



# Schaefer Lake Newsletter

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Non-lake residents fished along the State Road 900E bridge, where new “no-fishing” signs had recently been posted. Other signs regarding trespassing and parking can be found at the boat launch and the State Road 500N dam. Greater compliance is being sought. (Tom Jekel photos)

## New signs aim to reduce trespassing

The Schaefer Lake Lot Owners Association has taken steps to address ongoing trespassing and safety issues on private property surrounding the lake. New “No trespassing/private property” and “No fishing” signs have been placed on the far ends of Schaefer Lake – at the boat launch, the nearby dam on County Road 500N and the bridge on County Road 900E.

Board president Rob Dailey and vice president Brent Engel in mid-July installed two sets of these signs at the dam, two more at the ramp and four sets along the 900E bridge.

Previous signs that had been posted were old and faded, Dailey said.

“Some of the signs were vandalized and torn down as well,” Engel added, although a few that were in good shape were left in place.

People who are not association members were observed fishing or otherwise trespassing on association property on nearly a daily basis during May and June, Dailey said.

“The liability of having people on the dam or bridge end getting hurt is the key,” Engel said. “When Robby and I were on the dam putting up signs, you don't realize how far down the spillway is. We've seen people letting young kids run free in this space. (People) need to be safe and keep off these areas.”

State law does not allow fishing within 300 yards downstream of a dam, but fishing off the bridges and trespassing on lake property and personal property has increased, Engel said in an Aug. 18 post on Facebook.

Following discussion during the Aug. 25 SLLOA board meeting, talks with the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department are planned on enforcing the no-fishing rules.

Although there is also a “no fishing” sign posted at the boat launch, this sign is intended for people who aren't SLLOA members. People who are association members can fish from the boat ramp, Dailey said.

Besides the issues of safety and liability, the board is also working to prevent the soil and materials making up the berm adjacent to the 500E dam from getting packed down and potentially impacting the emergency spillway's ability to function correctly if a high-water event were to occur.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources wants as little foot traffic on the berm as possible, Dailey said.

Now that the signs are up, the next important step is enforcement.

The SLLOA board is asking members to help enforce the private-property rules and signage around the lake.

“Kindly ask them where they live on the lake if they don't recognize them,” Dailey said. “If they are not SLLOA members, let them know it's private property and they can't fish here.”

If trespassers refuse to leave, residents can call the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department central dispatch operations at 812-379-1689.

“It's every member's responsibility to keep trespassers away, not just the board,” Dailey said, while recognizing that not everyone is comfortable confronting trespassers.

The new no-trespassing signs say violators will be prosecuted. Erecting clear and visible signs eliminates the excuse that someone didn't know it was private property, Dailey said.

## **No picnic this year due to pandemic**

The Schaefer Lake Lot Owners Association board of directors has decided against holding the annual fall picnic this year. Due to social-distancing guidelines issued for Indiana, gatherings like the picnic -- featuring close contact with others -- are being cancelled for the protection of lake residents.

# Healthy Living Recipe

By Shannon Dailey

## Whole Wheat Banana Pancakes

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup white whole wheat flour or regular whole wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder (not baking soda!)
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon fine sea salt
- ⅔ cup milk of choice
- ½ cup mashed ripe banana (from one large banana), plus another banana for slicing on top
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup or honey, plus more for serving
- 2 tablespoons melted unsalted butter or coconut oil
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- Optional toppings: sliced banana, maple syrup, peanut butter or almond butter



### INSTRUCTIONS

1. If you're using an electric skillet, preheat it to 350 degrees Fahrenheit now. In a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Whisk to blend.
2. In a smaller bowl, combine the milk, mashed banana, egg, maple syrup, butter and vanilla. Whisk until blended. Pour the liquid mixture into the flour mixture and mix just until combined.
3. If you are not using an electric skillet, heat a heavy cast iron skillet or nonstick griddle over medium-low heat. You're ready to start cooking pancakes once a drop of water sizzles on contact with the hot surface. If necessary, lightly oil the cooking surface with additional butter or coconut oil, carefully wiping up excess with a paper towel (nonstick surfaces likely won't require any oil).
4. Using a ⅓-cup measuring cup, scoop the batter onto the hot skillet, leaving a couple of inches around each pancake for expansion. Cook until small bubbles form on the surface of the pancakes, 2 to 3 minutes (you'll know it's ready to flip when about ½-inch of the perimeter is matte instead of glossy).
5. Flip the pancakes, then cook until lightly golden on both sides, 1 to 2 minutes more. Repeat the process with the remaining batter, adding more butter or oil and adjusting the heat as necessary.
6. Serve immediately or keep warm in a 200 degree Fahrenheit oven. If desired, top individual servings with a spread of peanut or almond butter and/or sliced bananas, and serve with more maple syrup or honey on the side.
7. Leftover pancakes can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 3 days, or frozen for up to 3 months. To reheat, stack leftover pancakes and wrap them in a paper towel before gently reheating in the microwave

