



# Tishomingo News

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Dec 26, 2004 Trumpeter swans visited Lake Tishomingo. See story on page 7. Photo by Rich Hirsch.

## LTPOA Report

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## Lake View

by Janet Hirsch, Editor

### Trivia Night

Saturday Feb 12 the Community House was filled to capacity. The atmosphere was festive and everyone was eager. The tables were overflowing with great looking snacks – lots of shrimp, cheese, chili, strawberries, veggies, chips, and dip. Just the array of food made it good to be there.

We had 92 enthusiastic competitors answering questions like “Which was the oldest Beatle?” and “Who chooses baseball’s MVP?” Thirteen teams tried to answer 10 questions in each of 10 categories. The winners were Team Kardell/Lents.

This was truly the most fun we have had since New Year’s Eve and it was a very successful fundraiser for the LTIA – about \$1200 income after expenses. A big “thank you” goes to everyone who contributed prizes, worked to make the event successful, and to all the participants.

### Teamwork

The success of Trivia Night was due to teamwork. Lots of folks worked together before the event to develop the questions, gather the donations, and design the gift baskets. The competitors had to play as teams. This was not a game for individuals, only by working together were we able to be successful.

I hope we can continue this cooperative spirit as we tackle the tasks necessary to maintain this community. If we all work together we can solve lots of problems and move forward.

### Next Event

Coming up soon is the St Patrick’s Day Party, March 19. This will *continues on page 8*

## Dinner Meetings

6:30 pm Sat **Mar 12** -  
Corned beef  
Bring a side dish

6:30 pm Sat **Apr 9** - Ham  
Bring a side dish



For the Kids ...

## Children’s Easter Party

1 - 3 pm Sun Mar 20

Lake Tish Community House  
Bring: snack to share

Bring the kids and see what surprises the Easter Bunny has in store for them. Contact Janet Farwig for more info, 274-2038.



## St Pat’s Party Music by Doubletake

8 pm - 12 m Sat Mar 19  
\$15 per person

Lake Tish Community House  
Setups provided, bring snacks

Come to the party, wear a little green, dance a little jig, and enjoy the music. It’ll be lots of fun.



## Tishomingo Earth Day

Road cleanup

9 am Sat Apr 23 -- free lunch! See page 7.

Children’s Program with Ms Hilda

2 pm Sun Apr 24. See page 7.

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Subscription to this newsletter is included with membership to LTIA. Annual membership fee is \$35.

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## Next Newsletter Deadline

April 24, 2005

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## New Stuff

If you missed the swans, see the pictures at the Lake Tishomingo website, [www.laketishomingo.com](http://www.laketishomingo.com). Send your photos and news to post at the website to [jhirsch@catenary.com](mailto:jhirsch@catenary.com).

## Email

We have a list with many lake owners' email addresses to which we send meeting and event notices. If you would like to receive these messages or if you have questions, comments, or suggestions for the website or this newsletter contact Janet Hirsch, F-29, [jhirsch@catenary.com](mailto:jhirsch@catenary.com), (314) 962-7833 or (636) 285-0813.

# 2005 Calendar

Mar 12	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Corned beef
Mar 19	Sat	8 pm - 12 m St Pat's dance. Music by Doubletake.
Mar 20	Sun	1 - 3 pm Children's Easter party
Apr 9	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Ham
Apr 23	Sat	9 am Earth Day Celebration: Tishomingo Road Cleanup. Rain date Apr 30. See page 7.
Apr 24	Sun	2 pm Earth Day Celebration: Kid's Program with Ms Hilda. See page 7.
May 14	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. KFC
Jun 11	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Pork steak
Jun 18	Sat	Teen Progressive Dinner
Jul 3		Miss Tishomingo Coronation
Jul 4		3 pm Boat Parade
Jul 4		dusk Fireworks Display
Aug 13	Sat	6:30 pm Pie and Ice Cream Social
Sep 10	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Pasta & salad
Oct 8	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Octoberfest
Oct 28		1 - 3 pm Munchkin Halloween Party 6 - 8 pm Teen Party/Bonfire
Oct 29		Halloween Dance, Adults
Nov 12	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Turkey
Dec 10	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Chili cookoff
Dec 17		3 pm Christmas Caroling.
Dec 18	Sun	1 - 3 pm Children's Christmas Party

## Classified Ads

Classified ads are free for LTIA members

### FOR SALE



### Living room furniture.

Rattan 3-piece sectional sofa, 2 swivel rockers, tall bookcase, glass-topped coffee table, glass-topped side table. Wanda Fisher (636) 376-1702.

### Window treatment.

Drape valence 96" wide with side draperies 35", rose with pale green lining. Like new.

Wanda Fisher (636) 376-1702.

**Maytag Dryer.** Neptune propane. Like new, model MDG4000AWW. \$280 OBO. Janet Hirsch. (636) 285-0813.

**Water Heater.** 40-gal GE water heater, propane, about 3 years old. \$60 OBO. Janet Hirsch. (636) 285-0813.

**WANTED Boat lift** for speed boat. Tim Schryver, (636) 285-7474.

# Party! Party! Party!



*Children's Christmas Party with Santa.*



*Teen's Pizza Party.*



*Corin Leiweke with Santa.*



*New Year's Eve, Pat Harting, Sandy Uhlenbrock, and Janet Hirsch, singing and dancing..*



*Trivia Night: Team Kimmel/Bryant. They didn't win but they were the best - dressed participants.*



*The hard-working staff at Trivia Night: Samantha Farwig, Mary Leiweke, Alex Farwig, Barb Rohm, and Dale Farwig. Not shown: Gail Lents. Gail, Barb, and Mary did a wonderful job planning this event. It was a huge success. Thank you all.*



*Trivia Night victors: Team Kardell/Lents.*





## LTIA Meetings Summary

December 2004  
by Barb McGlynn

Board Members Present: Kathy Hopfer, Gail Lents, Dixie Bryant, Janet Farwig, Janet Hirsch, Barb McGlynn, Dale Farwig

**The November minutes** were read by Barb McGlynn; Dixie Bryant made motion to accept minutes as read. Janet Farwig seconded. Approved

**The Treasurer's Report** was read by Dixie Bryant; Gail Lents made motion to accept report as read. Janet Farwig seconded. Approved

**Welcome Wagon** – The Welcome Wagon delivered 2 baskets and will be delivering 2 more. There have been 33 new residents at the lake since the Welcome Wagon was started in 2002

**Maintenance** – Dale Farwig reported a leak around the pressure tank. A replacement tank is being checked into.

**Garden Club** – The Garden Club still has plenty of Lake Tishomingo Christmas Cards available. See one of the members of the Garden Club if you are interested.

**TAA** – A big Thank You was given to all who contributed aluminum. There were over 2 truckloads to cash in. The LTAA will be collecting Christmas trees again this year. If you want to dispose of your tree, just leave them on the edge of the parking lot.

**Social** – There will be a Christmas party, with Santa on Sunday starting at 12:30

**Ways & Means** – There are plenty of Lake Tishomingo coffee cups available at \$6 each

**Newsletter** – Deadline for submitting articles or pictures for December is the 12th

**Birthdays and Anniversaries** – Ken Jost had a birthday Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, Leiweke's Anniversary was on the Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

**Old Business** – We are checking on the exact coverage for building and/or contents and the pavilion. Since the Community House building insurance has been combined with the other Lake insurance, it increases the amount of coverage and reduces cost of premium.

**New Business** – We have received a drawing for the proposed steps leading from the Community House to the Pavilion. We may want to make a few minor adjustments in placement and move them over a little to make a planting area along the edge. The cost for materials is \$1800. Work to begin as soon as the weather and volunteers permit.

LTIA purchased a Karaoke Machine. After announcing that the Community House was available for New Years Eve, a group of members decided to have a New Year celebration. Everyone interested should bring your own drinks and snacks to share. Meet at the Community House around 8:30

A big basket of goodies was donated by Farwigs. Raffle tickets were sold and \$35 was collected for the Hillsboro Food Pantry. Winner of the basket was Gail Lents.

