



Winter '21 Seed Lake News

Greetings, Lake family.

The lake is finally having what used to be the annual drawdown. If you haven't been up to check on your boathouse, seawall and shoreline, you have until about Feb. 1 to do so. The lake will go to a two month drawdown every three years, for November and December, starting in 2023; according to Georgia Power; although this is still tentative.

The Board met via Zoom this week, and discussed erosion, flooding, aquatic weeds, and other topics.

Our association financially participated in a study regarding wake boats and any potential effects on the shoreline. The study was started by the Lake Rabun Association and was joined by the Lake Burton Association and we were asked if we wanted to contribute to the effort to see the data. Seed Lake Association made it clear that we did not want to take any stand on the outcome of the study and would not make any recommendations based on the study because we did not feel it was the role of the association to do so. The other lake associations feel more strongly about wanting to take positions with Georgia Power and/or the Department of Natural Resources so they have elected to remove Seed Lake Association from mention in the study and we concur. The final copy of the study will be posted on our Seed Lake Association website as soon as we receive a copy. Seedlake.org is the site.

Of major concern to every homeowner on the lake is the flooding that has occurred with increasing frequency, and Georgia Power's role in it, as well as the drawdown schedule. Board members James Syfan and Matt Slappey will be meeting to discuss both soon, and they will report back.

Aquatic weeds have really gained a foothold in our lake, and despite treatment for a particular type, the others are growing and spreading. After the water comes back up, the association will assess the situation. But we do not have the budget to treat the whole lake. If you are affected, check the Georgia Power Lakes website about management. No doubt, the reduced drawdown has contributed to the problem.

Trailwave Fiber Optic is close to moving forward on installation on the paved side (Seed Lake Rd) of the lake; but we don't have any definite dates yet. It looks promising, though.

Upcoming: because of the pandemic, we don't have dates for everything at this time-but we do have the dues Due Date: May 1. We will be sending out more information and a reminder, but make a note of it!

Stay safe; and at least the days are getting longer! The Board