



# Tishomingo News

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## LTPOA Report

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Remember back in the Fall when the kids were planting bulbs . . .



. . . here is the result!

## Dinner Meetings

6:30 pm Sat **May 12** -  
Kentucky Fried Chicken  
Bring a side dish

6:30 pm Sat **Jun 9** -  
Tishomingo Anglers' Fish Fry  
Bring a side dish

## Teen Scavenger Hunt

Sat **June 18**

This is a new event -- and it sounds like a lot of fun. Let's see who will be the best detective.

For info call Janet Farwig  
274-2038.

## The Great Flood of '05

One neighbor described it as "a flood of Biblical proportions." Though that may be an exaggeration, it was the most rain that did the most damage to the lake in the six years we've lived here. And yet, thanks mostly to Matt Holloran's efforts, if you came to the Lake a few days after the flood, most of the damage to the Community House parking lot and the silt berm was already repaired. But Matt was not the only lake resident to lend a hand in the cleanup. It was inspiring to see the community working together to clear the roads of gravel, round up escaped boats, and pick up debris. Hopefully we can keep this spirit alive without the high waters.

It happened early in the morning of Thursday April 20. I heard from two residents with rain gauges that we received 3.5 to 4 inches of rain in a three-hour period. This was too much rain for the two tubes under the southside bridge to handle and water was forced up over the road. Once over the road the water flowed around both sides of the silt berm and down the community parking lot driveway into the lake. The force of the water was so great that substantial dirt was cut away from both sides of the berm.

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## Small Bass Tournament

6 am - 2:30 pm Sat **June 11**

The Tishomingo Anglers will sponsor a Small Bass Tournament on Saturday, June 11 from 6:00 am to 2:30 pm.

This competition is open to all anglers. The objective of this two-angler team (boat) event will be to catch the most bass between 8-12 inches.

This tournament serves a two-fold purpose in harvesting out some of the stunted fish and providing some good eatin'. The team with the largest weight of fish will get their names on the TAA Championship Plaque in the Community House.

TAA members will then clean and fry these small bass for the LTIA dinner later in the evening. This will be a fun event -- Plan to attend the fried fish dinner because there will be plenty for all!

Tishomingo News is the official publication of the Lake Tishomingo Improvement Association. Articles, letters, photos, and classified ads should be sent to newsletter Editor.

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

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**Next Newsletter Deadline**

June 19, 2005

**laketishomingo.com**

**New Stuff**

The revised water activity rules and regulations are 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**

- May 4 Wed 7 pm LTPOA preboard
- May 7 Sat 9 am Lakeside Gardeners' Plant Sale
- May 10 Tue 7 pm LTPOA Board of Directors meeting
- May 12 Thur 7 pm Tishomingo Anglers meeting
- May 13-14 TAA Fundraiser at the gate
- May 14 Sat 6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. KFC
- May 21 Sat 9 am Volunteer Corps
- Jun 8 Wed 6 pm Finance Committee, 7 pm LTPOA preboard
- Jun 9 Thur 7 pm Tishomingo Anglers meeting
- Jun 11 Sat TAA Fishing Tournament
- Jun 11 Sat 6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Fish Fry
- Jun 14 Tue 7 pm LTPOA Board of Directors meeting
- Jun 18 Sat 9 am Volunteer Corps
- Jun 18 Sat 11:30 am LTPOA Annual Meeting & Election
- Jun 18 Sat Teen Scavenger Hunt
- Jul 3 Sun Miss Tishomingo Coronation
- Jul 4 Mon 3 pm Boat Parade
- Jul 4 Mon 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. Oktoberfest
- Oct 28 Fri 1 - 3 pm Munchkin Halloween Party  
6 - 8 pm Teen Party/Bonfire
- Oct 29 Sat 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 Sat 3 pm Christmas Caroling.
- Dec 18 Sun 1 - 3 pm Children's Christmas Party

**Classified Ads**

Classified ads are free for LTIA members  
**FOUND**

**Pelican Fiji Pedal Boat.** Washed up over our seawall F-29 during the recent flash flood. Please retrieve. Hirsch (636) 285-0813.

