



Schaefer Lake Newsletter

March 2022
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2 nominated to fill board openings; 1 more SLLOA candidate needed

Three board positions will be open when the new fiscal year for the Schaefer Lake Lot Owners Association begins following the March 30 annual meeting.

- Board president Rob Dailey is completing his second three-year term on the board. Term limits prevent Dailey from seeking a third straight term on the Schaefer Lake Lot Owners Association board.
- Board treasurer Rob Daly is completing a three-year term, but won't be seeking re-election at this year's annual meeting.
- Brad Anderson's three-year term also expires, but Anderson has agreed to serve one additional year to complete the final year of Brett Engel's term. Engel, who previously served a six-year term on the board, has served five years in his second stint on the board, most recently as vice president, and has expressed a desire to step down.

The SLLOA nomination committee has placed the names of lot owners Ben Coy and Schuyler Marks on the proxy ballot, sent to property owners in a recent mailing.

- Ben Coy and his wife Sarah moved to Schaefer Lake in September 2020. They live at 16022 E. Lakeshore Drive S.
- Schuyler Marks and his wife Tracy moved to Schaefer Lake in December 2020. They live at 16052 E. Lakeshore Drive S.

However, with three openings, the board is seeking at least one more Schaefer Lake property owner to run serve for a three-year term. Board candidates can express their interest by sending an email to Schaefer.lake@yahoo.com, or voice their interest in person at this year's annual meeting, 7 p.m. March 30 at the Haw Creek Conservation Club, 8140 N. County Road 900 E, just east of Schaefer Lake.

Rounding out the 2021-2022 SLLOA board are secretary Scott Towsley and members-at-large Dean Parish, Jen Hellmich and Ken Miller, whose terms are not expiring this year.



Association seeks residents to serve on committees

Schaefer Lake lot owners are being sought to serve on committees for the upcoming year. Volunteers are needed for all four committees: Social (welcoming, annual picnic and other events); facilities (lake maintenance); covenants (review of records); and dredging.

Residents willing to help out, or who would like more information before they commit, can send an email to Schaefer.lake@yahoo.com, or volunteer at the March 30 annual meeting.



Signs of spring: Fresh shoots of flower buds and getting pontoons out of storage for the season.

Minutes of recent board discussions, actions

SLLOA Board Meeting

8 p.m. Dec 14, 2021 8 p.m. via Zoom

In attendance: Rob Daly, Rob Dailey, Brent Engel, Dean Parish, Jen Hellmich, Scott Towsley and Ken Miller

November 2021 meeting minutes approved

Treasurer's report and financial update (Rob Daly)

Update on emergency spillway progress (Scott Towsley)

- It was brought up about the potential for someone to mistakenly drive onto the backside of the emergency spillway area. Should the board install signs to keep people off the emergency spillway? Scott to investigate the cost of signs for the emergency spillway.
- Burke Engineering is working on the as-built drawings post-construction of the emergency spillway. Upon reviewing the survey data, it appeared that the trigger notch in the new emergency spillway is not meeting the design print requirements. Burke Engineering has contacted Percival Excavating about returning to the site to make the necessary minor modifications. Scott Towsley will be working with Percival and Burke on the corrections.

Update on Dredging (Brent Engel)

- Jen Hellmich inquired about more neighboring property to lease for deposit of dredged material. Part of the acreage is under contract and not available. Owner has contacted Heartland to schedule a site visit to check feasibility of use. Board members to also attend site visit when planned.

Welcome Committee (Dean Parish)

- Targeting distribution to all newcomers within the year. Welcome basket will consist of 4 coasters and 2 koozies, a current SLLOA directory, lake rules and regulations, bylaws, boat registration, and Indiana boat rule book

Dam Maintenance (Dean Parish)

- Need to repair one support pole on dock at ramp

Annual Tasks Due (from Task list)

Update Emergency Action Plan (Scott Towsley)

- Further updates needed for new board members, reconfirm with Scott that it now meets DNR expectations
- Publish newsletter

Action items updates:

- Bylaw and covenants committee (Brad Anderson)

In the revision work to be done, need to add a statement about using the lake is at your own risk. This will need legal review.

Need to look through plats at courthouse for covenants.

- Followup on LOA park, on hold for LLC.
Make an action item to resolve a plan with Chuck Lovelace regarding long-term plan for the "park lot."

