



# Schaefer Lake Newsletter

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## **Boat registration, launch access for 2019 season**

Schaefer Lake Lot Owners Association board members are holding Saturday hours during April to allow association members to turn in their boat-registration forms and pick up their launch gate keys and boat stickers.

During the first opportunity on Saturday, April 6, twenty-five lot owners showed up to take care of their lake business.

Board treasurer Diane Jekel, who staffed the event at the boat launch, said lot owners love the new, one-stop set-up.

The new distribution plan features hours from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday in April. During these hours, you may pay your \$500 annual dues, pick up or turn in boat-registration forms that were provided in recent invoice mailing. Please remember to bring proof of insurance on your watercraft.

Jeff and Nancy Washburn paddled in to pay dues and pick up their boat sticker and key on Saturday, April 6. (Diane Jekel photo)

## Meet Your Neighbors: Mike and Jamie Champlin

By Susan Brown



Jamie and Mike Champlin traveled to Florida for spring break in April.

When David and I moved to Schaefer Lake almost four years ago, the Champlins were some of the first people to make us feel welcome, so it is my joy to write about them this month.

Mike and Jamie are both Michiganders, and they met on a blind date when they both were working for a nuclear plant in Midland, Michigan. Their first date was going to a company picnic, and Mike says “life’s been a picnic ever since.” Jamie and Mike dated for six years before getting married in Milford, Michigan. To help explain why they are still mixed up to this day, they were married by an Episcopalian minister in a Methodist church.

In 1984, they moved to Arizona to work at the Palo Verde nuclear power plant. Jamie worked full-time while pursuing a BS in Electrical Engineering at Arizona State University. Mike, who already had a BSEE degree from the University of Michigan, went to work for Motorola.

Then in 1990, Mike and Jamie moved to Columbus, Indiana, to join Cummins. Mike has worked there in various capacities for the past 29 years, and he is presently Director of Aftermarket Information Management at Cummins. Jamie worked at Cummins for several years, but then attended IU to obtain her teaching certificate and taught physics at North High School for 21 years. While working, both Mike and Jamie took coursework for advanced degrees: Mike received a Masters in Business Administration from IU in 2007 and Jamie received a Masters in Physics Education from Ball State in 2008. This past school year, Jamie has been working with special-needs teenagers at North High, and next school year her plans are to teach math part-time at IUPUC while also doing homebound education and substitute teaching within Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp.

Mike and Jamie have two adult sons whom they care deeply about and who, fortunately, live nearby. Jake and his wife Kaitlyn live in Columbus while Daniel lives in Whiteland. When the boys were growing up, Mike coached their various teams of football, basketball, baseball, soccer and hockey; Mike was also a leader for Jake's and Daniel's Boy Scout troops.

Interests and hobbies: Over the years, Mike and Jamie have owned various rental properties in Columbus, and they presently own two rental homes that they have rehabbed. They also undertook extensive remodeling projects on their house at the lake when they moved here in 2013.

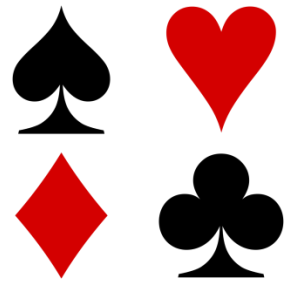
-- Mike likes to roller skate, used to race motorcycles in Arizona and still loves to ride. He submits the comic blurbs for the SLLOA newsletter, loves to tease and pull the wool over people's eyes, and is taking ASL (American Sign Language) classes at IUPUC and enjoying the experience.

-- Jamie loves to repaint rooms in her house (whenever she gets tired of a color, she happily chooses another shade and starts to paint); enjoys photography, gardening, kayaking, walking, talking, knitting, reading and making new friends; completed CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) training recently and will be volunteering with clients soon.

Latest New Interest: Soon, about 20,000 bees are coming to live at the Champlins' nearby farm. Jamie will be planting wildflowers, and Mike will be the #1 beekeeper. Perhaps two summers from now, we'll all be able to buy local honey from them.