**Door Prize Winners:** Bev Jost, Dixie Bryant, Dee Chambers, John Hindrich, Betty Melchior and Phil Chambers

New Board Members were voted in as follows:

President _____	Gail Lents
Vice President _____	Mary Leiweke
Treasurer _____	Dixie Bryant
Secretary _____	Barb McGlynn
Social & Recreational _____	Janet Farwig
Ways & Means _____	Jerry Uhlenbrock
News Editor _____	Janet Hirsch
Maintenance _____	OPEN

Well wishes to all the New and Existing Board Members for 2005 Janet Farwig made motion to adjourn.  
Dixie Bryant seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

January 2005  
by Mary Leiweke

Board Members Present: Gail Lents, Mary Leiweke, Dixie Bryant, Janet Farwig

Meeting called to order By President Gail Lents. Gail thanked Kathy Hopfer for the wonderful job she did as president and all of the time she spent working for the LTIA.

December Minutes were read by Mary Leiweke, with corrections by Janet Farwig about the cost of the proposed steps from the Community House to the Pavilion. Noting corrections a motion to accept the minutes was made by Gail Lents and seconded by Janet Farwig.

**Treasurer's Report** was read by Dixie Bryant, giving our current bank balances and a donation made to the Hillsboro Food Pantry for \$576 and about \$150 in canned goods. The canned goods and cash were collected from lake residents by the Christmas Carolers. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Janet Farwig and seconded by Gail Lents.

**Welcome Wagon** - Gail thanked Marilyn Meyer, Hilda Schryver, and Mary Leiweke for their work with the welcome wagon baskets. Two baskets were delivered in the month of December. Marilyn stated that we could use a few more small baskets and that some of the existing baskets were too large.

**Maintenance** - Dale Farwig reported on water seepage in the kitchen and stated that it was uncertain if the water was from the holding/pressure tank or seepage thru the corner of the kitchen wall due to the large amount of rain we were experiencing. It would be investigated further and repairs would be made. Gail also thanked Ken Lanning for all of the volunteer work he does to help maintain the

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*Tishomingo Anglers***Fish Stocking at Lake Tish and Meeting March 10**

by Jason Covington

**Aluminum Collection/Fund Raising**

As you know, the Tishomingo Anglers Association (TAA) collects aluminum by the maintenance yard in order to raise money to stock fish every Spring. This year we are making plans to cash in the aluminum and call the hatchery again. We will also accept any donations you are willing to give toward the stocking costs. Although in the past we have operated with about a \$1500 budget, to really make a big improvement in the fishery, it would take a budget of over \$15,000 a year to adequately stock a lake of this size. You can make checks to TAA by the end of March. Gary Ryan is the TAA Treasurer.

**Past Fish Stockings**

In years past we have stocked bass, catfish, bluegill, redear, crappie, triploid grass carp, fathead minnows (feeder fish), and golden shiners (feeder fish).

Too many carp were stocked in past years (1000!), and we still have an overabundance of carp, which are destructive to spawning bass and their habitat. If you catch a carp, kill it and either eat it or dispose of it. They are good to eat if prepared properly.

We also have an abundance of green sunfish (warmouth). These sinewy fish have larger mouths than most pan fish and are very competitive with the bass and bluegill. They are undesirable and, when caught, should be killed and eaten (raw with your bare hands on site—just kidding).

Two years ago, we stocked crappie and golden shiners. The crappie were 3-5 inches. It is likely that crappie are not going to do well in our lake because there is not enough natural aquatic vegetation. Aquatic vegetation provides food, shelter, habitat, and protection for small fish. Some fish must have aquatic vegetation in order to survive.

If you do not catch any crappie, it is likely because they have been devoured by the hungry bass and other predators. It is likely that some have survived, but their numbers are still small. Throw them back if you catch any. We are trying to let their numbers increase over time. This may require a future restocking later after some aquatic vegetation returns after the carp numbers dwindle.

Two years ago, we also stocked golden shiners, which is the primary feeder fish for bass besides bluegill. Without stockings such as these, the bass will remain at 6-12 inches. With frequent stockings of baitfish, northern bass can grow up to 1/3 to 1/2 pound a year. Last year we stocked fathead minnows and golden shiners for this purpose.

**Problems with Too Many Small Bass**

One of the problems with a 55+-year-old lake like Lake Tish is that the genetics of the bass have the tendency to become stagnant and inbreeding occurs (just like with humans in some parts!) With little natural vegetation and limited food, it takes the bass a long time to get to 14 inches.

This is one of many reasons why we have a restricted slot (meaning catch and release only) on the 14-inch or better bass. We still have an overpopulation of small bass under 14 inches. These need to continue to be harvested, so that it is possible for some of them to grow up in size.

To improve the size and numbers of bass, we need to:

- 1) Release all bass 14 inches or better.
- 2) Leave bass alone during the spawn (late April-early June), especially if you see bass on beds. If you do catch one, release it immediately at the same spot.
- 3) Continue to stock feeder fish (golden shiners, fat head minnows, threadfin shad).
- 4) Harvest some of the small bass 6-13 inches (up to 6 per day) when you want an occasional fish fry.
- 5) Remove carp to allow for renewed natural aquatic submerged (underwater) vegetation (A healthy lake should have up to 20% diverse aquatic vegetation.) This allows baitfish to spawn and grow for food for bass and other fish.
- 6) Diversify the bass gene pool to increase the size and success of the bass population and growth.

**Diversifying the Bass Gene Pool with F1 Hybrids**

Since we have never diversified the gene pool at the lake, we could greatly benefit from a new stocking of adult bass. The lake already contains northern bass native to this region. Many fisheries programs are stocking F1 Hybrid Largemouth Bass. The F1 is a cross between the northern bass native to our region and the Florida bass. The Florida bass looks exactly like a northern bass but it grows faster, is more aggressive, more difficult to catch, and is not cold tolerant. The northern bass is easier to catch, but does not grow as quickly.

The F1 Hybrid has proven to have the good qualities of both breeds and has resulted in some of the greatest fisheries in Texas and California with record-sized bass. People in the Midwest are stocking their lakes and ponds with the F1 hybrid and finding that they grow twice as fast as the northern bass. You won't be able to tell any difference in the bass, except in their size and voracity. Stocking some of them will also diversify the gene pool at the lake and help weed out some of the bad genes (for slow growth and stunted size) and help with getting more aggressive, bigger, yet catchable bass.

One local fish hatchery just across the river in Illinois raises the F1 bass and is able to implement a stocking program at Lake Tish. Our recommendation is to stock bass that are 14 inches or larger so that they are in the restricted slot and so they are of breeding size.

**March Meeting and Spring Stocking Plans**

In our next meeting on Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 P.M. at the Community House, we will make plans for our annual Spring stocking. Please make a donation if you can. Please come and participate in the fishing club this year. We will discuss our ideas for this year's events.

This year we'd like to stock F1 Hybrids, golden shiners, and redear (if we have enough money). Just the bass alone will cost at least \$1500-2000. We also need a feeding program (pellets or golden shiners). These bass should be easy and really fun to catch! They have never seen a lure and are trained to feed on pelleted food. If we can also finance a healthy stocking program of golden shiners and other baitfish, we can see the bass grow up to a pound or more a year.



## Lake Happenings

### Newsletter Assembly

Many thanks to Lou and Pat Harting who allowed us to use their house for the assembly of the last newsletter. And also thanks to the volunteers who helped assemble the last *Tishomingo News & LTPOA Report*: Tom Betzold, Pat & Lou Harting, Liz & Mike Higgins, Bev & Ken Jost, Mary & Mike Leiweke, Gail & Charlie Lents, Marilyn Meyer, and Charlene & Ron Sansone.

### Travels

Ray and Bev Lauer recently traveled to Italy. During a two-week stay Ray and Bev visited Rome, Venice, Florence and Orvieto. While in Rome, besides visiting all of the ancient sites in the city, they had the opportunity to be in the presence of the Holy Father on three occasions.

Ray reports "We first had close up seats during his Wednesday morning audience in St. Peter's Square. The following Sunday we were again in front of St. Peter's Basilica for the Sunday appearance of Pope John Paul II, and that evening, we were again at St. Peter's for the anniversary mass marking the 26th anniversary of the pope's election."







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## Earth Day Celebration

by Dixie Bryant

Earth Day is on April 22. This year we will have two days of celebration.

### **Road Cleanup Day, Saturday April 23**

John Dauernheim, a long time resident of the Lake and past board member, has for many years arranged the road clean up day here at the lake. Typically, there have been anywhere from 8 – 15 people show up on a bright and sunny, or cool and cloudy spring day to put on their little orange vests and pick up trash along the road. If we've been REALLY lucky, there have been enough volunteers that we could also get some spring-cleaning done in the Community House.