## Minutes of recent board discussion, actions

### SLLOA Board Meeting

7 p.m. April 14, 2020

#### 1. Secretary position

Scott Towsley agreed to serve as secretary with help

When do we have to submit the secretary position with the Secretary of the State of Indiana? Check with Candy on when this was done and has to be done

#### 2. Dues

Current deposits stand at \$47,000 as of 4/14, which is 47 lots. One additional lot paid \$500 on 4/14 with the remainder to come in a few months.

What is the process on lots paying half of dues? Do they get a key when they pay half?

Proposal: If people ask for flexibility on payments, they need to pay by July 1. A key will be provided when half of the dues are paid. Unanimous vote to approve.

#### 3. Open discussion/walk ins.

Brent provided a brief update on dredging. Two more options for where to put the dredge material came to light. Brent will continue to investigate and will keep the board informed. Also, another interested company to perform the dredging was found.

### SLLOA Board Meeting

7 p.m. June 24, 2020

Attendance: Rob Dailey, Rob Daly, Dean Parrish, Jen Hellmich, Diane Jekel, Scott Towsley, Brent Engel, Brad Anderson

#### 1. April Minutes approved

#### 2. Treasurer's Report & Financial Update (Diane Jekel)

- Send new statements with late fees to overdue lots
- Reviewed financial report and lots outstanding. Lots that have not reached out to the treasurer should have the late fee applied. There are 2 lots that still owe 2019 dues. Late letters will be sent to all lots that are past due. Currently, the lots in good standing is about 90%

#### 3. Update on emergency spillway progress (Scott Towsley)

- Quoting with Jeremiah Percival excavating, expecting the quote in about 2 weeks.

#### 4. Update on Dredging (Brent Engel)

- Brent connected with Bart Z with Heartland dredging. Their future calendar is opening, possible to be able to start yet in 2020.
- Also met with Jeremiah Percival. Mechanical style dredging. He is currently working at Tipton Lakes dredging certain fingers. Quote will come in approximately 2 weeks.

#### 5. Directories – When to publish and how many (Scott Towsley)

- Jen Hellmich offered to help
- Board agreed to print 150

#### 6. Welcome Committee (Scott Towsley)

- Who is the board member on this committee?
- Current committee is Susan Brown and Candy Towsley
- Dean Parrish volunteer to chair the committee with Kim to also join the group

#### 7. Dam Maintenance (Anthony Paul)

- Log at the ramp – Dean is taking the lead on removing the log.
- Emergency spillway cleanup – Anthony will take the lead on organizing the cleanup
- Toe week prevention – Anthony will take the lead on organizing the cleanup

#### 8. Yard sale – This weekend, June 27

9. Signage – Complaints have been received about non-lake people fishing from the dam and 900E bridge. Proposal: Investigate ordering new signs for both the dam and bridge communicating this
10. Fall Picnic – Delay discussion until next month
11. Water Samples – Results are in: Levels are well below state acceptable levels, ecoli: 3, 2, 6.1 MPN
12. Annual Tasks Due (all board members)
  - Secretary to send membership meeting results to legal (Scott Towsley)
  - Update Website with new board, board officers (Candy Towsley)
  - Update Emergency Action Plan (Scott Towsley)

Further updates needed for new board members, reconfirm with Scott that it now meets DNR expectations
13. Action items Updates:
  - Follow up on welcome committee coasters (Candy Towsley)
  - Need to deliver cozies to new welcome committee
  - Bylaw and convents committee (Rob Daly)
    - In the revision work to be done, need to add a statement about using the lake is at your own risk. Will probably need legal review.
    - Need to look through plats at courthouse for covenants.
  - Directory reprint (Candy Towsley)  
Jerrilou Cole assisting to gather data, C4 will print.
  - Setting up LLC for property purchase, on hold
  - Follow up on LOA park, on hold for LLC  
Make an action item to resolve a plan with Chuck Lovelace and long-term plan for the “park lot.”
  - Insurance Forms (Rob Dailey)  
Rob has reached out to Warble
  - New siphon pump (Brent Engel)
  - Add the communication about when the 2-foot draw down pipe is opened into the annual task list
14. Walk In’s
  - New owners of the Richardson’s are parking their cars close the road on the corner. Diane Jekel inform them about the concern and bring them a welcome basket.