### Who's up for a night of Euchre?

Jerrilou and Scott Cole will host the next Schaefer Lake Euchre Night on Saturday, May 18 at their home on Lot 49. You don't have to be a Euchre expert to participate in this social event – in fact, you can skip the card games and just partake in a chance to meet and socialize with neighbors. All levels of card players are welcome, and the night will start off with lessons for inexperienced players who want to join in. Bring your own beverage of choice and a snack to share. RSVP to Jerrilou by Thursday, May 16.



### Ways to be a good neighbor

It is common courtesy to pick up the "gifts of the lake" that land in your yard after a high-water event if you are capable to do so. Pushing the logs back into the lake only increases the hazard and creates a greater burden on your neighbors, who already have their own "gifts" to clean up.

Speaking of cleaning up, lake residents who enjoy a healthy walk around Schaefer Lake with their pets are reminded to bring plastic bags to pick up after their pets along the way.

Thanks in advance for helping on both clean-up matters.



Explore nature around Schaefer Lake from a kayak (Jamie Champlin photo)

### **Kayaking outings return for 2019 lake season**

Organized short kayaking trips on Schaefer Lake will return this year. If you enjoy nature, being on the water or social activities, contact organizers Jamie Champlin or Nancy Snyder. The group sets its schedules based on participant availability or preferences. These outings are a chance to spend time with others who have mutual interests.

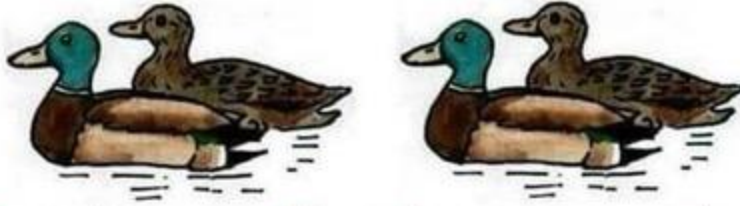


An eagle soars over Schaefer Lake (Jamie Champlin photos)

### **Nature photos capture scenic beauty**

These majestic photos of an eagle flying over Schaefer Lake were taken by association member Jamie Champlin on Feb. 16 from the sunroom of her home. She had just looked outside and saw the eagle flying fairly close. "Got lucky!," Jamie explained.

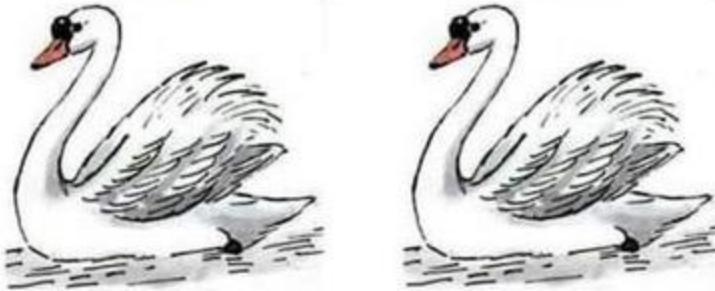
## Please don't kill us with bread !



Bread is actually a danger to us ducks  
and other water birds

It causes Angel Wing which can make  
our feathers grow too quickly.  
This strains our muscles and can stop us flying.

Our friends the swans develop  
fatal gut and heart disease



Bread is bad for our water environment.  
It rots, and pollutes the water.

This allows bacteria to grow and encourages rats.  
It causes algal bloom which gets into our lungs  
and kill us birds.



If you want to feed us  
We like lettuce, peas and sweetcorn



Board member Anthony Paul and son Caleb helped out when Schaefer Lake was stocked with large Hybrid Striped Bass (left and above) and Flathead minnows in September 2018.

### **Some changes in fish-stocking plan**

With a new lake association leadership stepping in last year, the schedule for stocking the lake with fish was delayed until the fall, said board member Anthony Paul, who oversaw the stocking program. With a smaller budget for stocking in 2018 (\$4,000) compared to recent years past, Paul worked with Jones Fish to spend \$3,750 on large Hybrid Striped Bass, which are known to eat the pesky shad, which feast on fish eggs in the spring and fall.