There have been many thanks given to John for arranging and participating in the annual Road Clean Up Day, but what he appreciates most is PEOPLE. As he explained it to me, Tishomingo Road is 2-1/2 miles long. With 12 people, 2 people get dropped off at half-mile increments and that's all they have to do - a half a mile. With 12 people, it takes about an hour.

This year we want to "kick it up a notch." With enough volunteers, we can also walk our lake roads, bag up leaves that are clogging the ditches, clean out clogged culverts. Afterwards, LTIA is providing lunch for the volunteers. So you can get in your exercise and get fed too. Also, remember to involve your



## Lake Tishomingo

children. They are an important part of our community.

John wants what all of us here at the lake want: A nice cozy home, good friends, AND a beautiful lake to fish in and enjoy. Let's make John happy. Put **Saturday April 23th** on your calendar today. Rain day April 30. Join us at the **Community House at 9 am**. Together we can make a difference.

### **Kids Day with Ms Hilda, Sunday April 24**

We are very fortunate this year to have Ms Hilda join us for a Sunday afternoon celebration of Earth Day. Join us at the Community House at 2 pm.

The Lakeside Gardeners will sponsor a program for the kids. There will be activities, trees to plant, posters and Lake Tish Earth Day t-shirts.

Ms Hilda (Hilda Schryver) is an author of children's books and a local celebrity who teaches children about manners and good behavior.

### **Earth Day T-shirts**

The Lakeside Gardeners are providing Lake Tishomingo Earth Day t-shirts for \$10. To order call Dixie Bryant, 285-6043.



## Trumpeter Swans at Lake Tish

by Rich Hirsch

Friday Dec 24, at 9 am Janet spotted five Trumpeter Swans in the water in front of our sea wall. They stayed at the lake until about 4 that afternoon. We've posted additional swan photos at the website. Below are notes I received from the Trumpeter Swan Society and the Wisconsin DNR after I informed them of the sighting.

### **from the Trumpeter Swan Society:**

The yellow collar indicates a swan banded by the Wisconsin restoration program. Winter sightings of Trumpeters are very helpful since it is difficult to get them to migrate to safe wintering places where open water and food are available (aquatic vegetation is their natural food, but many swans now have adapted to field feeding where they thrive on leftover corn and wheat, even carrots and potatoes). Many of the Trumpeters breeding in Minnesota and Wisconsin stay north on the larger rivers that are kept open by power plants. However, some do venture south and have been reported over the years from your area. Riverlands Environmental Area, just north of St. Louis, has had wintering



*Two adults and two cygnets cruise the lake.*

Trumpeters in the past. Swans generally stay in family groups with the cygnets (immatures) staying with their parents until the following March.

Power line collisions, lead poisoning (from spent old lead shot) and shootings are their greatest threats. But, if they find adequate food and open water, most swans will return year after year to the same place.

### **from Wisconsin DNR:**

These are Wisconsin swans. Z32 is a male, was hatched at Hay-Hoffman Wildlife Area in Iron County, WI in 2002. He began his nesting career this year, at Grassy Lake in Vilas County, just a ways east of his natal site. These sites are in far northern Wisconsin, near the border with the Upper peninsula of Wisconsin. Grassy Lake is in the national forest, near the town of Boulder Junction.

Z32 has a non-collared mate and 2 non-collared cygnets. The Hay-Hoffman family has not been known to migrate to Missouri, so I suspect Z32's mate has a history of that migration and took everyone along.



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be another fun event. With music by the band DoubleTake it'll be a time for eating, drinking, dancing, and all kinds of merrymaking. Don't miss out on the fun, be there.

### **LTIA Membership**

By now you all should have sent in the LTIA membership form with your dues. If you forgot, you can still do it. On the outside of this newsletter the membership form is printed right next to your address label – to make it easy. Just write a check for \$35 and send in the whole sheet of paper, your name is already there. It's easy. Do it now. All funds go directly toward the betterment of the lake. The Community House needs repairs, join the team and do your share. ▽

### **LTIA Summaries continued from page 4**

building and surrounding grounds.

**Garden Club** - The Garden club removed the Christmas decorations from the Sales Office. There will not be a garden club meeting in the month of January. Regular meetings will resume in February, with the meeting to be held at Marilyn Meyer's home.

**TAA** - The Angler's Association are not meeting at present, but will resume activities in the spring. They will, however, continue to collect aluminum cans for recycling. They will also collect Christmas trees to provide fish habitat.

#### **Social:**

1. Rick & Sharon Kardell won the Christmas Light Display.
2. The Christmas Party for the children had about 25 children who enjoyed crafts, food, and a visit with a wonderful Santa.
3. North side vs. south side Christmas Caroling and a social afterwards were enjoyed by many residents to benefit the Hillsboro food pantry (by the way the north side won).
4. There will be no dinner at the February meeting.
5. We will have a Trivia Night. It is scheduled for February 12, 2005 at the Community House. The cost is \$10 per person. Bring snacks if

desired. There will be setups, beer and soda available. There will be attendance prizes and theme baskets including a basket with tickets to Busch Gardens in Florida. To reserve your table see any LTIA board member.

6. A St. Patrick's Day Dance is being planned for March 19, 2005 with Doubletake providing the music. The cost of the tickets was to be \$25 but Phil Chambers made a motion to increase the cost to \$30. The motion was put to the floor and the majority voted to increase the cost to \$30 per couple and \$15 per single.

7. March 20, 2005 will be the Easter Party for the children. The time will be from 1 pm to 3 pm there will be snacks, crafts, Easter eggs and the Easter Bunny.

8. The New Year's Eve Party was a success and a very creative report given by Jerry Uhlenbrock.

**Ways & Means** - Lake Tishomingo coffee cups are available for purchase.

Newsletter - There was no report given.

Birthdays - Michael Leiweke, Jan. 31.

**New Business** - Snow Plowing of the streets was brought up and whether or not anyone had volunteered to plow. It was noted that someone had been found that was willing to plow the streets.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Contracts to rent the Community House were discussed. Gail said that we did have contracts stating \$250 rental fee with a refundable \$100 clean up deposit.

2. A brief discussion was held about the need to improve or refurbish the dated kitchen.

3. Janet Farwig said that a Pizza Party was being planned for the teens from 5th grade up, on January 22, 2005, that in addition to food they had games and karaoke planned.

A big round of applause was given to Kathy Hopfer for all her years of dedication to the LTIA. Door Prize Winners: Lou Harting ... Bird Feeder & bird seed; Bev Jost ... Handmade Vase.



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### It's a Beautiful Lake

Dear Neighbors:

Spring is just around the corner and we are all looking forward to being outside again fishing, boating, tending the garden, or just saying hi to our neighbors.

This is a good time to reflect on how lucky we all are to live on such a beautiful lake and not spend time worrying about what other people are doing or not doing. Think thoughts of love and harmony so the lake will stay the beautiful place it is.

The winter was good to us, because of the light snowfalls, not much money was spent on snow removal. We have begun the process of forming a sewer district so we can improve the quality of the lake and our lives here. Residents enjoyed many social events in the club house and soon the volunteers will be out making the lake even more beautiful.

If you didn't volunteer last year why not give it a try now. You will meet new people and enjoy yourself. What more can you ask for where you live? So, go out and enjoy the lake and life - live one day at a time, emphasizing ethics rather than rules.

-- Ron Sansone

### LTPOA Meeting Minutes December 14, 2004

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. The following board members were present for the meeting: Linda Fulford, Pat Harting, Matt Holloran, Ray Lauer, Ron Sansone and Chris Townsend. 24 lot owners were present.

The minutes of the November meeting having been posted on the website, President Sansone asked for a motion to accept the minutes, motion made by Matt Holloran, seconded by Ray Lauer, motion passed unanimously.

#### Presidents Report

President Sansone reported on the E. coli problem in the lake. A letter had been sent to the reported violator on the Hillsboro/House Springs Road, where the septic tank was running directly into the creek. A violation letter had been sent on November 29 with a December 29 deadline for the problem to be fixed. The county will inspect the violation in 60 days.

With respect to the various violations of derelict docks around the lake, a letter would be sent to the owners requesting they respond within a specified period of time as to when the problem would be resolved.

