

A Letter to the Association

Dear Dunlap Lake Property Owners Association Members:

In July, the Board voted to hire an accounting firm to review our financial records for the past five years. He found approximately \$35,000 in unaccounted for transactions over that time period and a transfer of \$37,000 into our account by the Association Treasurer from her own account in August of last year. When confronted with this information, she acknowledged using money from the Association account for personal use and explained that the \$37,000 transfer was a repayment.

At this time, the Board is satisfied that the Association's bank account has been made whole and that the potential costs of litigation would far exceed the amount of unpaid interest - if any - that might be recovered. After consulting an attorney, the Board also decided not to pursue criminal prosecution against the treasurer. The principal reasons are that the money has been recovered; she is remorseful; probation would be the likely result, her family members would needlessly suffer; and the Association would receive no benefit.

We are grateful to Virginia Bryan for agreeing to act as our interim treasurer through the remainder of the current term.

This experience has caused the Board to examine some of our operating procedures. The hiring of an accountant to maintain the financial records and a bond requirement of our treasurers are currently under consideration.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alan Orbals, President, DLPOA

Treasurer's Report, March 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005

Expenses by Committee :

Administration

Newsletter, mailings, web page, storage,
etc. \$ 2,750

Building

0

Commons

Mowing, maintenance
20,982

Contractor Compliance

0

Dam & Maintenance

Inspection, mowing
2,495

Finance

Audit Compilation
8,250

Fish & Wildlife

Fishing Derby, Stocking lake, etc.
1,719

Legal

1,007

Meetings & Elections

Holiday party, mailings, etc.
726

Restrictions

0

Safety

0

Silt & Erosion

Contractor expenses, Deposit on lot
11,965

Total**\$49,896**

Assessments collected during period

\$ 60,376

Interest on Savings

\$ 1,737

Checking Account

\$ 3,618

Savings Account

\$157,402**Total Assets****\$161,020**

If you know of changes in ownership or neighbors who do not receive our newsletters and other mailings, please contact me, or Judy Budzileni so that our records may be kept current. Do you have questions or comments about the budget? Call or email me. 656-1121, ybryan@siue.edu.

Virginia Bryan, Treasurer

Dam & Maintenance

As we boat, walk, bike or drive around our lake, we don't give much thought to what makes our lake possible, but that's the way that the Dam and Maintenance Committee likes it. The upkeep of the lake and the Association's property is something that we all take for granted.

At first glance the dam looks like a simple thing, but there was a great deal of thought and engineering that went into its creation. It's the Dam and Maintenance Committee's responsibility to keep the lake where it belongs. We care for the dam and the equipment that maintains the level of the lake.

The dam is an earthen structure that holds back the once small stream that now makes up the lake, the mass of the dam must be great enough to resist the water pressure at it's base. Keeping the dam mowed and the riprap weed free is the best way of keeping the dam sound. With the grass mowed and weeds cleared we can walk the dam's length and spot problems before they become serious.

The tower that you see in front of the dam is the primary control structure for the lake. The tower contains the gate and it's lifting gear, which allows us to dewater the lake. The tower itself controls the level of the lake by its height. It works like the overflow drain in your bathroom sink, when the water level gets too high it flows over the edge of the tower and through a tunnel under the dam to the stream on the dam's backside.

The spillway off to the side of the tower is really just a backup system for the tower. The crest of the spillway is about 1 foot higher than the height of the tower. When there is a severe storm and the amount of water flowing into the lake is greater than the tower can handle the spillway takes the extra. Without the spillway the dam would be topped which ultimately would lead to the failure of the Dam.

So next time you go out on the lake and go by the dam think about what it takes to make a lake.

Russ Budzileni Chairman

George Lynch Committee Member

Elections Committee Report

The Dunlap Lake Property Owners Association consists of 15 Board Members elected in staggered three (3) year terms. Every year, five Board member terms expire. This process promotes continuity within the management of the Association each year as well as providing opportunity for change/new participation each year. The fiscal year starts in March and nominations for the expiring Board seats are accepted from the floor of the Annual Meeting held each year in February. Election ballots are sent to each member following the Annual Meeting (assuming there are more nominations than positions available) and new board members are welcomed at the March Board Meeting.