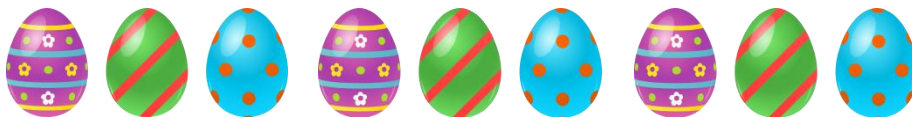
The association purchased 500 of these bass, which generally ran from 8 to 10 inches long, compared to larger numbers of smaller/cheaper Hybrid Striped Bass, said Paul, who felt that the larger bass would be stronger to get through the winter months and large enough to eat the shad. With the remaining \$250, the association purchased 25 pounds of Flathead Minnows to feed the lake's fish.

# OFF THE DEEP END

.....*The lighter side of Lake living*



By Mike Champlin



## Upcoming area events

**Easter Egg Hunt**, April 20, Hope Town Square, sponsored by Miller's Merry Manor. Hours: 11 a.m. to noon, includes pace painting, coloring contest, cookie decorating and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Bring your own bag for the egg hunt. In lieu of our own egg hunt this year, the Schaefer Lake Lot Owners Association is encouraging folks to enjoy one sponsored by one of our neighbors.

More information: Kristin at Miller's Merry Manor: 812-546-4416

-- **Hope Civil War Days**, May 3-5, Yellow Trail Museum & Visitors Center, 644 Main St. Hope. Hours: Re-enactors set up camps, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 3; Saturday, historic walking tour of Moravian Cemetery, speakers and activities on square, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, historic church service on square, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Free. More information: 812-546-8020.

-- **Smoke on the Square**, May 17-18, benefit for the Community Center of Hope, Hope Town Square. Hours: Food service, 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 17; Food service, 11 a.m. Saturday until all the food is gone; People's Choice Award, 3:30 p.m. Saturday. More information: <http://hopebbqcontest.com/>

## Healthy Living Recipe

By Shannon Dailey

### Turkey Bacon Cheddar Poppers

This is one of my favorite afternoon snacks, and it's great to bring as an appetizer to a party, too. Bonus: It's easy!! Side note: This is one of the only ways I like Greek yogurt. I've tried it many ways, but so far I only like it cooked. Hope you enjoy!!

#### Ingredients

1. 4 sweet peppers, sliced lengthwise with seeds removed
2. 4 slices turkey bacon, sliced lengthwise
3. 1/4 c cheddar cheese, shredded
4. 6 T plain Greek yogurt
5. 1 t cumin
6. Pinch pink Himalayan salt

#### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350. Spray rimmed baking sheet with nonstick spray.
2. Mix half of the cheese with the Greek yogurt, cumin and salt.
3. Fill each pepper with yogurt mixture. Reserve remaining mixture to use as dip.
4. Add remaining cheese to top of each pepper.
5. Wrap each pepper with turkey bacon and place on rimmed baking sheet. Secure with toothpick, if necessary.
6. Bake for 30 minutes.
7. Broil on high for 1 - 2 minutes.
8. Serve immediately with remaining dip and optional side of fresh vegetables





### **Voting results from 2019 annual meeting**

The annual meeting was held March 6 at the Hawcreek Conservation Club. Because there weren't enough members present to have a quorum, results were announced at the reconvened meeting on March 13.

Total number of lots (update numbers): 104

Minus 1 lot in arrears

Lots in good standing: 103

Votes necessary for quorum at initial meeting: 52

Votes necessary for quorum at follow-up meeting: 26

Total lots voting by March 13 meeting (present or proxy): 57

	YES	NO
2019 Budget	38	8
2019 Dues	44	3
Bylaws change to create Finance Committee	44	3

### **Our leadership team**

Officers and other board members who will serve on the Schaefer Lake Lot Owners Association board for the coming year are as follows:

President – Rob Dailey

Vice President – Brent Engel

Treasurer – Diane Jekel

Secretary – Candy Towsley

Members at large – Rob Daly, Anthony Paul, Dean Parrish and Brad Anderson (there is one board opening).

**What's next:** The SLLOA board's next meeting will be 7 p.m. May 16 at Brad Anderson's house. While anyone is welcome to attend, it is helpful to let the board know in advance if there are issues you would like to address so they can be placed at the top of the agenda.

