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Dear Sunset Lake Association Member,

During the time of the 2019 Annual Meeting, there was a nonbinding survey concerning lowering the water, dredging, fireworks, and fundraising, each member in good standing with the association was asked to answer each question and submit it when it was complete, with their vote. Each survey that was submitted, has been carefully looked over. Each comment and concern has been or will be taken under great consideration.

***Section A: Lake dredging and maintenance work***

**Should Sunset Lake no longer dredge any part of the lake?** Many members felt as though this was a difficult question to understand, due to the wording used. sixteen members agreed, seventy-five disagreed. Many members feel Sunset Lake should continue to dredge the lake, however, there needs to be a long-term plan put into place by the Board of Directors, and it should be changed as needed to meet the best health of the water. A recommendation that was repeated many times, was the lake should be dredged all at once, instead of completing small areas each time. Some members feel as though no dredging should be done at all.

**COMMENTS:**

* Lake dredging should continue if funds are available.
* This question is poorly worded.
* Sunset Lake should dredge as necessary.
* Yes, dredging should continue.
* Areas NEED held.
* In the future it may need to be done, this should be determined by the future Board of Directors.
* Dredge everything at once.
* Homeowners should pay for dredging.
* Dredging coves is important for all members to have safe access to the main body.
* Some coves are too shallow. There are coves that need to be dredged, I do not like the hit or miss approach. Do all the coves at the same time when enough money has been saved.
* Need dredging by my coved to be done.
* Continue to dredge the lake.
* Dredging should be done in a logical prioritized sequence. The lake needs to consider the cost of dredging without lowering the lake.
* The board should use a more modern technique then the backhoe being used now.
* There needs to be a long-term plan.
* Do it as needed to maintain the heath of the lake.
* Some of the coves need dredging due to the leaves, grass, etc. A schedule should be created and justified.
* There are areas that need to be dredged.
* Not the mickey mouse way they do it.
* If the lake isn’t dredged it will fill up with run off from the surrounding fields.
* This is a double negative question. The lake should continue to dredge. Everyone paying their dues, should have access to the lake.
* Dredging is an important part of lake maintenance.
* Some coves will always need to be dredged.
* Only if the owners involved pay half of the cost.
* This is a very difficult question to understand with the wording used. Let’s STOP dredging by lowering the lake.
* No dredging should be done.
* The board should measure and assess the needs & build a plan to ensure everyone has appropriate water access.
* The lake needs to continue dredging to prevent fill up.
* Dredging should be done by large in the middle of the lake

**Should the lake be lowered once in the fall every five years?** Sixty-one members agreed, and twenty-seven disagreed. Many members agreed due to docks needing repair work, as well as shoreline work needing to be done. Other members have disagreed, explaining maintenance work will need to be completed more often than every five years. A concern that was mentioned, is that lowering the lake has negatively affected fishing, due to the lake being lowered.

**COMMENTS:**

* Docks may need repairs every two to three years.
* As needed. If there isn’t any benefit, then skip it until the next year, docks could benefit from it.
* As needed to do maintenance work.
* Perhaps more often for boat dock work, and shoreline maintenance.
* Maybe every five years isn’t frequent enough.
* Only lower it for shoreline and boat dock work.
* Its an important part for lake maintenance.
* That seems adequate.
* Only if there are repairs or dredging needed.
* Every two years.

**Lowering the lake in the future will only be proposed by the board at an annual or special meeting to be voted on by the membership.** Fifty-nine members agreed while Thirty-five members disagreed. Many members feel that the board should create a survey for the members to complete on a yearly basis, or create a long-term plan, similar to the plan the Board of Directors would create for dredging work.

**COMMENTS:**

* This board does not care about the lake.
* The Association should buy a dredge boat.
* At Annual meeting only.
* No more then once every five years, as it has been lowered twice in two years.
* I am against lowering the lake at any time for any reason.
* Just plan the five years.
* This should be a decision made by the board, If the board is making informed choices instead of trying to get a consensus of the membership. The board recently did not reflect the membership, at least some of the board did not. We have seen some shifting in the board, but still home it begins to totally reflect the majority instead of directed by the vocal minority, that continues to interrupt the monthly meetings, and make phone calls about issues that have been explained or are completely untruthful, but some members continue to listed to them.
* Why is the lake being lowered?
* Limiting to the Annual Meeting will preclude opportunities, however I’m still okay with the board moving forward without a special meeting.
* Decision should be made by the board after the information is received.
* Set a schedule for planning by all.
* If necessary, more than five years.
* Don’t know the reason for lowering.
* Rationale should be provided.
* Unless additional assessments are required for a larger project.
* Every five years, NOT EVERY YEAR.
* This should be a scheduled thing, in order to allow for dredging and shoreline maintenance to keep the lake looking beautiful.
* This is not a very good survey.
* This should be a routine scheduled event, if it needs to be lowered off schedule vote on it but lowering the lake should be done “ X “ amount of years.
* Members entrust the board to monitor and manage the lake.