The agenda for the March meeting includes the election of Board Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and appointment of Committee Chairs and members. Board meetings are held once a month, usually the last Monday evening of each month starting at 7 p.m. Committees sometimes meet prior to the monthly Board meeting or at a date and time convenient for the participating members. Members do not have to be elected to the Board to participate on Committees. Treasurer and Committee reports will be provided at the Annual Meeting.

For 2006, the expiring three year terms are held by: Larry Ahrens, 130 Cottage; Karen Aplin, 1 Ora Jane; Jude LeTourneau, 319 Thomas Terrace; Jim Otwell, 312 West Lake; and Toni Siler, East Lake (lot). Jude LeTourneau resigned and Karen Aplin and Jim Otwell will retire. Larry Ahrens and Toni Siler will seek another three-year term. In addition to the three-year term expirations, two (2) additional Board positions are being vacated. Don Hamilton, 1500 East Lake, is resigning. His term expires in 2007, therefore nominations will be accepted to fill this remaining one (1) year term. Sue Frey, 211 Thomas Terrace is resigning. Nominations will be accepted to fill this remaining two (2) year term. Seven (7) Board positions are available in 2006, five – 3 year terms, one – 1 year term and one – 2 year term.

We encourage all members to consider this opportunity to participate in the management of our Association, which is really the management of our most treasured asset, Dunlap Lake. Do you have questions? Please call Election Committee members Barb Freeland, Marcia Wever or Karen Aplin.

Barbara Freeland, Committee member

Meetings and Elections Committee

The Dunlap Lake Association's Board of Directors has five three-year positions, one two-year position, and one one-year position open. Nominations for these positions will be accepted at the next Annual Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 7 p.m. An optional meal, for a small fee, will be served before the meeting begins. Invitations will be sent when details are available.

Here is some general information about Board Committees and Offices:

The President brings meetings to order and leads discussions about the agenda items for meetings. The President doesn't vote, unless it is to break a tie, but can be influential in the decision-making processes as the agenda items are discussed.

The Vice-President takes over the duties of the President when he/she is unavailable, helps with organizational duties, and does have a vote.

The Treasurer keeps the financial records and produces reports on the state of our accounts. This position will be changing after elections due to the situation the Board became aware of when an audit compilation was performed last summer while we were looking for ways to finance the Silt Project as described in the Cochran and Wilken Report. Changes may include hiring an accountant or service provider to handle our financial records.

The Secretary keeps meeting minutes, compiles the newsletter, keeps records produced by the board such as financial statements, minutes, committee reports, letters and documents concerning Lake business. Currently, the secretary also manages the Dunlap Lake web site, which can be done by anyone qualified to do it.

Committees :

The Building Committee is responsible for reviewing and issuing building permits for new homes, home additions, docks, or any other building project around the home. Written guidelines, city ordinances, and Dunlap Lake restrictions are to be followed.

The Commons Area Committee is responsible for upkeep, cleaning, and maintenance of the common areas around the Lake.

The Contractor Compliance Committee oversees projects around the lake to be sure the contractors are in compliance with city and lake ordinances and restrictions.

Dam and Maintenance is responsible for mowing and maintenance of the dam. This committee makes sure the dam is mowed regularly; the spillway clear of debris, and the dam is checked by professionals on a regular basis.

The Finance Committee is in a state of change due to recent discoveries. The committee's duties will be discussed at the next few meetings.

The Fish & Wildlife Committee stocks the lake with fish, monitors fish quantities, is responsible for the trapping and removal unwanted animals, such as muskrats and beavers, and plans the annual fishing derby.

The Legal Committee is responsible for handling any legal questions and correspondence with our attorney.

Meetings and Elections is responsible for setting up meetings, writing ballots and overseeing elections.

The Restrictions Committee handles requests for copies of the Restrictions, responds to member/owners reporting possible restriction violations, helps property owners who are not in compliance when complaints or violations of the Restrictions are brought to the committee's attention. Occasionally, the Restrictions are updated.

The Safety Committee issues boat stickers and patrols the lake, handling any safety issues or violations.

The Silt & Erosion Committee was formed to study and implement ways to prevent silt from coming into the lake as much as possible, and to consider dredging of parts of the lake. We have an engineering report from Cochran and Wilken and another previous report from the Department of Natural Resources stating the need for dredging and silt retention basins at the south end of the lake. The Silt and Erosion Committee is currently looking into ways to finance this ongoing project, then will oversee implementation of the plan.