#### Treasurers Report

Linda Fulford presented the income statements for the months of October and November. As of November 30, the checking account balance stood at \$95,788. The money

market account at \$1,016. The loan balance was approximately \$314,149 and approximately \$16,000 was owed for outstanding assessments. \$4,871.84 had been paid so far in December for outstanding assessments. Linda said that if anyone wanted to make arrangements to pay their outstanding assessments to please contact her.

Invoices for the following were approved:

Columbia Insurance - \$891.50 - auto policy  
Columbia Insurance - \$2,500.25 - comm. pkg policy.

Jefferson County personal property taxes - \$2,713.56.

Legal fees, Tesreau - \$1,385.00.

Motion made to accept the above, seconded and unanimously approved.

Linda stated that going forward, monthly financial information would be put onto a CD for backup.

The Sheriff's sale on January 20<sup>th</sup> at Noon was discussed in detail. Lots D50 thru 55 will be auctioned off at noon on the Court House steps. As assessments for these lots have not been paid for the past couple of years, it is important that a Lake representative is present at this sale. Tesreau should be called to ensure accuracy of this information.

Linda reported that she did not have a working key for the sales office, but she was working with Matt to resolve this. Linda ended her report with reminding that we should treat everybody with respect and dignity, as everybody is a volunteer and a property owner.

President Sansone brought up the question of the lake trucks. He said that it was imperative that a truck was in working order for the winter weather. Matt Holloran had

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### Committees

<b>Boat Patrol</b>	Roger Hovis	(636) 274-7019	robhov@direcpc.com
<b>Building</b>	Bev Jost	(636) 274-0453	kbkjost@aol.com
<b>Finance</b>	Janet Hirsch	(636) 285-0813	jhirsch@catenary.com
<b>Security Gate</b>	Roger Hovis	(636) 274-7019	robhov@direcpc.com
<b>Volunteer Corps</b>	Lou Harting	(636) 285-1971	loup4@earthlink.net
<b>Website/Newsltr</b>	Janet Hirsch	(636) 285-0813	jhirsch@catenary.com

### Calendar

Mar 2	6 pm	Finance Committee
Mar 2	7 pm	LTPOA Board Pre-meeting
Mar 8	7 pm	LTPOA Board Meeting
Mar 19	9 am	Volunteer Corps
TBA		Sewer Committee
Apr 6	6 pm	Finance Committee
Apr 6	7 pm	LTPOA Board Pre-meeting
Apr 12	7 pm	LTPOA Board Meeting
Apr 16	9 am	Volunteer Corps
TBA		Sewer Committee

### Volunteer Corps

The Volunteer Corps meets at 9 am the third Saturday of the month at the Community House.

Lou Harting is the coordinator for the Volunteer Corps. Let him know what tasks need to be addressed and when you can help out. Call Lou at 285-1971 or Bev Jost at 274-0453.

### In a Nutshell . . .

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taken the one-ton salt truck to McHenry Truck Equipment for an estimate on repairs. They estimated a total of \$2,389.90. Matt also had \$1,0978.46 in [emergency] repairs for the same truck. The emergency repairs on the truck had been approved at the preboard meeting. President Sansone asked for a motion for the repairs to be paid. Motion made by Ray Lauer and seconded by Linda Fulford.

**Security Director**

Ray Lauer read his report (see page 12).

President Sansone will contact the new trash removal company to see if we can have the trash from the club house picked up at no charge as in the past. If this is not possible, we will ask them to send us an invoice for the trash removal. Ron said that next year he would look into using another trash removal company. Presently there is a difference in the amount being charged to residents who use Waste Management and Ron has been talking to a company who would only charge \$15 per month if they had the whole lake.

Ray also stated that he had spoken with the repairmen from Ameren UE who said that there was a 6-month waiting list for tree trimming around their lines but Ameren is not responsible for limbs around telephone wires.

The "dangerous curve" sign has been taken down repeatedly by vandals. If anyone knows who is doing this please contact Ray.

There was discussion on the gate being out of service for a few days and the fact that the gate arm had to be removed. There also appears to be problem with the screen being unreadable at times. Roger Hovis will be contacted to see if he can find out why.

Charlie Lents reported that there was a blue and white paddleboat drifting down by the dam. Linda Fulford also reported a stray paddleboat in her cove. There are no markings on the boats to ascertain who they belong to.

Ray said that he was aware of the abandoned car in the parking lot and he had spoken to the owner who said that they would collect it as soon as possible.

**Building Director**

Bev Jost had been appointed as the new building director at the Nov. LTPOA meeting. Upon questions from the floor, President Sansone stated that the position of building director did not have to be held by a board member. Becky Harper is still on the board but has no

committee responsibility at the moment.

Bev reported that she had been contacted by Mr. Schaab, H4, 5 & 6 with respect to how he should proceed with the addition of a family room. She advised him to check the website for the information posted there and to give her a call if he had any further questions.

**Maintenance Director**

Matt reported that together with the items reported earlier by Ron, the brakes on the salt truck/snow plow had been repaired together with the transmission and oil changed. The rotors and the chain on the salt spreader were also repaired. Matt said that when he drove around the roads he was taking note of the spots that would require maintenance in the spring. After the snow season he would get bids on repairing them. At the present time we do not have anyone locked into snow plowing for us, but Matt is working on this and hopefully will have someone soon. If not we would have to rely on volunteers as their schedules permit, so if you know anyone who is interested please have them contact Matt. On comments from the floor regarding maintenance of the trucks, Matt responded that the truck had not been properly maintained in the past as stated. Once again, we go back to previous boards who spent money that we did not have and this problem will not be solved in the next couple of years but will be with us for quite a few years to come. Ron remarked that we had been lulled into a false belief that we had unlimited money and now we have to tighten our belts. We are now working on a very tight budget with no monies actually budgeted for a bad winter this year. Previous boards had been borrowing against the loan for necessary items and so we now find ourselves in a very tight situation which we have to work through and it was requested that the lake residents bear with the board as it tries to solve the present financial situation. Ron reminded them that the 55 cents that was the initial assessment would now be over \$4 taking into account inflation.

Barb Rohm asked if all gravel driveways would need to be paved. Matt replied that they would prefer that people did this without having to be told but that at the next election it would be put to a vote. The rock is damaging the road. Matt said that this would be for all driveways on the first and second tier and the first 20ft from the road would be required to be paved. If this passed, Ron would look into getting a reputable contractor to do them all at once at a special price.

**LTIA**

Gail Lents was introduced as the new president of the LTIA for 2005. Gail announced that there would be Christmas caroling this coming Saturday. Donations of money and food would be collected for the Hillsboro food pantry. A get together after the caroling would be held. Sunday is the children's Christmas party from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Santa will be coming for the children. On New Years Eve, there will be a party in the Community House. Bring your own snacks and drinks. The LTIA has recently purchased a new karaoke machine. Everyone is invited at no charge. The LTIA has also purchased a cordless mike for use in the building.

**Finance Committee**

The finance committee has not met recently but Janet Hirsch said that the committee was still ready to help the treasurer whenever needed. Linda mentioned that she was looking into doing a three to five year projection for the lake as the loan will be paid off by then. Janet said that the committee would be happy to assist in long term planning. The first meeting has been set for 6 p.m. on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Website**

Janet Hirsch announced that the newsletter will be assembled Friday evening and be mailed Saturday morning. The sewage complaint form has now been posted to the website.

**Old Business**

The derelict dock belonging to C75 was discussed. The dock is located in front of Jason Covington's home. Jason has volunteered to repair the dock, since the owners seem to be unwilling to repair it. The

# Highlights

## Assessment Reminder

- Special Assessment (\$1/ front foot) ..... due June 1
- Regular Assessment (\$3/front foot) ..... due August 1

## Gate Passes

Whenever any property owner sells their home or lot and moves away from the lake, it would be appreciated if the gate pass(es) in their possession would be surrendered to Ray Lauer, the security director, or Roger Hovis, the gate manager. In this manner, the gate pass(es) can be reissued to others or the new property owners. This will save money for the Board of Directors in not having to purchase replacement gate pass cards.

Those cards not surrendered when residents move from the lake will be deactivated in the computer and rendered useless.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

dock is now a hazard and Jason wishes to have the dock removed. Chris Townsend said that the board would send a certified letter to the dock owner stating that he had to comply with repairing the dock and if he failed to make an effort to repair it within 30 days, then the board had the right to remove the dock. In July, Jerry Uhlenbrock had identified all hazardous docks with a yellow sticker for identification purposes.

