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SLACK TIMES – JULY 2019

Welcome to the Summer edition of the “**SLACK TIMES**” – looks like summer has eventually arrived bringing with it some isolated thunderstorms but not enough to deter the hardy.

The contents of this newsletter include notice of the forthcoming General Meeting, Tree Removal, summary of the meeting held at Smithfield Town Hall with the DEM, EPA and local officials, boating regulations update and a 2019 Dues reminder.

GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 25th on Smithfield Town Beach commencing at 6.30pm**. You can join us by boat, foot or car – please bring a comfortable seat and contribute towards the **POT LUCK**. We are looking forward to an informative evening and a chance to meet both old and new friends.

FALLEN TREES AND REMOVAL

Following the recent Board meeting at the end of May, members of the Board successfully removed a fallen tree adjacent to 42 Lakeshore Drive and at 1 Lakeshore Drive, over the first weekend in June. There are still several trees to be removed from the lake and if any resident can provide assistance in cutting them up and disposal, please contact the President or any Board member. **Your help would be very much appreciated.**

Trees which have fallen into the lake from a resident’s property (this includes both rental and investment properties) it is the **home owner’s responsibility** to make arrangements for their removal at the earliest opportunity.

BOATING REGULATIONS

I apologize for having to reiterate the comments made in the Spring and previous Newsletters but the Board and Residents who have attended recent General Meetings along with those who have written to the Board have **expressed their deep concern at the potentially dangerous manner in which a number of Jet Ski and Speed Boat owners were driving – it seems that it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs.**

The safety of all lake users is of paramount concern to the Board and if anyone requires practical safety instructions and awareness please do not hesitate to contact a Board member who will make the necessary arrangements.

Some of the younger generation of Jet Ski drivers appear to be unaware of the potentially dangerous manner in which they are driving, showing at times apparent disregard to other lake users. When Jet Ski's are being used for 'tubing or water skiing they must have a "spotter" on board for safety reasons and in accordance with state law. There are speed limits on the lake, please observe them.

As mentioned in the Spring Newsletter drivers of water vehicles which are being driven in a reckless manner will receive an initial verbal warning followed by a formal letter if a second offense occurs. The Board requests the support of all parents to help maintain safety on our lake.

The Board wishes to remind all boat owners that they should maintain adequate insurance coverage, their boats and operators should be registered and licensed in accordance with the requirements of the State of Rhode Island DEM. Further details can be obtained online, including the availability of instructional courses, at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/law/mandatory-boating-education.php>

Please note that all boat operators are supposed to complete an online instruction course.

A copy of the Associations Boating Rules and Regulations can be downloaded from our website.

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 shoreline.**

DUES - 2019

Just a polite reminder to those residents who have not paid their Dues and Boat Sticker fees which are now overdue for payment in accordance with the Association's ByeLaws. A Remittance Advice is enclosed but a copy can also be downloaded from the Associations website – www.slackreservoir.com.

With regard to rental and investment properties, the bye laws clearly state that it is the property owner's responsibility to pay the annual dues etc. It is a personal arrangement between the owner and their tenant with regard as to whether the rental includes the annual association's fees. Tenants please check with your landlord.

Many Thanks to those residents who have already paid.

MEETING DEM/EPA

A meeting was arranged by DEM in conjunction with the EPA which was held at the Smithfield Town Hall on Monday, 17th June 2019 to discuss ways in which both departments could held to identify and improve the water quality and environment of our lake. Presentations were given by officials providing technical data and statistics. Full funding has been granted for this project. There are aspects of this fact finding commission which will require some support from residents.

The meeting was attended by local officials; the Association was represented by the President and Secretary; several lakeside residents attended.

This will be an important item on the Agenda at the forthcoming General Meeting and we hope to be able to bring all those in attendance an up to date report on the progress made.

COMMUNICATIONS

This is a follow up to the requests made in earlier editions; please advise if there are any errors in the Name & Address printed on the envelope enclosing this newsletter. Please email Bill Schiefen at bschiefen2000@yahoo.com or Malcolm Griffin at mtgriffin@windstream.net with any corrections.

UPCOMING EDITION OF SLACK TIMES

I hope you all enjoyed the Board's July 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 the members, please contact the writer (or any Board Member).

M.T. Griffin – Secretary to the Board.

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