The Website Committee is responsible for maintaining and updating the web site www.dunlaplake.org

Building Committee Report

The Building Committee has been busy receiving requests for building permits from our Association members. These requests include garage additions, boat docks on common areas, fences, additions to homes, retaining walls, shoreline improvements, and new home construction. The Committee reviews plans and the proposed sites, and if everything complies with our restrictions, we issue a permit. It is important that when planning an addition or other construction project a permit be obtained. This helps all of us keep our property values up and the neighborhood looking beautiful.

If you are in need of a permit please contact one of the Building Committee members: Karen Aplin (692-9212), Sue Frey (656-9316) or Bob Schnietz (656-6652). In order to receive a permit the committee will need a copy of the building plans, including a site plan showing the property lines with distances of the building from the property lines indicated. These plans will remain on file with the association. The building committee will then review the plans, visit the site, and

issue a permit providing everything meets the restriction requirements. A permit will be mailed or given to the property owner upon approval.

If you have any questions, call me.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Aplin

Commons Report

Commons Committee has had a pretty busy year. Most of our time and energy was spent cleaning up after the many strong winds this year. These winds caused many trees and limbs to be blown into the lake and onto several of the common areas. Much of this debris had to be removed with professional help.

We improved the looks of the triangle at Thomas Terrace and Barnett by removing the overgrown shrubs and undergrowth, which had taken over. When the weather breaks new trees and landscaping will be installed. Storm water runoff from the area around the triangle has been flowing across Barnett and onto the common area causing considerable erosion, which was feeding the lake with MORE SILT. The storm water runoff is now piped to the lake, the undergrowth removed and grass planted.

Our annual Spring Clean-Up was successful with many families participating, the most of which was Board Members.

Next spring, hopefully, more residents will participate.

We are still being plagued with non-residents trespassing onto our common areas. Please be one of our Watch Dogs and ask questions if you see someone you do not recognize.

Always feel free to make recommendations /suggestions to the Board if you see something that would improve any of OUR common areas.

Respectfully, Jim Otwell , Chairman

Fish & Wild Life

In June, we had our annual fishing derby to start off the 2005 season. My committee members, Greg Arth, Virginia Bryan and I, were very pleased with the great turnout for the get-together. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time and we hope to see everybody again next year - mark your calendars!

In September, we stocked the lake with 1250 Hybrid Stripers. We also tried to get 800 Walleyes for the lake for a late fall stocking but our supplier hasn't gotten them to us yet. This year we trapped quite a few muskrats and raccoons, and in early November, even a beaver was trapped.

I've enjoyed the tasks that go along with this position and I look forward to meeting new residents next year.

Gary Arth, Chairman

Restrictions Committee

The restrictions committee would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new residents to the lake. We also remind residents that restriction number **12) GRASS, LEAVES, WEEDS, BRUSH, RUBBISH AND GARBAGE** prohibits residents from blowing leaves into the lake or dumping them on to common areas. Also, restriction number **32) LEASED PARKWAYS – SHORELINES** requires residents owning lake front property to remove trees that have fallen into the water in a timely manner. As always, any issue that is not covered within the DLPOA restrictions is regulated by the City of Edwardsville or Madison County ordinances written to govern such issues. Thank you very much for your continued cooperation.

Larry Ahrens

Silt and Erosion Committee

The silt and erosion committee continues to prepare a management plan using the "Dunlap Lake Watershed Study and Lake Management Plan" developed by Cochran & Wilken Engineering as a guide. Some of the work that has been done over the past ten months includes locating a site to store the dredged sediment, reviewing possible financing options, contacting companies to perform the dredging and building of a sediment retention basin at the south end of the lake. Based on requirements listed within the Lake Management Plan the committee tried to locate a ten to fifteen acre parcel of land within the watershed that would be used to store the dredged sediment. The search included approaching the City of Edwardsville about leasing a portion of Glik Park that has not yet been developed. The search ended unsuccessfully and left the committee with one option. Reuse the land that was utilized for sediment storage when the lake was dredged in 1992. This is the large grassy area on East Lake drive, commonly known as E8. The lot adjacent to E8 is under contract to be purchased by the Association, and will be used to expand the usable area by approximately .75 acre. The committee will continue to work on the management plan, and once it is complete, we will present it to the Association at a special meeting.