***Section B: Annual Fireworks***

**Should Sunset Lake Association continue to have an annual fireworks display?** Sixty-one members agreed, fifteen disagreed, and nineteen had no opinion about this question. Many members feel that there are only a small number of people putting forth effort, and donations to make this possible. Some members feel as though a good solution to this issue, would be adding more fundraising activities, while others feel that a smaller show, would be an easier option.

**COMMENTS:**

 A lot of money is put forward by a small number if people to fund this. Make this a part of the assessments or get rid of it.

Most definitely a big part of the lake enjoyment

Right now, the board if flooded with crap they shouldn’t have to deal with on an annual basis, however I love the fireworks.

A big HE\*\* no.

Only given money to support it.

If the members don’t want to support it, get rid of it.

The fireworks are great, more traditions like this allow part timers to participate in the community.

Fireworks are nice, however it’s a huge expense on a limited budget, other places close by have a good show for no cost to the lake.

The fireworks show is nothing of tradition.

Maybe fewer fireworks?

No money to come from association fees.

Years of family gatherings and community involvement, new fundraisers could be added.

Is there proper insurance for the event?

I’m concerned about the liability.

Fireworks draw to living at the lake.

I don’t want to do any fundraising, if the members want the fireworks, bill each homeowner, to cover the display.

As long as it isn’t a long item on the budget.

**Should Sunset Lake Association focus on certain fundraising activities?** Twenty-four members agreed, twenty-two disagreed, and sixty-one had no opinion. Many comments made were requesting poker runs, and fishing tournaments, while other comments made, recommended no fundraising activities at all. A recommendation of raising annual assessments to raise enough money each year to provide enough funds for the fireworks to be continued.

**COMMENTS:**

* Poker run, fishing tournament, bingo and other activities that will bring the lake together.
* Poker run, pancake breakfast.
* Fishing tournament, poker run.
* I’m not sure what activities are available.
* Poker run, garage sales.
* Same as in the past, and try new ones, focus on the ones that are productive.
* More community events on the water.
* Raise the assessment by “ X “ amount so everyone paid a fair share of the amount of being able to put to the event.
* Details on income from each fundraiser to determine feasibility.
* To many complain, and don’t do anything to help, eliminate all of it due to this behavior.
* Keep up the fireworks, and the poker run, it makes it fun for the family.
* Seems there’s things that the members want, and others don’t.

The last question on the survey is as follows, **are you willing to help with fundraising?** Twenty-six members answered yes, and fifty-seven members answered no. Without proper fundraising being done by the association as a community, the fireworks will not be possible to continue.

**COMMENTS:**

* Financial support only at this time.
* Being weekenders makes it difficult, but always contribute to raising funds. Soon to be retired, so helping out is in the near future.
* Fishing tournament, garage sale – Gary & Kendra Kennedy – Lot 30
* Any / All – Chris Davis – 232 / 233
* Cannot help because I am not a full time resident. I come on the weekends and some weekdays. Not a set schedule to be here. I will help in future years when I’m retired.
* There is to much complaining for volunteer.
* If and when available.
* Poker run, envelope party for fireworks. – Debbie Thompson – Lot 254
* Fishing tournament & Poker run. – Carol & Norm Brand – Lot 35
* Where needed. – Fran Mineo – Lot 16A
* Poker run & Bingo
* Not here long enough.
* Poker run, envelope party, pancake breakfast.
* Will respond when selected to help.
* I used to be willing.
* Online fundraising efforts will allow people who don’t live at the lake year-round to participate from afar.
* Keep the boat parade, poker run and other events that bring people together, but are not so costly.
* Yes, donating items on assistance.
* We do not live at the lake and aren’t here enough,
* Depends on the activity and availability, we have told the board no most times when asked, but then been criticized at later times for volunteer work. Thus, why some people don’t want to help at times, the attitude toward the membership needs to change.
* So log as there is no drama, and barriers in doing so, seems as though there is always a problem when you try to help out.
* Fishing tournament
* Fishing tournament - James Finchum – Lot 52 & 52A
* I will continue to volunteer based on event & time.

**Thank you for your participation on this survey!**