### **Minutes of recent board discussion, actions**

**SLLOA Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 15, 2018  
7 p.m. Brad Anderson's House

#### Agenda

Attendance: Rob Dailey, Diane, Rob Daly, Anthony, Brad, Candy, Dean

Guest: Scott Towsley

Rob move to start, Brad 2nd

1. Review December Minutes Candy  
*(Provided electronically) Move to accept Candy, Diane 2<sup>nd</sup> pass*
2. Treasurer's Report & Financial Update Diane  
Computer issues prevented treasurer's report  
=>Diane & Rob Dailey to plan to go to bank & transfer accounts  
Rob Daly assisting Diane in prepared draft budget  
Need to get the actuals in to finalize the budget  
Have 2 weeks to finalize to meet mailing deadline
3. Update on Spillway Scott Towsley  
Scott, Brad & Anthony met with Burke & DNR on Dec 19.  
Ken Smith Assistant Director of Water management, George Crosby, Eric Moeser from DNR were present  
DNR agreed & asked us to continue to proceed on the plan proposed by Burke on our behalf.  
The key design change is to change the material on top of our emergency spillway. The DNR's main concern is to confirm that the emergency spillway triggers appropriately in a high-water event  
The board needs to update our emergency action plan to address triggering the emergency spillway.  
DNR is to decide if the change is just maintenance or a design change, and respond to us. A design change would require significantly more permitting.  
LOA has 3 actions:  
=>Proceed with Burke's proposal to change emergency spillway topping  
=>Update EAP  
=>Long-term investigation of protection of downstream  
Burke proposes we investigate on our own just what structure exist downstream from the dam now.  
Board agrees that we confirm the 3 actions with the DNR, and in addition ask Burke to do an analysis for our emergency action plan.  
Diane moved, Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> – passed.  
Silt retention question – From other studies Burke has done in the past, they can tell us with confidence that a silt retention devise will not work. We would need another entire lake the same size as ours to allow settling. They suggested doing an analysis using the hydraulic flow done for the dam, and an assessment of the silt; they can calculate how much silt comes in per year & recommend a dredging frequency. They have estimated \$10,000 for that analysis.  
This would enable us to better estimate a preventative maintenance cost moving forward.  
This cost will be added to the budget to present to the membership.  
Dean – received information from Santee. They were considering a retention pond to prevent silt coming into their lake, but quit pursuing it. Also, when they dredged their lake, they were able to sell the dried-out dirt. Dean will follow up with their lake manager to learn more on both topics & to learn their dredging strategy.  
We need to consider adding in a maintenance cost to the budget  
The Heartland analysis will tell us what is currently in the lake. The proposed Burke study will tell us how quickly it will fill back up.  
Scott will put together a slide or two for the annual meeting. Anthony or Brad will present if Scott can't.  
Dean has learned of a potential dredger for sale, but it is for a small pond and it would not be sufficient for our needs.
4. Prep for EOY/Membership meeting Rob Dailey/Diane/Candy

- Tentative agenda, presentation materials
  - Draft presentation Rob

All board members with pages assigned need to update. All board members can look at it, offer any other updates
  - Draft budget Diane & Rob Daly
    - at least put in the budget the high number for the spillway
- Updated on encouraging board membership among LOA resident Realtors Rob Dailey

Talked to Vicki Gardner. She or her husband may volunteer as either a board member or a dredging committee member

Anthony has ordered new stickers for next year
- Update on 1-, 3- & 5-year plans Rob & Brent

Still working on it
- Proxies & Info packages to be sent out (must mail 21 days prior to mtg) Candy

Rob Daly & Rob Dailey to confirm wording for changes to bylaws & approving proxy with lawyer

Discussion by the board on pros & cons of raising dues. Feeling is that we need to have concrete numbers on what it will cost going forward. While this year's budget will be a deficient budget, believe we can use the current savings to cover these single-time costs. Hard facts & numbers would be better for the discussion to raise dues.
- Date, location, etc. Change proposed date to March 13, 7:00 Hawcreek Conservation Club
- 5. Update of Emergency Action Plan Candy