Next-meeting topics

1. Discuss what we should do with the two lots still outstanding
2. Next meeting 7 p.m. July 23 at Brad Anderson’s house.

**SLLOA Board Meeting  
7 p.m. July 23, 2020**

Attendance: Rod Dailey, Rob Daly, Dean Parrish, Jen Hellmich, Diane Jekel (by phone), Scott Towsley, Brad Anderson, Anthony Paul (by phone)

1. June Minutes approved
2. Treasurer’s Report & Financial Update (Diane Jekel)
  - Late notices have been sent. Financial report sent to board members. Dues outstanding \$14,342.08. Wait until next meeting to see if outstanding lots have made arrangements, then make a decision on next steps.
3. Update on emergency spillway progress (Scott Towsley)
  - Awaiting quote from Jeremiah Percival, follow-up sent
4. Update on Dredging (Brent Towsley)
  - Awaiting quote from Jeremiah Percival, follow-up sent

5. Directories – When to publish and how many (Scott Towsley)
  - Not ordered yet. Candy has contacted the printers to obtain a quote. The cost is a little over \$300 which includes the printing of 150 copies and some labor for set-up.
6. Welcome Committee (Dean Parrish)
7. Dam Maintenance (Anthony Paul)
  - Log at the ramp – Dean took lead on removing the log.
  - Emergency spillway cleanup – Anthony will take the lead on organizing the cleanup. Anthony had contacted Tim Herron to spray the dam, emergency spillway, and the toe of the dam. Tim Herron, we believe, has sprayed the dam. Anthony had spoken to him about performing this work.
  - Toe week prevention – Anthony will take the lead on organizing the cleanup
8. Signage – Issues? (Diane Jekel/Rob Dailey)
  - Installed 2 sets (no trespassing and no fishing) on the dam, 2 at the ramp and 4 sets at the bridge on 900E. We need to get a section added to the next newsletter to communicate guidance to the general lake owners. Scott will do this as part of publishing the newsletter content.
9. Fall Picnic – What is the plan? Board voted to cancel this year's SLLOA yearly picnic due to COVID concerns.
10. Annual Tasks Due (all board members)
  - Secretary to send membership meeting results to legal (Scott Towsley)
  - Update Website with new board, board officers (Candy Towsley)
  - Update Emergency Action Plan (Scott Towsley)

Further updates needed for new board members, reconfirm with Scott that it now meets DNR expectations
11. Action items Updates:
  - Follow up on welcome committee coasters (Candy Towsley)
  - Need to deliver cozies to new welcome committee
  - Bylaw and covenants committee (Rob Daly)
    - In the revision work to be done, need to add a statement about using the lake is at your own risk. Will probably need legal review.
    - Need to look through plats at courthouse for covenants.
  - Directory reprint (Candy Towsley)
    - i. Jerrilou Cole assisting to gather data, C4 will print. Scott to discuss with Candy
  - Social Committee
    - Beth Steinkoenig and Grenda Renner are willing to be a part of the Social Committee. Jen is volunteered to be the Board representative on the committee
  - Setting up LLC for property purchase on hold
  - Follow up on LOA park (on hold for LLC)
    - i. Make an action item to resolve a plan with Chuck Lovelace & long-term plan for the “park lot.”
  - New siphon pump Brent
  - Add the communication about when the 2’ draw down pipe is opened into the annual task list
12. Walk In’s
  - A request was brought to the Board by a Board Member. A SLLOA resident has asked a Board member about whether an above ground pool is allowed. The Board discussed and voted on the request. The decision was to not allow the above ground pool request.
  - Who has the updated Rules and Regulations? All to look at their respective records for the latest version.

- Lot owner (off resident) has inquired about adding additional dock parking/slips at the ramp. Diane to follow-up with the lot owner about whether their request was for permanent or day parking

13. Next meeting: where, when, who host?

14. Move to close

Next meeting topics

3. Discuss what we should do with the two lots still outstanding
4. Next meeting 7 p.m. Aug. 25th at Brad Anderson's house.

