

SLACK RESERVOIR ASSOCIATION

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SLACK TIMES – APRIL 2018

Welcome to the Spring edition of the “**SLACK TIMES**” – as I start to put pen to paper the snow is falling steadily and I thought, that with the winter storms that we experienced during March, that April would at least bring us some welcome sunshine!! I guess we must wait and see.

The contents of this newsletter include a brief recap of the Association’s Annual General Meeting held in February, tree removal, forthcoming weed/algae treatment, boating regulations, Wildfowl pollution, tree removal, communications, obituary and a welcome to new members.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting the Financial Statements for 2017 along with the Budget for 2018 were approved by the meeting.

The President confirmed that the permit application was filed with the state requesting their approval for the proposed treatment program for 2018.

The election of Officers and Board Members for 2018 is as follows:

President -	Tim Quigley
Vice President -	Kathleen Gustafson
Treasurer -	Bill Schiefen
Secretary -	Malcolm Griffin
Board Members -	Tom Autiello
	Nicholas Caccia
	Gerry Critz
	David Lombardo
	Joe Polisena
	Stacy Rappoport

The Board welcomes two new members Carlos Costa and Rachael Schiefen.

FALLEN TREES AND REMOVAL

The President confirmed that the Board was in the process of obtaining quotations for the removal of a tree from Association property in Hopkins Pond.

Concern was also expressed from the floor with regard to trees that had fallen into the lake from unprotected shorelines which could well present a boating hazard – if any residents are able to provide assistance in helping to remove these from the water, cutting them up and disposal, please contact the President or any Board Member. Your help would be very much appreciated.

BOATING REGULATIONS

As mentioned in earlier Newsletters both the Board and Residents who attended the last two General Meetings are extremely concerned at the potentially dangerous manner in which a number of Jet Ski and Speed Boat owners were driving – it seems only a matter of time before a serious accident happens. The safety of all lake users is of paramount concern to the Board and if anyone requires practical safety instructions and awareness please do hesitate to contact a Board Member.

The boating rules have been prepared for the safe enjoyment of all who use the lake, whether it is cruising in a pontoon boat, speedboat, jet skis, kayak or just a relaxing swim. It is important that we all take other people's lives and property into consideration – **excessive wake can be dangerous to people in small boats or swimming and in more confined areas can cause excessive erosion to our shore line.**

DUES - 2018

Just a polite reminder to those residents who have not paid their Dues and Boat Sticker fees for this year, these are now due for payment in accordance with the Associations By-Laws. Remittance Advice can be downloaded from the Association website – www.slackreservoir.com. by using the Download tab.

Many thanks to those residents who have already paid.

WILDFOWL POLLUTION

Along with the use of pesticides, fertilizers and run off into the lake, wildfowl pollution ranks highly as one of the more serious pollutants, particularly on the beach and surrounding areas. Although the beach is not the Association's responsibility, any recommendations which we can bring to the table could well help to minimize Cyanobacteria (Blue-Green Algae Bloom) and therefore enhance our enjoyment of the lake.

If anybody has used any cost effective deterrents to scare away the Canadian Geese please let me know and I will forward your recommendations to the appropriate authority and to other residents.

NEW FACES ON THE LAKE

Any New Faces to welcome?????????????

IN MEMORY

David 'Chief' Czubak formerly of 87 Winsor Avenue, Johnston passed away on Christmas Eve. Our sincere condolences to his family. Flowers were sent on behalf of the Association. David was a long term resident on the lake and a strong supporter of the Association

COMMUNICATIONS

This is a follow up to the request in the Fall edition; if you could, advise the following of any errors in the Name & Address as printed on the envelope. Please email Bill Schiefen at bschiefen2000@yahoo.com or Malcolm Griffin at mtgriffin@windstream.net with any corrections.

It is more cost effective, quicker and far less time consuming if we can communicate by email - to date we have approximately just under 60% of our residents' email addresses which means that some 50 - 60 of our households do not receive important emails which are sent out from time to time eg. Algae Bloom notifications. Please let us know your email address if you fall within this category. Many Thanks.

UPCOMING FALL EDITION OF SLACK TIMES

I hope you all enjoyed the Board's Spring edition of Slack Times. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding future issues, or an article about the lake which you feel would be of interest to our members please contact the writer (or any Board Member).

M.T. Griffin – Secretary to the Board.

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