

Water Conservation Committee-

First an update on the lake drawdown, last week we were scheduled to draw the lake down, but due to weather we weren't able to get out to the tower. The plan now is to go out this week, likely Thursday or Friday, possibly tomorrow but that isn't looking good right now. We will notify members when the gates have been opened.

Met on November 10, seven members attended.

Buoy placement: We were asked to make a recommendation to the Board concerning buoy placement in the large bay on the west side of the lake. After a long discussion we tabled the discussion until we can physically go out to the bay and determine water levels. This will be done while the lake is lowered. The main concerns of the committee are safety and erosion.

Dredging: Six years ago the BOD developed a dredging program that led to in-lake dredging taking place in coves every other year. This program enacted the every other year lake drawdown. The Committee is recommending to the BOD that during this current draw down that the BOD release an RFP to complete the dredging that was scheduled during the last drawdown this would be three coves:

- 1) finish the cove previously started but not finished, bordered by lots approximately 64-66
- 2) the two coves that were scheduled for dredging during the last drawdown but were bypassed, these two coves are bordered by lots 107 and 112A and 149 and 152.

The Committee also recommends this only be completed if the budget allows for this expense and lastly recommends suspending the dredging program until further need dictates.

- Should the BOD desire I would entertain a motion concerning dredging for the current drawdown

Farm Property: Now that farmers are out of the fields for the most part Steve Dudley and John Kemp will be getting together to discuss the farm property rental with the Hays brothers, the current farmers who are farming this property for SLA. To date we have not found an up to date lease agreement. Their discussions will center around the Hay's interest in continuing to farm the property and getting a lease agreement in place.

Island: The Committee would like the BOD to adopt the following resolution-

The island shall be maintained by the superintendent as common ground for SLA members and comply with the same erosion and appearance rules as leasehold properties. As such, costs associated with island maintenance shall be reflected in the budget. Future upgrades may be funded through donations, but maintained by the superintendent.

- Should the BOD desire I would entertain a motion to accept the proposed resolution

The Committee is considering several near term and midterm objectives as well as potential upgrades to the island. Should I continue on as part of this Committee these will be brought to the BOD for consideration.

Monitoring: Charlie Edwards, our volunteer lake monitoring guy talked about the monitoring he did on the lake this year and that he hopes he is able to expand it next year. The Committee discussed that the SLA use to do fecal coliform sampling annually, this was to make certain that our septic systems weren't causing the lake to have unnaturally high levels of bacteria. The Committee will be bringing a recommendation to the BOD in the coming months regarding fecal sampling. Prior to the recommendation we will be looking at the cost of analysis. I personally and for the BOD would like to thank Charlie for his monitoring the lake now and in the future.

Shoreline Erosion: I was able to get out and do the shoreline erosion survey a couple of weeks ago. Letters will be going out letting members know if they have a problem. All in all I was very pleased with the condition of our shoreline. Of the few bad places for the most part those members already have plans to fix them. Of the other areas that will require upgrades those were mostly small in size and should be able to be stabilized relatively easily. I appreciate our members attention to the shoreline.