Ron Sansone said that the dredge should be removed from the water so that it can be maintained. This will be an expensive proposition as a crane is needed to remove it from the water. Chris Townsend asked if it was possible to use rollers and have the dredge lift itself out of the water. Matt said that it was possible with all the equipment here at the lake that we could possibly remove it ourselves but there was always the question of who would be responsible if it got damaged. Ron asked if anybody had any papers or the title for the dredge to let him know. These were needed so that proper identification could be made. He said that he would like to advertise the dredge in a magazine to see if there was any interest on purchasing it and the dredge would need to be in running condition. Part of the reason it had been left in the water was that potential buyers would need to see it running. The question of whether the dredge had been winterized was discussed. Chris Townsend said that the disposition of the dredge would be discussed by the newly formed Silt Committee and as the dredge had been purchased by a vote, it would also require a vote to sell it.

**New Business**

The question of approval for a topographical study for sewers was brought up. Ron said that at the moment no money had been spent he had been in discussion with Ed Kemp and Bill Brunjes. These two gentlemen know our situation at the lake and also know the order that things needed to be done. The first item was that we had to be designated as a sewer district. President Sansone then described the mechanism for becoming a sewer district and the interaction between Ed Kemp, Bill

Brunjes and the County Commission. The letter which would be sent to the Jefferson County Commission was read. Ron also explained the financing for the sewers and the cost to the lot owners. Hopefully Federal monies would be available for part of the expense. He said that sewers would considerably increase the value of the homes at the lake. President Sansone then asked for a motion to look into becoming a sewer district. Chris Townsend made the motion, seconded by Matt Holloran. Motion passed unanimously. Chris Townsend said that Ed Kemp had said that a Council would also have to be formed. This Council would be responsible for ensuring that everything would be done by the book. Based on all the information given to Mr. Brunjes, it will be possible to come up with very accurate figures on the costs involved and this is overseen by the Council. No monies will be spent by the lake to determine whether or not we become a sewer district and eventually put in sewers. This would then have to be put to a vote and it would require 66% of property owners vote yes to put in the sewers. The location of the sewer system obviously has not yet been determined but would very likely be placed behind the dam. If there is not enough land, the Government might take the necessary land by eminent domain. Chris Townsend said that in 1962 Government passed the clean water bill. Lake Tishomingo was mentioned in this as a possible sewer district.

There being no further business, Ray Lauer made a motion, seconded by Matt Holloran to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Harting

Secretary



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**Treasurer's Report**

	Nov-04	Dec-04
<b>REVENUE</b>		
General Revenue		
Regular ('04) Assessment Revenue	0.00	(150.00)
Special Assessment Revenue	0.00	0.00
Total General Revenue	0.00	(150.00)
Other Revenue		
Gate Passes Revenue	0.00	60.00
Gate Damages Revenue	0.00	350.00
Trailer Rental Revenue	0.00	0.00
Penalty & Legal Fee Revenue	0.00	0.00
Interest Revenue	49.48	45.66
Donation Revenue	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	0.00
Total Other Revenue	49.48	455.66
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>49.48</b>	<b>305.66</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Payroll Expenses		
Wages & Salaries	800.00	1,200.00
Social Security Tax Expense	49.60	74.40
SUTA Expense	0.00	0.00
Medicare Tax Expense	11.60	17.40
SIT Compensation Deduction	0.00	0.00
Total Payroll Expense (Security)	861.20	1,291.80
Maintenance Expenses		
Contract Services (Entrance road repair)	0.00	0.00
Contract Services (Bridge road repair)	2,000.00	4,922.70
Grass Cutting Services	0.00	0.00
Gate Expense	466.73	20.00
Snow Removal	0.00	0.00
Gasoline Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Maintenance (termite control)	0.00	0.00
Vehicle Maintenance Expense	0.00	3,487.36
Total Operating Expense	2,466.73	8,430.06
General & Administrative Expenses		
Accounting & Legal	2,200.00	1,385.00
Insurance	0.00	3,391.75
Interest Expense on Bank Loan	1,501.99	1,439.85
Bank Misc Charges	0.00	5.00
Bank Reconciliation Adjustment	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00
Postage expense	0.00	0.00
Printing Expense	691.62	0.00
Property Tax	0.00	2713.56
Telephone	39.86	40.02
Utilities	320.46	82.65
Total General & Admin. Expenses	4,753.93	9,057.83
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>8,081.86</b>	<b>18,779.69</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-8,032.38</b>	<b>-18,474.03</b>
Checking account balance	\$95,788	\$78,865
Money Market account balance	\$1,016	\$1,016
Loan balance	\$311,099	\$308,083
Outstanding Assessments	\$16,664	\$12,292

**December 2004 Security Report**

Perhaps some people on the south side were wondering if their trash was going to be collected on November 29, the first day on which collections were started again on Monday. The driver collected from some of the homes, but then decided to drive into the Forest, thinking there were additional cans to be emptied. There weren't, because property owners bring their trash to the end of the road. As the driver attempted to negotiate a turn to get back to South Lakeshore, his truck became mired in the mud and was stuck for several hours, until a large wrecker could be brought to the lake and dislodge the truck. As a result, some of the people beyond Mohawk Trail didn't get their trash picked up until much later in the week. Fortunately, Kenny Marschuetz was home that day because of the inclement weather, and when he observed the truck was about to overturn, he may have saved the driver from serious injuries when he convinced him to get clear of his truck.

Also, during the week of November 29, maybe some homeowners saw the trucks and workmen from J.T. Electric Company. I thought they were trimming trees alongside the roads, but when I stopped and inquired from the foreman, he told me they were contractors for Ameren UE, and his workers were installing switches and fusing on the electric poles. These are designed to cause less outage when problems occur here at the lake, and if trees fall and take down the lines. Instead of entire areas being without electricity, Ameren UE will be able to pinpoint the outages and provide repairs more quickly. The foreman did tell me that there are a number of tree limbs near our telephone lines, which do need trimming, but the electric company would be responsible for this.

On November 20, a resident informed me some youths drove off the road and into the creek, which feeds lake, about 1:50 a.m. The caller was unable to provide a description of the vehicle. They then were heard leaving that area about 2:50 a.m., and seen driving past the community house and onto North Lakeshore. I was notified about this some 12-14 hours after the occurrence.

We have again had several breaches of our gate. On November 30 I arrived back at the lake about 11 p.m. and noticed someone using a wrench had removed the gate, and the board had been placed alongside the guard shack. I don't know the reason for this.

The following weekend the gate was broken several times. We are attempting to determine the responsible parties for most of these damages. However, Roger was able to identify one individual who broke the gate during daylight hours because he could not reach a homeowner where firewood was to be delivered. That individual admitted his culpability and has paid the lake \$75.00 to cover damage costs.

Finally, I'd like to encourage everyone to complete the forms, which were in the last newsletter, so we can re-align our files with respect to gate cards, and then delete those cards, which are not in the hands of either property owners or others authorized to use them.

If anyone needs a form to complete the desired information, please contact me.

We've received no information about any vandalism or criminal mischief, other than someone continues to remove the signs on our entrance road, warning drivers of the dangerous curve. Ed Melchior is kind enough to replace the sign. If anyone has knowledge of who has removed this sign four times in the past month, I'd appreciate hearing from them.



## LTPOA Meeting Minutes -- January 10, 2005

The meeting opened at 7:04 p.m. with the following board members present:

Linda Fulford, Pat Harting, Matt Holloran, Ray Lauer, Ron Sansone and Chris Townsend. Sixteen lot owners were present.

The minutes of the December meeting having been posted on the website, inserted in the newsletter and passed out at the meeting, President Sansone asked for a motion to accept the minutes, motion made by Chris Townsend, seconded by Matt Holloran, motion passed unanimously.

### Presidents Report

Waste Management will be contacted to ascertain why new customers are being charged less for their service and to request the lower rate for all customers. It is hoped that via the newsletter, people will be encouraged to have just one trash removal company servicing the lake. Only having one heavy trash removal vehicle on lake property will help with to protect the new roads. A couple of other companies are being contacted to see if they will give a low price for servicing the whole lake. ISCI is one and a company in St. Clair is the other.