Candy to send current plan to all board members, work with Scott, Anthony & Brad to add in DNR's requested change, then hold off on any further changes until new board is in place.
- 6. Update on Dredging/Spillway Brent

Heartland has started their survey

  - How voting was handled during dam upgrade Candy

No update
- 7. Update on Smart Lock proposal, key distribution Rob Daly & Dean

Dean investigated one proposal, which was basically a Realtor lock. He proposes more of a keypad type entry system. He will investigate further. Suggest to contact Hege Fencing for an estimate.
- 8. Action items Updates:
  - Follow up on LOA park Rob Dailey
    - Will discuss with lawyer
  - *Follow up on dock, other maintenance (before spring)* Anthony

- *Talked with Pat about a contract for next year; need to send him a key when we send him back the contract*
- *Stickers will be done at end of the week*
- Follow up with lawyer on bylaws change, other Rob Dailey
  - Rob & Rob to schedule meeting next year
- *Follow up on voting process used for dam upgrades* Candy
- Cards to pass out at LOA meeting for committee volunteers Candy
- Follow up on current committee members Diane
  - No update
- Follow up on Indiana Business Entity Filing Candy (new, from email)
  - Will respond this week

9. Walk-In's Anyone

Newsletter – move to publish quarterly  
 Rob will pick up the stickers for Anthony  
 Next meeting: Feb. 5 7 p.m., Rob Daly's house (backup Anthony's)

Move to close – Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brad.

**SLLOA Board Meeting**  
 Tuesday, February 5, 2019  
 7 p.m. Rob Daly's House

Attendance:

Diane, Candy, Brent, Rob Dailey, Rob Daly, Dean, Anthony

Guest: Scott Towsley

Move to start – Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> Diane

1. Review December Minutes Candy

*(Provided electronically)*

*Move to accept – Diane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rob Daly pass*

2. Treasurer's Report & Financial Update Diane

Moved all but \$20,000 of the LOA account to German American. Opened savings, moving all but \$50,000

Need to set up online banking; bank working on improving our rate as well

Left the money in old accounts for any outstanding expenses.

⇒ Stamps.com – Candy to check what we're spending on stamps, determine if it is worth it.

Rob has been assisting with Quickbooks

⇒ Rob to train Diane on better use of Quickbooks

Rob, Brent to investigate documenting maintenance of finances

⇒ New board to refresh Board position binders

2. Update on Spillway Scott Towsley

Discussed with Brian at Burke on DNR actions re: initial analysis of nearby downstream structures & if they would be affected in the event of a dam breach. One concerning structure was a barn, the other was on a hill; neither would be a danger to residences, thus would not cause a re-classification of the dam.

If we request a full inundation study, it would be additional cost. Board feels that the initial analysis is sufficient unless DNR requests further study.

⇒ Scott to send letter to DNR outlining 3 steps requested in the meeting, with the 4<sup>th</sup> one opened & closed.

Burke's report – analysis said our dam meets 50% PMP.

Emergency spillway sand fuse core reliability: Documented analysis on how to trigger the emergency spillway by two methods:

- i. Grass cover - velocity of water on trigger channel during a flood event is greater than the erosion values for the grass.
  1. With grass, compaction is a factor. Water velocity would have to be greater to trigger.
- ii. Gravel cover – emergency spillway would also trigger, probably faster
- iii. Proposal is to remove the grass & replace with gravel. Gravel erosion values would overlap with the velocity of water. Burke recommended a size of gravel to use.
- iv. Estimates for construction is \$8,500 to \$30,000 depending on if we need to reconstruct the core of the emergency spillway
- v. In looking through the books, we may owe Burke some money for the analysis. Rob Daly & Scott to confirm
- vi. => Scott to put together information for the Annual meeting, to discuss if he's available.
- vii. => Rob Dailey to discuss the changes to the emergency spillway if Scott is not available (travel dependent)
- viii. Construction drawings for the bid still needs to be covered. Anticipate an additional \$5,000