Larry Ahrens

Secretarial Report

The next Board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on January 30, 2006. Board meetings are on the last Monday of each month unless that falls on a Holiday. We meet at 7 p.m. in the Hayes Mallory Community Building at 216 Crane Street in Edwardsville. All Association members are welcome at these meetings.

Permit and variance requests, complaints, or issues you want to bring to the Board must be in writing and should be sent to PO Box 5, to be received at least one week before the next regular Board meeting.

Judy Budzileni, Secretary

Website Committee

Information about Dunlap Lake, Board Members, Committees, and events can be found at www.dunlaplake.org. Announcements are also posted there, as well as the Cochran and Wilken Report, pictures from around the lake and pictures from past events. I am working on pages for each committee, which should have committee reports posted after each meeting. The meeting minutes cannot be posted until they are approved at the next Board meeting, so they are added at least one month after each meeting. Special meeting minutes are also posted on the website, with the exception of Executive Committee Meetings.

Association Members can email any Board member from the website. Just click on the email address and type your message. This is an easy way to communicate with any Board member and usually gets fast results. I hope you will check out the website and find it useful.

Thanks from Don Hamilton

As we move to our new home in Marine, we remember our many friends and the good times we had on the Lake. Thank you all for your support during my years of serving on the Board as President, Vice-President and Chair of the Silt & Erosion Committee. These past years have been challenging as well as rewarding. Please continue to protect the jewel of Edwardsville, which is Dunlap Lake. We wish you all the best.

Many thanks,

Don and Janey Hamilton

Safety & Boating Information

From Toni Siler, Committee Chair

January 2006

Members: Marcia Wever

Volunteers: Tom Siler

Hello association members! A big thanks to all Association members who worked to make our lake safe. Thanks to those who phoned to report boats adrift, tied up drifting boats, and contacted owners, in addition to practicing safe boating habits. Thanks to all volunteers and committee members who worked hard to maintain our lake this past year. Volunteers are always welcome and encouraged to participate. Give us a call, or attend the monthly Board meetings to learn more.

To apply for a Dunlap sticker, please send \$10.00 per boat to 10 Crystal Court, Glen Carbon, IL 62034. All boats on the lake need to be stickered to identify boats that belong to the Association. A \$5.00 fee is to reregister a boat that already possesses a Dunlap sticker, but the owners have changed.

While boating, please keep an eye out for other boaters, swimmers, and persons on floating devices, or persons in non-motored craft, as they have the "right of way." Water safety and boating information is listed below:

- Outboard motors used on the lake are limited to 7.5 horsepower. Pontoon Boats are allowed motors with a maximum 9.9 horsepower. This maintains our shorelines and is for safety purposes. Only one outboard motor mounted on each boat is allowed.
- All Boats (including canoes, paddle boats, fishing and sail boats) need a Dunlap Lake sticker. Please contact Toni Siler at 288-0260 to register your boat. Each property owner is entitled to a total of three boats.
- Any craft on the water from sunset to sunrise must have running lights and/or anchor lights.
- All boats on the water should be in compliance with Coast Guard regulations, including adequate life jackets for all passengers on board and a fire extinguisher on motored boats.
- Remember that sailboats, paddleboats, canoes, and swimmers all share the lake and have "right of way" before motorboats. Be Safe and Enjoy!

For Access to the Boat Ramp

Please call one of the following for access to the boat ramp located on Barnett Drive: Toni Siler... 288-0260 Tom Siler...960-6145

To Request a Dunlap sticker for your boat , please mail \$10.00 per boat to Toni Siler, 10 Crystal Court, Glen Carbon, IL 62034. All boats on the lake need to be stickered to identify boats that belong to the Association. For those of you who have purchased a boat from a resident who already possesses a Dunlap sticker, please mail \$5.00 with your transfer information. Please remove your boat sticker when you sell your boat off lake property. Please fill out the information below and mail with your check or money order.

Please cut here and mail with check/money order. Thank you.

To Request a Sticker (\$10.00 per boat)

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Boat Type _____ Boat Make _____
Boat Color _____ Boat Size _____
Motor Type _____ Motor Size _____

(To request permits for more than one boat, please list information on reverse side)

For Boat Transfers (\$5.00 per transfer)

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Sticker Number on boat purchased _____ Purchased from _____
Sticker numbers from other boats you currently own/if any _____

(To request transfer for more than one boat, please list information on reverse side)

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