

Dewart Newsletter



"The Dewart Lake Protective Association was founded in 1965"

Fall 2013

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Lane 23	Linda Jamiel	658-9200
Lane 24	Chip Wallstead	658-4183

* Between Lanes 12 & 13 All (574) Area Code

** Between Lanes 17 & 18

VOLUNTEERS

The Association is always ready to welcome any lake members who would like to volunteer their time and talents. Without the volunteers mentioned in this newsletter we would not have a viable Lake Association. If you would like to help us please give Ken Brehob a call at 658-3636 or mention your interest to your Lane Director. You'll meet some of your lake neighbors and have a good time too.

The next Board of Director's Meeting is April 14, 2014.

PARAGRAPHS FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Ken Brehob

COMING EVENTS IN 2014

Annual Road Clean-Up	April 12th
Annual Dewart Lake Garage Sale	May 10th
Annual Member Meeting & Picnic	June 8th
Golf Outing Fundraiser	June 9th
Chicken Bar-B-Que Fundraiser	June 14th
Fireworks ?	
<u>Flotilla</u>	<u>July 5th</u>

APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE

Thank you to Lorelei Haab for her 12+ years as the Association Treasurer and Lane 13 Director. She also compiled the Lake Directory for many years. Lorelei's help on projects and events over the years has been a tremendous asset to our Association.

She and her husband, the late Terry Haab, opened their home to our Directors for many of the summer meetings. We have always appreciated their hospitality. Thank you again for your time, expertise, and dedication to this Association.

Thank you also to George Couwenhoven, Barb Sheets, Peg Bucher, and Jim Long, for their years of service as Directors for the Association. They all have spent many years and put in hours of their time and talents working on projects and events of the Association and working with their lane residents to make Dewart Lake a great place to live and play. We could always count on them and will miss them.

Here are the new Directors: Betty Gagliano- Lanes 3 & 4. Dennis Prezbindowski, Lane 13. Dennis Pressler, Lane 15. Evon Foyle, Lane 17. Chuck Ranney, Lane 21 and Chip Wallstead, Lane 24. We welcome these new faces on the Board, and are happy to have a representative for every lane.

BUOY REMOVAL

The following lake residents helped with the removal of the lake buoys this fall: Alex Barrett, Jeremy Miller, Mike Gill, Harley Chalk, Ken Brehob, and Jeff Kelsheimer. Thank you also to Lorelei Haab and Jeff Kelsheimer for the use of their pontoons. Your help was greatly appreciated.

It's always sad to see the boats and piers removed every fall, but it stimulates us to reflect on the past summer. Water in the lake with good clarity, weeds that weren't completely out of control like the year before, and no serious lake accidents made the summer of 2013 a good one for most of us. The DLPA had a good year also. Membership is stable, donations are way - up, THANK YOU, our Golf Outing and Chicken BBQ were successful fundraisers, we have a number of new and energetic Lane Directors, and we have a mute swan control policy that I think we can all live with.

A Mute Swan Committee was formed this summer to develop control recommendations. They did a great job researching and talking to people on the lake and elsewhere. Their full report is available on our website.

A public meeting was held in September with about 75 residents in attendance. The Committee's recommendations were passed at the October Director Meeting. The Committee's recommendations are:

1) Dewart Lake mute swan population should be controlled not to exceed its current range of 20 to 30 swans; 2) that disruption of mute swan nests and their eggs conducted by professional organizations will be the sole method of control; and 3) the issue of controlling the mute swan population on Dewart Lake will be reviewed by the DLPA membership after one year from this date. 4) Additionally, the Directors passed a recommendation that the DLPA should apply for an "all method" DNR Nuisance Animal Control Permit in 2014. This broad permit allows the Directors more options. With this permit, if the mute swan numbers are above 30, the DLPA Directors could vote in 2014 to reduce the numbers to about 30 using a professional organization. Excessive mute swan population is a long term "lake region" problem. The DLPA is committed to working with other lake associations and government organizations on this issue.

Other than our LARE and Great Lakes Commission funded completed sediment control projects, much of the DLPA's resources the last decade has been spent trying to control exotic invasive species - notably the mute swan and weeds (Eurasian Watermilfoil)----EWM. The weather, lake levels, and maybe the weevils, have reduced the amount of EWM in the lake this summer. The August DNR "rake survey" (90 sites) showed a 50% reduction in EWM over last year, and an increase in native beneficial weeds especially sago pondweed and common naiad. The other good news is EWM

Presidents Paragraphs continued:

stem damage caused by the weevils was observed at all five weevil placement sites. The bad news is EnviroScience, Inc., the weevil company, is no longer in the weevil business, and has cancelled the last two years of our four year project. The DNR which funded 80%of the project has asked us again to limit the use of chemical control of EWM in 2014 to give the existing weevils a better chance of success. We expect lakeshore owners will be able to spray weeds in a manner similar to 2013. We may attempt to move weevils by cutting EWM stems containing the weevils from the five placement sites to other EWM sites around the lake in June. We will talk to the DNR and others this winter to see if this strategy has a chance to spread the weevils. If this weevil/stem movement happens ----we will ask for lake volunteers this spring. It could be fun!!

IN REMEMBRANCE

This year we note the passing of the following lake residents:

Melvin Greenfield, 67 long-time neighbor and resident at Dewart Lake passed away in his home on August 9th. He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia. Both will be missed in the neighborhood. Jim Hershberger, Lane 13 who passed away earlier this year. He and his wife Elva resided on the lake over 30 years.

Terry Haab, Lane 13. Terry suddenly passed away in Sept. Terry worked with the Association for many years with projects and various events. He was always there to help out. He was a resident on the lake over 30 years.

Bob Whitlock, Lane 5. Bob passed away in October. Bob was a champion water skier and he and his family have had a home on the lake for many years.

Once again it's the end of the 2013 lake season. It's been a good year in many respects for our lake. The Directors and Officers of the DLPA wish you all a Happy Holiday season. We all look forward to another fun and safe year on the lake in 2014.

For up to date information from the Directors and Officers of the lake association, please check out our website at:

www.dewartlake.org