### Treasurers Report

Prior to Linda giving her report, President Sansone stated that this year more people have paid their assessments than ever. Ray Lauer spoke with the attorney and the attorney said that the amount still owed is the lowest it has ever been. Ron said that this was due in part to the letters which were sent to all delinquent lot owners and the phone calls made mainly by Linda. He thanked her for her diligence. In years past, it had not been unusual to have 75 people still owe money but we only have approximately 20 to 22 people with under \$10,000 in assessment money still being owed. Linda reported the following:

Income	<\$150.00>	Bounced check fee
	\$350.00	Gate passes
	\$ 45.66	Interest
Total	\$305.66	

She said that the issue of the bounced check was being taken care of.  
Expenses

	\$1,291.00	Payroll
	\$8,430.06	Vehicle maintenance/gate expense
	\$9,057.83	General & administrative
Total	\$18,779.69	

The net income was therefore <\$18,474.03>.

Checking account balance	\$ 78,865.15
Money market	\$ 1,016.32
Loan amount	\$ 308,083
Outstanding assessments	\$ 12,292
Assessments for deposit	\$ 4,790

There will be a deposit of \$1,322 for returned insurance premiums received after the payroll audit.

Gail Lents reported that LTIA pays the total insurance premium

on the community house not half as previously reported and they will also pay for the postage permit for the year of \$150. Linda thanked Gail and the LTIA for this.

Ron Sansone asked for a motion to accept the treasurers report, motion made by Ray Lauer, seconded by Chris Townsend, motion passed unanimously.

### Security Director

Ray Lauer read his report (see page 12). Gail Lents questioned whether replacement of the chip would make the Security Gate screen easier to read, especially during the day. Ray replied that during this past week Roger has upgraded this. If anyone has a problem in the future, please call Roger, 274-7019.

### Building Director

Bev Jost reported on the following activity:

1. Mike Schaab - H4,5,6 & 7. Addition of a family room - permit already issued by Jefferson County.

2. A letter was sent on January 6<sup>th</sup> to the owner of the derelict dock (C75). A response was received within two days stating that the dock would be repaired as soon as the weather permitted this.

Ron then requested that the letter written to Becky Harper be submitted as part of the minutes. The letter was read.

### Maintenance Director

Matt Holloran reported that bills for salt had been submitted together with a \$19 bill from the Quick Shop for gas for the snow plow. He reported that the salt spreader worked fine but the tractor which loads the salt spreader had a problem and this now needs to be addressed. It required an alternator belt.

He said that he was currently working on a budget for repairs for the current road. Please notify Matt in writing if you have noticed anything that needs repair.

These items will be submitted to three contractors who will be giving us bids on the actual repairs. Matt said that he anticipated that there would be approximately \$3,000 in needed repairs. This figure did not include the repair to the road from the 4-way stop coming into the lake. He said that this would have to be discussed for payment either thru the budget or as a special assessment as the road was beginning to deteriorate. He said that the earlier repairs to the road were continuing to sink mainly due to the natural lay of the land. He said that the road on the other side of the 4-way stop was also experiencing the same low spot in the road. Matt then continued to discuss the center seam on the new road which had needed to be sealed this year but unfortunately, there was not the \$13,000 needed in the budget to do this at the present time. He was however getting three bids for this work from contractors who do nothing but seal asphalt in order that this can be in the budget for next year.

### LTIA

Gail Lents had nothing to report.

### Finance Committee

The finance committee met prior to the pre-board meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Janet Hirsch reported that the committee is presently working on improving the monthly reports and on short and long term planning. She said that they would like to set up a regularly scheduled meeting for 6 p.m. on the Wednesday of the pre-board meeting.

### Website

Janet reported that the LTIA membership information on the web site has been updated. She reminded everyone to renew their LTIA membership. Also posted on the website are pictures of the swans, which visited the lake on Christmas Eve. The deadline for inclusion in the next newsletter is February 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Old Business

Kathy Hopfer said that she had heard that a teenager had reported that he was informed that he would be charged a \$100 dollar fine for using the keypad on the gate to call home because his cell phone did not

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work. President Sansone said that this was the first he had heard this but that there was no truth whatsoever in it.

**New Business**

Matt reported that he had received a phone call about the dredge from someone who had spoken with Ron but until an offer was received in writing this would not technically be brought up for discussion. However, he wanted to let everyone know that there was a gentleman who was interested in the dredge and the selling price would very likely be between \$80,000 to \$90,000. He said that this person was a dredge salesman who had found someone who was interested in purchasing ours. Matt simply told him that this information would be brought up at the next meeting. Ron then said that Mr. Ross now had a job in Old Mines and he would therefore be back in the area. Ron told him that our situation had not changed since his visit here in the summer. He indicated to Ron that due to the fact that he would be working in this area he could now give us a price of around \$145,000 plus the dredge for the whole lake. This figure did not include removal of the silt, this we would have to do ourselves, but he would be happy to have us find a way to remove the silt. Ron then went on to say that arrangements would have to be made quickly to get the dredge out of the water in order for the needed maintenance to the pontoons to be done. The pontoons require a coating of tar in order that they do not rust.

Gail Lents reported that Butch Hopfer and Ken Lanning winterized the dredge at the beginning of the year.

There being no further business, Ray Lauer made a motion, seconded by Linda Fulford to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Harting

Secretary

***From Our Building Director . . .***

*Hi everyone.*

*In our regulations for Lake Tishomingo we are required to maintain our property as a high grade residential development. We are asking all property owners to help maintain those standards.*

*We have several problems around the lake. Here is a list of some of those items.*

- *Docks and sheds that are in need of repair or removal.*
- *Poles that remain in the water where docks once were.*
- *Piles of brush and old lumber in yards need to be removed.*
- *Abandoned vehicles.*
- *Sea walls that are failing into the lake.*
- *Trash and debris of all kinds in yards and in the lake.*
- *Erosion of the shore line.*
- *Trees are ready to fall into the lake.*
- *Abandoned boats, some that have disintegrated and some partially or totally sunk.*
- *Railroad tie walls in need of repair or removal.*
- *Crumbled concrete slabs.*
- *Appliances in yards.*
- *Faulty septic systems.*
- *Boat bumpers on docks that need to be replaced.*

*It would be greatly appreciated if each property owner would repair, clean and maintain their property. If anyone needs help or advice, please call me and I will try to arrange for help.*

*Thank you.*

*Bev Jost*

*Building Director*

**January 2005 Security Report**

A resident recently reported seeing someone entering the lake while the gate was down by driving from the circular drive and going behind the guard's shack. This area was checked on New Year's Eve and indeed tire tracks were discovered indicating illegal entry had occurred on more than one occasion. We have taken steps in an effort to block the driver from using this method to bypass the entry gate.

There has been concern expressed by some property owners who were unable to access the gate beginning on January 1. There are several reasons this has occurred.

First, only a fraction of the lake's owners responded with the survey forms that were published in the November newsletter. This was an effort to get an accurate inventory of who should have valid gate passes. Roger, using a master list of the gate passes possessed by property owners, left most of the information intact in the computer at the gate. Where there was uncertainty, he deleted the information.

Several people who could not gain access to the lake this past week telephoned either Roger or me, and he has been able to rectify the files and re-enter the information at the gate. We know that some people have sold their property here at the lake but have retained their cards. Since they have no right of access any longer, Roger is removing their names from our files. Anyone experiencing problems with their gate pass is advised to call Roger Hovis at 274 7019.

Roger has not removed anyone's identification at the gate, or their card access, if they are known by him to be a current property owner. However, he needs the information from the card (five numerals appear on each card) so that he can update his records.

Concurrent with that issue, Roger learned that there was some form of computer malfunction on January 1. One visitor to the lake who came to see his parents and who could not gain access broke the gate bar. This violation was videotaped, and when Roger was able to identify the offender, that person promised to pay us for the damage to the gate. This should serve as a reminder that we will demand payment for damages to the gate, or pursue charges through the Sheriff's department.

Last Friday the gate would not again open in the morning to allow access to the school bus, and Roger deactivated the gate until a repairman could ascertain the problem. This afternoon, Kurt from Signature Control was here and determined there is an apparent transformer that will require replacement, and a chip in the card reader which is causing the gate to lose the correct time and date. The gate is now operational while we await the replacement parts. We will save money because Roger has the ability to replace the defective parts once they are delivered here.

There will occasionally be malfunctions due to the computer equipment at the gate. When a property owner observes a problem, we'd appreciate being notified so that immediate steps can be taken to correct the situation. When someone is unable to gain access when the gate is lowered, both Roger and I would appreciate it if we were called at home from the gate. This is a much better resolution than just breaking the gate and entering.