3. Prep for EOY/Membership meeting

Rob Dailey/Diane/Candy

a. Tentative agenda, presentation materials

- i. Draft presentation Rob
  1. Rob, Brent to update slide show. That can be done during the next weeks
- ii. Draft budget presentation Diane & Rob Daly
  1. Budget – Rob Daly provided actual & proposed budget
  2. Spillway, slit work, new gate lock other items add to budget needs. Will be a deficit budget proposal this year. Many items are worst-case estimates, expect to spend less.
  3. Brent move to accept, Dean 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approve

b. Update on 1-, 3- & 5-year plans

Rob & Brent

c. Should be business oriented, move social proposals to social committee,

d. One year – emergency spillway

e. 3 year – dredging

f. 5 year – property, shelter house, dredging maintenance

g. Proxies & Info packages to be sent out (21 days prior to mtg)

Candy

- i. Must be sent this weekend
- ii. Add the few pages of the bylaws that will be changed to the mailing
- iii. Mailing: Letter, proxy, budget, 3 pages of the bylaws that will be changed.
- iv. Collect at Towsleys on Saturday to stuff envelopes – later in the day is better

h. Date, location, etc (Mar 6, 7 p.m. Hawcreek Conservation Club)

4. Update on Dredging/Spillway Brent
- a. Brent brought in sonar maps created by Heartland
  - b. 73,000 cubic yards if we go to the bottom of the lake. Heartland recommends staying 2 ft off the absolute bottom as the work becomes harder.
  - c. Main part of the lake has ~80,000 cubic yards.
  - d. They recommend start at bridge, work towards main lake, remove ~50,000 cubic yards. Their quote is reduced after seeing our lake.
  - e. The lake is not getting shallower at the shallow end. It is getting shallower further out in the lake
  - f. They do NOT recommend a silt pond, as it will not work for us. (Burke said the same)
  - g. For us, the bridge is causing turbulence for us & making the shallow end of the lake into a silt pond.
  - h. (Burke offered to do the flow analysis.)
  - i. Heartland recommends we dredge, have them return in 2 years to see what has come in in the 2 years since, calculate from there.
  - j. Close to shore, people can either take out their docks, or leave them in, push the silt around them out with a pump.
  - k. Dredge head is computer controlled based on target depth. Vacuum style dredge
  - l. Quote at \$485,000 for 50,000 cubic yards– mobilization, demobilization, creation of retention pond. \$7.25/cubic yard over that.
  - m. Can pump 3,000 feet without booster pump.
  - n. Suggest we purchase property for dumping dredge – would need about 10 acres that would be about 3 ft deep
  - o. They can set up a maintenance contract if we so desire
  - p. Told us about an agency that specializes in financing LOA projects
  - q. => Brent to contact financing group
  - r. Heartland reported that the way the lake hydraulics work, draining the lake every two years is actually detrimental to the lake. It causes the mud to be pushed further into the lake quicker.
  - s. They are willing to talk to board, LOA members, etc. as we need.
  - t. Could pursue selling the removed material.
  - u. After annual meeting, Brent to lead committee to pursue financing, references, property, etc.
  - v. Discuss at annual meeting, set up committee, further community meetings
  - w. Plan for actual dredging fall of 2020
  - x. How voting was handled during dam upgrade Candy
    - i. *It is not relevant, as the bylaws clearly state in Article IX, Section 4: “The Board of Directors shall not enter into any contract that would result in a new assessment or the increase in an existing assessment payable by the affected members of the association in the amount of more than 20% of the current annual dues for each affected member unless the board holds at least 2 association meetings concerning the contract and the contract is approved by the affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the affected members in good standing”*
5. Update on Smart Lock proposal, key distribution Rob Daly
- a. => Will not be able to have a smart lock in time this year, so Dean will obtain the new lock & 100 keys from Majors.
6. Action items Updates:
- a. Follow up on LOA park Rob Dailey
    - i. Part of lawyer discussion tomorrow – Rob, Rob & Brent tomorrow
  - b. *Follow up on dock, other maintenance (before spring)* Anthony

