insurance, paying a Trapper to catch Nutria and Beaver and the annual membership picnic. We are as shrewd as possible to cover costs, but emergencies do come up: like the footbridge damage caused by the January storm.

2020 ILPOA Planned Board Member Meetings

Feb 18	Continue Membership drive preparation
March 17	Membership drive, workday planning
April 21	Planning for May activities
May 19	Board Meeting
June 14	Election of Board Members during Annual Picnic
July XX	Board Meeting
Aug XX	Board Meeting
Sept XX	Board Meeting