We continue to receive complaints about the manner in which some people operate their vehicles on our roadways. There is particular concern about one young man who evokes comments from a number of people who witness his careless operation of a small gray car on the lake's south side roads. Unfortunately for us, the Sheriff's deputies are not empowered to enforce any speed limitations due to the width of our roads here in the subdivision. Hopefully, this young man will get some sense one of these days, before the careless operation of his vehicle seriously injures or maims someone ... and before he injures himself. Within several months the temperatures will be warming and children once again will be playing near their homes. We endeavor to keep them safe.

There have been no other reports of vandalism or damage in the subdivision during the past month.

Ray Lauer





## LTPOA Meeting Minutes -- February 8, 2005

[These minutes have not yet been formally approved by the LTPOA BoD — jmh]

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with the following board members present:

Linda Fulford, Pat Harting, Matt Holloran, Ray Lauer and Ron Sansone. 22 lot owners were present.

The minutes of the January meeting having been posted on the website and passed out at the meeting, President Sansone asked for a motion to accept the minutes, motion made by Matt Holloran, seconded by Ray Lauer, motion passed unanimously.

President Sansone opened the meeting by asking Linda Fulford for the Treasurers Report.

### Treasurers Report

Linda reported the following figures for the month of January:

Total revenue	503.60
Total expenses	1,446.59
Beginning balance	
in Checking account	78,865.00
Debits	7,027.30
Credits	6,169.14
Ending balance	79,723.00
Money market balance	1,016.00
- interest 53 cents	
Loan balance	305,053.54
Outstanding assessments	6,865.13

Linda said that she had collected a further \$1,600 for assessments in February but we did have two bounced checks. Linda presented the following check for approval: Matt Holloran — Salt for the roads - \$826.87 President Sansone asked for a motion to pay the check, motion made by Ray Lauer, seconded by Pat Harting, motion passed unanimously. Linda proceeded to state that the only other expenses were for snow removal, \$200 for the first snow and \$175 for the second time the roads were plowed. Linda presented the board with both income statements and balance sheets. Ron said that a summary was all that would be needed for the meetings. Ray Lauer questioned the loan balance and Linda reiterated that the amount was \$305,000. Linda said that the amortization statement was produced by the bank and it did not include the special assessment money that we are adding and therefore the statement will always be wrong, as we will actually have paid off more than it will show. Linda said that a decision would have to be made as to which vehicles we would be licensing as she had received notification from the Assessors Office and the fees were due March 1<sup>st</sup>. Matt Holloran said that we would be keeping everything as is and during the summer make a decision on which vehicles would be kept after it was determined if any other parts were salvageable. President Sansone made a motion to accept the Treasurers report as read, motion made by Ray Lauer seconded by Matt Holloran, motion passed unanimously.

### Finance Committee

Janet Hirsch reported that the Finance Committee again addressed the problems with the Treasurer's reports. She read the following report from the Committee:

In January 2004 the Board unanimously passed a motion to accept the finance committee recommendations to "Improve financial reporting: Monthly reports to include YTD spending, budget, variance, and explanation in an easy to understand format."

Between January and August 2004 Pat Harting, Charlene Sansone, and I spent hundreds of hours setting up the new accounting system and inputting the data to improve the financial reporting. And the system was then turned over to the treasurer.

This is February 2005 and the treasurer's report is still inadequate. Monthly income statements do not show

**Assessments collected** — it appears that no money is coming in.

**Monthly loan principal payments** — these have never been reported.

**Special assessment payments applied to the loan** — about \$20,000 was applied to the loan in September, but it has never appeared on the reports.

**Year-to-date sums** — we're over 6 months into the year, how much have we spent so far?

**Comparison to budget amounts** — how do we stand compared to the budgeted amounts?

**Beginning and ending balance** on all asset and liability accounts

- bank accounts
- loan principal
- regular and special assessments for current and past years

We assume that the LTPOA is collecting about \$200,000 a year. The people who are paying the assessments deserve a proper accounting of the cash coming in and the cash going out. And the Board agreed to provide it.

The committee has pointed out these problems to the treasurer and asked that the reports be prepared so that all these data are included.

The Finance Committee is also working on developing a list of short- and long-term planning projects.

Regularly scheduled meetings

6 pm Wednesday, the week before the LTPOA Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Hirsch

President Sansone said that more data was needed. Linda responded that Janet had already accomplished that. She sent a form last night to that would be filled out. She believed that the form would cover everything that Janet had talked about. Janet responded that it would cover the year to dates, the budget numbers were not in the form nor would it cover the beginning and ending balances. Linda responded that these on another form. Assessment information should also be in there. Janet requested that the forms be made available for the next newsletter on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Janet said that as long as the form was filled out, nothing else would be necessary and this information should be available every month. Linda said that she would send the form to Janet. Linda asked if anything had been done on the project planning. She understood that an assessment schedule would be prepared by the Finance Committee. This schedule would list when the assessment was due, what the late fee will be and at what point it will be turned over to the attorney. We currently do not have such a schedule. Unfortunately this would not be ready for inclusion in the next newsletter. Hopefully this would be available by April 20<sup>th</sup>, the next deadline for the newsletter. The time frame for when the assessments were due and when they would become overdue would be put in the newsletter. On a question from the floor as to whether the Finance Committee was responsible for putting together the schedule, Linda replied that they had volunteered to do this, but the Board could do it if the Finance Committee did not wish to. President Sansone said that the final list of the overdue assessments should now be turned over to the Attorney. Linda replied that she had the list and there were only 20 assessments that we would not be able to collect. It was not possible to contact some of the property owners therefore the attorney had to be contacted so that eventually liens could be placed on those who did not pay.

Phil Chambers questioned the \$9,057.83 general and administrative expense reported in last month's figures and asked what made up this figure. This was explained to be a year end adjustment figure so that the books could be closed for the year. Janet Hirsch said that this pointed out the fact that the treasurer's report should be the actual cash flow and not necessarily accounting adjustments etc. Linda agreed that some of the reports were not accurately reporting cash flow. Janet said that the data from the accounting software needed to be taken and put into another spreadsheet to get the correct reports. Linda said

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that she would do this manually as the system was not working correctly. Phil further questioned the amount of assessment money being paid toward the loan. He asked if the \$87,000 reported under current assets had anything to do with the special assessments. Linda replied that it did not. Ron explained that all monies coming in from the special assessment went directly to the loan. That is why the loan has gone down so much. The loan payment each month is \$4,489. Ron said that the special assessment is due in June and the regular assessment is due in August.

**Security Director**

Ray Lauer read his report (see page 17).

Ray was questioned as to how far along were we with having new gate passes available. He replied that not everybody had responded. He said that the people who did not respond and those who could not be verified as still being here have been taken out of the system. Tim Schryver asked if stickers would be available for 2005. Ray said that he had some but the dates on them were 2001-2002. Originally the stickers were designed so that the guard could see them when a car came in. It was not a mandate to have them on the car. There is no charge for the stickers, just let Ray know if you need one. Phil Chambers brought up the problem of cars and boats in the summer being down by the clubhouse without stickers. This makes it difficult to tell if they have the right to be there. Ray said that he was looking into having a sign saying "No Trespassing". He was checking with Jefferson County on this because in the city, a car cannot be towed unless a no trespassing sign is displayed stating where it will be towed to and the costs involved.

**Building Director**

Bev Jost reported on lots K25 and 26. Potential buyers wish to tear down a substantial portion of the existing house but keep one back wall and the foundation and rebuild around it. It will have the same number of bedrooms and they are planning to put in a new septic system. Jefferson County has been contacted and said that they should follow our regulations. There is one small existing tank and the buyers are planning to put in a grinder system and new runs at the back of the house away from the lake. There was considerable concern from the two adjoining houses concerning the proposed septic system that it would conform to all the regulations set forth by the county. (See Neighbor's letter to board, page 17.)