- i. Need something firm under dock by spring.
  - c. Follow up with lawyer on bylaws change, other Rob Dailey
    - i. Meeting tomorrow on park, bylaws, property & covenants
  - d. Cards to pass out at LOA meeting for committee volunteers Candy
    - i. Created, to be printed & passed out at meeting
  - e. Follow up on current committee members Candy
    - i. Presented, add slide in with thank you
  - f. Follow up on Indiana Business Entity Filing Candy (new, from email)
    - i. done
  - g. Follow up on GoDaddy account Candy, Diane
    - i. Need to change the credit card when we have a German American credit card.
    - ii. Need to remove former board members' names, personal credit cards for LOA business
    - iii. After board transitions, we need to develop a better transition plan.
  - h. Follow up on Lake Santee (selling dredging materials?) Dean
    - i. Dean has a contact – Brittney willing to sit with us, but would like to have an agenda in advance so she knows who to bring.
    - ii. Brent to put a blast on Facebook asking for dredging committee members, offer visit to Santee
7. Walk-in's Anyone
- a. Next meeting: Annual meeting March 6
  - b. Next board meeting: March 12, 7 p.m. Anthony's house
  - c. Move to close Diane, Anthony 2<sup>nd</sup> pass

**SLLOA Second Annual Meeting, Monthly Board Meeting**

Wednesday, March 13, 2018

7:03 p.m. Hawcreek Conservation Club

Second LOA Annual Meeting

Minimum Criteria needed for quorum met.

Budget Passed 38 yes /8 no

Bylaws Passed 40 yes/ 4 no

Dues Passed 44 yes /3 no

General Membership meeting closed

LOA Board Meeting.

Attendees:

Dean Parish

Diane Jekel

Rob Dailey

Rob Daly

Brent Engel

Candy Towsley

Motion to start the meeting

Rob Dailey 1st  
Rob Daly 2nd

Agenda:

February Minutes Approved

Treasurer Report:

Diane J.

Legal sent a check for \$2400.52 settlement for appeal where LOA won judgment.

-Settlement was never sent. Legal accounting department corrected and sent the settlement.

-Approved 3 OK to pay bills

-Accounts moved to German American

-Budget has been approved. We now need to work on getting the invoices mailed to LOA membership.

-Will work to get invoices printed by end of the week. Looks for mailing to go out early next week

3/18/19

LOA Annual Meeting Minutes

-Packet of SLLOA mailing (sent) to Legal for documentation.

-Additional items that needs send to legal:

-Copy of proxies

-Results of recorded votes at the meeting

-Copies of invoices.

-Lawyer needs 2017/2018 documentation for above items as well.

-Candy will look for previous documentation week of 3/18/19

Annual Meeting Feedback.

A couple of people that voted no on everything?

-Does the board need to reach out to the individuals for votes no? Look to understand why. This may be good feedback to reach out the community.

-Overall annual meeting went pretty well.

-Dredging comments were overall pretty positive. There were some concerns about the cost but others provided feedback in favor.

Update LOA emergency action plan:

-Candy will email out the current emergency action plan.

-Scott T will work to understand next steps

--Discussion with DNR about the necessary updates to the emergency action plans.

1. Names in the emergency action plan & names need updated.

1. Understand what the DNR is asking for from an emergency action plan standpoint and what's needed from DNR's standpoint.

Updates on 1-, 3- and 5-Year plans:

-No additional updates needed on these topics other than what was presented in during the LOA general membership meeting.

Update on Dredging/Spillway:



- Brent Engel to work on setting up Dredging committee meeting 1st of April
- Spillway. Burke Engineering is needing to draft the scope of work for the emergency spillway.
- Candy and Scott to understand the next step necessary for the spillway. Candy will update the board via email.
- Currently holding pattern with DNR. If we don't hear back before the end of March, Scott Towsley and Burke will reach out will reach out to DNR