Annual meeting

- Rob Dailey will create a draft version of the annual meeting presentation, including annual budget.
- Board member whose terms are ending: Rob Dailey, Rob Daly and Brad Anderson
- Target date for annual meeting is March 23, 2022, the week after school spring break. Mailing materials would have to be sent out by Feb. 21, 2022

Next meeting: 8 p.m. Jan. 12 on Zoom

SLLOA board meeting

8 p.m. Jan. 12, 2022 via Zoom

In Attendance: Rob Dailey, Brent Engel, Dean Parish, Jen Hellmich, Scott Towsley, Brad Anderson

December 2021 meeting minutes approved

Treasurer's Report and financial update (Rob Dailey)

Update on emergency spillway progress (Scott Towsley)

- Burke, in reviewing the survey data of the emergency spillway, noticed that the critical feature of the pilot channel was roughly 3 inches lower than it should be. Burke has arranged with Percival Excavation to return to Schaefer Lake on Jan. 14 to add gravel up to the necessary pilot channel height. After this is verified with the surveyors who will also be on site, Burke can continue working on completion of the as-built drawings, then present the documentation to the Indiana DNR in first quarter of this year.

Update on Dredging (Brent Engel)

- SLLOA has set up a visit to a second neighboring property with Heartland Dredging to review the site as a potential silt deposit site. No additional conversation with other neighboring property owners has taken place since the last time.

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- Board member whose terms are ending: Rob Dailey, Rob Daly and Brad Anderson. Will reach out for potential new board members.
- Target date for annual meeting is March 30, with a backup date of March 31. Meeting notification mailing would have to be sent out to members by March 4, or 21 days in advance of the annual membership meeting.

Next meeting: 8 p.m. Feb. 15 on Zoom

SLLOA board meeting

8 p.m. Feb. 15, 2022 via Zoom

In attendance: Rob Daly, Rob Dailey, Brent Engel, Dean Parish, Jen Hellmich, Scott Towsley, Brad Anderson and Ken Miller

January 2022 meeting minutes approved

Treasurer’s report and financial update (Rob Daly)

- Two lots remain for outstanding dues in 2021. SLLOA has received one payment for 2022.
- Reviewed the 2021 actuals and 2022 proposed budget. All approved the proposed 2022 budget.

Update on emergency spillway progress (Scott Towsley)

Burke Engineering, Land Surveyors and Percival Excavation returned Jan. 15 to fine-tune the pilot channel heights to meet the design intent. All correction work was completed on the emergency spillway. Project completion documentation was filed Feb. 15 with the Indiana DNR. Emergency Spillway project is complete. Final invoices should roll in from Burke during March.

Update on Dredging (Brent Engel)

- Met with neighboring property owner #2 in January to walk the property with Heartland Dredging to assess for possible silt deposit site. There is a lot of acreage, but it has a significant

number of valleys that will increase the cost of building containment berms. Overall, the property can hold approximately 75,000 cubic yards, although it would require added cost for a high berm. The property owner is currently thinking over the cost of leasing the property to SLLOA.

- Heartland Dredging is estimating the capacity of yardage that can be put on another neighboring property. Next step: Meet with neighboring property owner #3 about using their property. Possible options are:

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- Board member whose terms are ending: Rob Dailey, Rob Daly and Brad Anderson. Will continue to reach out for potential new board members.

- Annual meeting set for 7 p.m. March 30, 2022 at Hawcreek Conservation Club. Backup date to be March 31. Annual meeting mailing for notification to members must be postmarked by March 4 or 21 days in advance of the meeting.
- Presenters: Rob Dailey, overall presentation; Brent Engel, dredging project; Scott Towsley, spillway project; Rob Daly, budget
- Two prospective board members nominated for open positions: Ben Coy, Schuyler Marks
- Jerrilou Cole has volunteered to help with the welcome committee starting in June 2022

Next meeting: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 30 at Hawcreek Conservation Club

OFF THE DEEP END

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



By Mike Champlin

Our leadership team

Members of the 2021-2022 Schaefer Lake Lot Owners Association board: Rob Dailey, president; Brent Engel, vice president; Scott Towsley, secretary; Rob Daly, treasurer; and Dean Parish, Brad Anderson, Jen Hellmich and Ken Miller.

Helpful information links

SLLOA website: slloa.com/

The Republic daily newspaper in Columbus: therepublic.com

Town of Hope, 404 Jackson St., Hope: Townofhope.org

HSJ (Hope Star Journal) Online: hsjonline.org/

Community Center of Hope, 543 Washington St., Hope: communitycenterofhope.org/

Yellow Trail Museum, 644 Main St., Hope: yellowtrailmuseum.wixsite.com/yellowtrailmuseum

Bartholomew County Public Library (635 Harrison St., Hope): mybcpl.org/home