### **SLLOA Board Meeting**

7 p.m. Aug. 25, 2020

In attendance: Rod Dailey, Rob Daly, Dean Parrish, Jen Hellmich, Scott Towsley, Brad Anderson, Anthony Paul

1. Review July Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report & Financial Update (Diane Jekel)
  - Action Item from July meeting: Discuss what we should do with the two lots still outstanding. Did we send a second notice to the outstanding lots? Who is left?
  - Treasurer's report will be sent out electronically next week.
3. Update on emergency spillway progress (Scott Towsley)
  - Jeremiah provided a verbal quote of about \$19,500. He will be providing a written formal quote soon. Next step after receipt of the quote is to approach Burke to gain its concurrence to use Jeremiah for the construction of the emergency spillway.
4. Update on Dredging (Brent Engel)
  - See Brent Engel's email for his update.
  - Discussed macro plan for next steps
    - Arrange location for silt deposition
    - Get final quotes
    - Information meetings prior for general lake owners understanding leading up to a final vote on the dredging at the 2021 general membership meeting.
5. Directories (Scott Towsley)
  - Need to get contact information for lot 9.
6. Welcome Committee (Dean Parrish)
  - Kim to reach out to Candy to prepare for the new owners of the Lewis' house
7. Dam Maintenance (Anthony Paul)
  - Anthony received a quote from Aquatic Control for killing the weeds along the shoreline. This will be added to the 2021 general membership meeting.
  - Discussed sealing the asphalt on the ramp. Anthony to get three quotes to seal the boat ramp. Target would be to have the ramp sealed in the month of September. Anthony to email out the bids.
8. Annual Tasks Due (all board members)
  - Secretary to send membership meeting results to legal (Scott Towsley)
  - Update Website with new board, board officers (Candy Towsley)
  - Update Emergency Action Plan (Scott Towsley)
    - Further updates needed for new board members, reconfirm with Scott that it now meets DNR expectations
9. Action items Updates:
  - Follow up on welcome committee coasters (Candy Towsley)
  - Need to deliver cozies to new welcome committee
  - Bylaw and convents committee (Rob Daly)

- In the revision work to be done, need to add a statement about using the lake is at your own risk. Will probably need legal review.
- Need to look through plats at courthouse for covenants.
- Rob was provided the covenants for 11 lakes to use as references
- Follow up on LOA park, on hold for LLC.
  - Make an action item to resolve a plan with Chuck Lovelace and long-term plan for the “park lot.”
- New siphon pump (Brent Engel)
- Add the communication about when the 2-foot, draw-down pipe is opened into the annual task list
- Who has the updated Rules and Regulations? Jen sent them after the last meeting. Scott to check with Candy on whether the latest Rules and Regulations are posted on the website. If they are not, then put the latest on the website.

#### 10. Walk In's

- Excessive speed of cars driving around the lake. Can we get speed signs posted? Rob Daily thinks there is a website to request the county to add speed signs to the roads around the lake
  - Anthony to visit the new resident from the sheriff's department about whether deputies are patrolling the lake, and if they see people fishing from the bridges to ask them to leave. Rob Daily and Brent to assist in points for Anthony to bring up to the officer.
- Next meeting 7 p.m. Sept 23 at Brad Anderson's house.

### Our leadership team

Officers and other board members on the 2020 Schaefer Lake Lot Owners Association board: President – Rob Dailey; Vice President – Brent Engel; Treasurer – Diane Jekel; Secretary – Scott Towsley; and members at large – Rob Daly, Anthony Paul, Dean Parrish, Brad Anderson, and Jennifer Hellmich.



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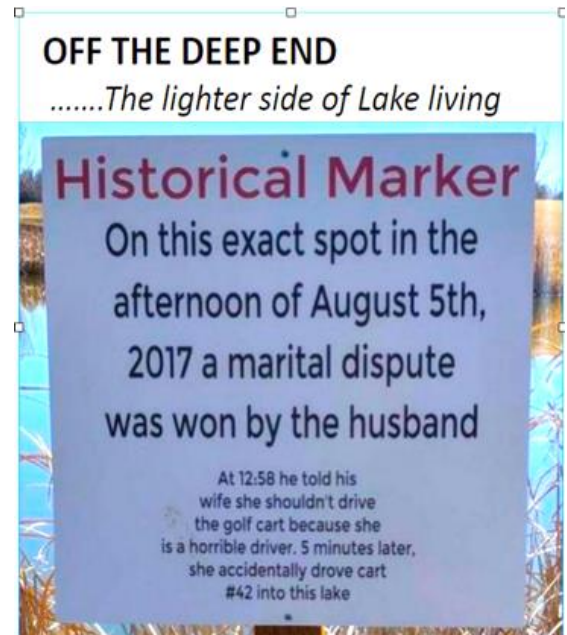
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