#### Updates on meeting with lawyer:

- Discussed needed documents from annual meetings and vote records. Captured in above (LOA Meeting Minutes)
- Discussion on purchasing land for the LOA. Consider an LLC if the LOA determines to purchase the land
- Schaefer Lake Park. If purchased or given, may need to set up an LLC for that property
  - Depends largely on what are the needs of the property owner. LLC offers another layer of protection for legal for incidents on the land that the LOA would potentially own.
  - Next steps regarding Schaefer Lake Park is understand the terms of owners.
  - Set up another discussion with Chuck Lovelace.
  - Plan to rent the lot for 2019 for LOA usage for \$500. Can be used for multiple events.
  - Will also need to understand what this means from an insurance policy standpoint.
- Discussion on bylaws and covenants
  - LOA can re-write the covenants, but need to be smart about how we approach this topic
  - IE if 60 of lots have a shed, it may not be of best interest in putting that kind of language in the bylaws.
  - Covenants would be comprehensive across all lots.
  - Covenant Committee needing to be formed
  - Candy would be willing to participate on the covenant committee.
  - Ken Vorthmann would be willing to participate but not chair the committee.

#### Smart Gate and Lock Update

- Need to look at better gate lock options.
- How do other facilities do this?
- Initial quotes for sliding gate is \$10,000, not including the photo eyes and smart locks.
- Continuing to research options. Dean Parish is looking into options.
- Anthony to look at options to secure the gates open to prevent from opening up in the open position.

#### Valve Maintenance

- Anthony to look into greasing of the valve mechanics

#### Key distribution proposal

- Dues need to be paid in full, watercraft registration form.
- Announce Board we will be at the dam at this date and time pick up your key and sticker.
- If you can't meet at the ramp at X date and time. Please see a board member for the key and sticker.
- Please allow 10 days to get your keys and sticker.
- Need to get Rising Sun Aquatics needs a key for the ramp.

#### Volunteer on Card Responses

- Candy emailed out.

- Dredging Rick Gardner,
- Social Susan Brown. Jamie Champlin
- Covenants Ken Vorthmann

#### Bylaw Changes

- Bylaws approved. Need to get this information over to the lawyer.

#### GO Daddy LOA Account

- Update to LOA credit card.
- We don't want to have a debit card for a payment. It's more difficult to dispute fraudulent charges on a debit card.
- Will look into getting a new credit card for LOA online payments, IE Website.

#### Stamps.com

- Account canceled due to high monthly cost.

#### Board Transition Plans

- Need to work on transition plans for future board turnover.
- Will continue discussion going forward.

#### Appointment board members and officers.

- Rob Dailey appointed to the board for an additional term. Motion made by Rob Daly, All approved
- Rob Dailey nominated as president. Rob Daly, All approved.
- Brent Engel nominated as Vice President. Rob Daly, All approved
- Diane Jekel nominated as treasurer. Rob Daly, All approved
- Candy Towsley nominated as secretary. Diane Jekel, All approved.

#### Silt Study inflow study (Burke Engineering)

##### Items to be included

- Impact of lowering the lake and impacts on rate of fill.
- Data to understand how much silt and flow. Determine yearly inflow. Needed to determine how often dredging maintenance would be needed.
- Rob Daly motion to move forward with the silt study. Diane J seconded.

#### Lake Santee Discussion for Dredging.

- Dean will be following up post 1st dredging meeting.

#### Next meeting

April 9. Location to be determined.

#### Meeting adjourn.

Rob Daly, Diane J seconded.

## **Helpful information links**

### **SLLOA website:**

[sloa.com/](http://sloa.com/)

### **The Republic daily newspaper in Columbus:**

[therepublic.com](http://therepublic.com)

### **Town of Hope, 404 Jackson St., Hope**

[Townofhope.org](http://Townofhope.org)

### **HSJ (Hope Star Journal) Online:**

[hsjonline.org/](http://hsjonline.org/)

### **Community Center of Hope, 543 Washington St., Hope**

[communitycenterofhope.org/](http://communitycenterofhope.org/)

### **Yellow Trail Museum, 644 Main St., Hope**

[yellowtrailmuseum.wixsite.com/yellowtrailmuseum](http://yellowtrailmuseum.wixsite.com/yellowtrailmuseum)

### **Columbus Area Visitors Center**

[columbus.in.us/](http://columbus.in.us/)

### **Bartholomew County Public Library (536 Fifth St., Columbus; 635 Harrison St., Hope)**

<https://www.mybcpl.org/home>



## **From the newsletter editor**

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