Concern was also expressed with regard to inspection, or lack thereof, by the county. It was understood that the minimum distance from a wellhead had to be 100ft. An exact set of plans showing distances from the lot lines was not available. Ron said that Jefferson County needed to be contacted because of the close proximity to the adjoining property wells. Matt Holloran suggested that before the buyers did anything further they were called and told that until they meet the set back requirements they might want to leave the existing sewer and make renovations to it. Once a new system is installed, the old system has to be completely filled in. This new system has to conform to all the distance regulations and it was possible that an acceptable system for the adjoining properties might not be available. We should make sure that things are right with the septic system before the buyers begin building. Phil Chambers offered to talk to them as he has just had a new system installed and was aware of all the problems involved. It was decided not to approve the permit at this time. Chyree De Roode said that she did not see why we should worry about Jefferson County, she said we should be able to have stricter rules than they do. She pointed out that this is now prime property and this will happen again. We have to foresee this happening and we need to protect our lake.

**Maintenance Director**

Matt Holloran reported that Dale Waller has done a very good snow plowing so far. He said that they continue to have problems with the truck but this will be taken in this coming week for repairs. He has a few bills for the truck and the last snow-plowing bill which have been turned in to the Treasurer for payment. Marilyn Meyer asked if the Board wanted an inventory of the driveways that needed to be black

topped so that in the spring when we get the roads repaired the property owners could have an option to use the same contractor. She volunteered to do the north side of the lake. Matt said that he would like to get that implemented prior to the next election that that was what we would like to see done so that it could be voted on at the election. Hopefully we could then make it as mandatory as possible before next winter in an attempt to stop the rock from going onto the roads again. This was not just driveways going to homes but all driveways around the lake.

**LTIA**

In Gail Lents' absence, Barb Rhom said that there would be a Trivia Night this coming Saturday at the community house. Tickets would be \$10 per person. Raffle tickets would be available and there would be a silent auction for 4 tickets to Busch Gardens.

Ron questioned the amount of the insurance on the building. The actual policy had been given to Dixie Bryant. An invoice for \$4,094 had been presented. When the insurance was first discussed, the community house was \$1,021 with \$335 for the pavilion. Linda Fulford said that she had verified the amounts with the insurance company and they were \$670 for liability and about \$3,200 for the actual coverage on the building. She said that we had raised the dollar amount of the coverage. Ron said that initially the value of the building was only \$80,000 and it was raised up to over \$200,000 after the insurance agent had measured the building. The community house has a burglar alarm system installed. Ron will contact the insurance agent and discuss the difference in the amounts with him.

**Website**

Janet Hirsch reported that the web site is still doing very well with the most popular page being the minutes. She said that the deadline for the next newsletter is February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business**

Phil Chambers said that he had come across this piece of information that the lake might find interesting. He said that it was in a court decree for an application to change restrictions at the lake. He said that the total frontage of all lots at the lake was 59,950 ft. whereas the total frontage of all lots required to approve said restrictions was 29,976 ft. He said that this was what the assessments were based on, all the lake and road frontage figures.

President Sansone said that tomorrow night at 7 p.m. there would be a meeting with the board on the sewers. Two ladies one from the Federal Government and one from the State will be there together with Mr. Brunjes. This is the first step to get the project of defining our sewer district started. Phil Chambers questioned how the costs would be apportioned to the individual lot owners. Ron said that it will go by the individual users and will have nothing to do with the lots. Only lots with homes on them will initially be connected to the sewer system. Subsequent new homes will still have to have 40,000 sq. ft. of land and they will have to pay the appropriate amount to be connected to the system. Ron said that with the 240 homes that we have here at the moment, that is enough to have a sewer system. Ron then went on to say that the reason the Board would be speaking to the two ladies was that there was a possibility that we could obtain some Federal monies for the sewer system. He said that the cost of the system would be amortized over 20 to 30 years.

There being no further business, Ray Lauer made a motion, seconded by Matt Holloran to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Harting

Secretary

## February 2005 Security Report

We have the proverbial good news/bad news to report this month.

The good news is that the only adverse information is about the security gate. The bad news is there is no good news to report about the security gate, which is currently inoperable. How's that for an opening?

On Sunday, January 23, the gate worked as designed all day. That is, until about 7 o'clock in the evening. Suddenly it would no longer rise when a resident's gate pass was used, although the screen showed "access granted". I drove to the gate when called and attempted to use my pass, and again it would not work. I had just entered the gate several hours earlier and it worked then. Because the gate wouldn't work, I removed the bar until we could get a technician here to determine the problem.

Roger inspected the gate mechanisms the weekend of January 29 and discovered what appeared to be two defective ROM chips. He's awaiting replacements to see if that is the actual cause of the gate malfunctioning.

The following day, several women were working in the flowerbed circle near the front entrance when a cement truck drove toward the exit at what they described as a fast speed. The cement boom dispenser struck the raised gate bar and tore it from its holder.

Thereafter, Roger telephoned the Arnold Ready Mix Company, was able to identify the driver, and that firm has paid for the damages caused to the gate. Reportedly, this is the second occasion the same driver has damaged a gate protecting a subdivision. The company paid a \$250 fine, so it was not necessary to notify the sheriff about the damage.

The second week of January I noted skid marks on South Lakeshore Drive, near our home, and there was evidence a car skidded into the embankment at that location. A man who lives nearby told me he had just arrived home, during darkness, when he could hear a car that was obviously speeding, and then heard the crash. Upon running to the scene, he discovered a severely damaged car, and both front airbags had deployed. The driver was the only occupant of the car, and he received a facial cut. The man was able to back his car onto the road and found one front tire had been flattened. He replaced that tire with the spare and quickly drove away, saying he had to get to South St. Louis. The driver said he didn't want the sheriff notified of the accident. In fact, there was no need to do that since no damage occurred to lake property and none to any personal property.

I'm told a resident was able to write the license plate number, but no one has reported that information to me,

As soon as Roger is able to get a representative here from Security Control, we hope to have the gate repaired.



## Sewer Committee Meeting Feb. 9, 2005

Speakers: Bill Brunjes, engineer; Donna Martin, USDA, Rural Development Specialist; Cathy Coffman, USDA, Community Development Manager

There were 10 residents present including 4 LTPOA board members. Bill gave us a copy of the estimated project costs and a quick overview. A USDA loan would be for 33 years. We will need a revenue bond counsel. Suggest we get organized to put it on the ballot for our regular municipal election in April, 2006, to save the cost of a special election. We should have everything ready by Jan. 7-10 to get on the April ballot.

The county commission forms the sewer district. After contracts are out, 5 directors are appointed with different term limits (1-5 years). They make monthly financial statements to USDA, Rural Development, with yearly reports to the state auditors.

## Neighbor Voices Concern

I understand the property next to me on Lakeview has requested a permit for construction, they are tearing down the existing house to the further most existent allowed by Jefferson County and building a new one. I am all for a better looking and nicer home being built but I have a major problem with the septic being that close to my well unless they are within ALL regulations set forth in Jefferson County.

My understanding is that it must be a minimum of 100 feet from a well. I am sorry to say that it is impossible for this to happen not only will this septic be closer than that to mine but it will also be as close to if not closer to the residents on the immediate other side of this property.

Before this permit is issued I request that someone with a tape measure get out here and do some measuring because there is something wrong with the issuing of this permit along with that the county has not given a permit for this work because the buyers do not own this property yet. I again would like to state that I have no problem with a more pleasurable site beside our residence but the septic issue needs to be addressed and rectified before a permit is issued. And hopefully this issue is followed up on and not let lie until other measures are needed to get it rectified as it has been seen on other occasions. I do have the utmost confidence that the board will consider the resident's concerns in the construction and modification of homes along with the health issues that also need to be addressed.

Thanks,  
The Hovis Family

## Signs

On a repair shop door: WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING.  
(PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)

In a laundromat: AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES:  
PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a department store: BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS  
In an office: WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

Outside a secondhand shop: WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

In health food store window: CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS  
In a safari park: ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR  
Seen during a conference: FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR



Ms. Martin - To get a grant from USDA the median annual income needs to be less than \$47,677. For a county (CDBG) grant the mean income must be \$39,043 or below. The county must have a request-for-income survey of all households. It would be conducted by an independent administrator, i.e. Ed Kemp's office. We must have 51% or more low-to-moderate income to get the \$300,000 CDBG grant. Need a response from 80% of households from the mailed survey. County stipulates survey must be made within a year, USDA survey can be 2 years old. USDA will reimburse for survey costs. Need to ask USDA for authorization for survey.

We need to form district this summer. Donna Martin suggested we attend the training session in Fredericktown Feb. 24.

Cathy Coffman recommended we join the Mo. Rural Water Assoc. as a resource.



Marilyn Meyer





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