**FOR SALE**

**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.

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# Flood Waters Cause Destruction



The parking lot was completely flooded Thursday morning. When the water receded the parking lot had huge ruts and gullies. Wide angle photo by R Hirsch.

On the north side of the berm the dirt base around the utility pole was washed away and UE had to be called in to stabilize the pole until rock could be piled around the base in place of the dirt. There was substantial damage to the parking lot where much of the gravel was removed, leaving large ruts.

On the south side of the berm a major section of it collapsed and was washed away.

There was also substantial damage to the low-water bridge on the south side where much of the soil was undercut and removed by the fast moving water. This is in addition to damage suffered by individuals who had retaining walls destroyed and boats swamped and lost.



The south side of the berm during the flood, viewed from the bridge. Photo by Mike Leiweke.



The north side of the berm during the flood, viewed from the road. Photo by Mike Leiweke.



The south side of the berm after the water receded. Photo by R Hirsch.



The north side of the berm and the volley ball area after the water receded. Photo by R Hirsch.





## LTIA Meetings Summary

### March 12, 2005

Board members present: Gail Lents, Dixie Bryant, Mary Leiweke, and Janet Hirsch. Board members absent: Janet Farwig and Barb McGlynn

Opening Remarks - Gail Lents thanked everyone who brought food, contributed memorials, and sent condolences after the recent passing of her mother. Celebrations - Happy Birthday congratulations to Rick Hannick, Janet Hirsch, Morris Sallee, Hilda Schryver, and Sandy Uhlenbrock.

Treasurer - February 28, 2005 cash on hand: \$10244.65 in the checking account \$4095.01 in the money market account. We have 107 memberships. Report read and accepted.

Welcome Wagon - If anyone knows of new residents to the community, please let us know. Please donate small baskets to use as containers for the gifts to new residents.

Maintenance - Butch Hopfer fixed an outside light. Charlie Lents replaced a kitchen light. Gail Lents is obtaining bids for the replacement of the water pressure tank.

Lakeside Gardeners - the Garden of the Month program will be starting up again this spring. The bus shelter walkway has been mulched and the paths through the wildflower garden are being mulched. Next meeting will be March 24 at Barb Rohm's house.

Earth Day Celebrations - the Lakeside Gardeners have Lake Tishomingo Earth Day t-shirts for sale for \$10. Contact Dixie Bryant to order your t-shirt.

Saturday April 23 will be the annual Road and Community House Cleanup Day. This event is organized by John Dauernheim and everyone is invited to help. Work begins at 9 am and the LTIA is providing free lunch to all helpers.

Sunday April 24 at 2 pm will be the children's program with Ms Hilda. The Lakeside Gardeners program will include activities, trees to plant, and Lake Tish Earth Day t-shirts.

Tishomingo Anglers - the TAA meets at 7 pm the second Thursday of each month. Current projects include fish stocking program, creating fish cover, and sponsoring fishing tournaments. June 11 will be the first tournament, followed by a fish fry that evening for the LTIA dinner meeting. In July there will be a midnight tournament. Member dues for TAA are \$12 and all donations to support the stocking program are greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Corps - meet next Saturday, March 19, at 9 am to rake and burn.

Social - the Teen Pizza Party was a great success. There were 18 participants. We are planning more activities for the teens: a scavenger hunt this summer and Halloween Party in October.

Trivia Night was a huge success. We had 92 competitors and made about \$1200. And everyone enjoyed the evening.

The next event is the St Patrick's Day Party, March 19. Purchase advance tickets for \$25 per couple or \$30 at the door.

Newsletter and Website - All of the newsletters since Jan 2003 are now available at the website and we have recently updated the pages for the Lakeside Gardeners and the TAA. The newsletter was sent out about a week ago, if you did not receive a copy contact Janet Hirsch.

Old Business - Sometime this spring Ron Sansone will replace the steps going down to the pavilion.

Dixie Bryant designed the cabinet layout for the remodeling of the kitchen. New cabinets will cost about \$2000. Rick Hannick volunteered to install them. Charlie Lents made a motion to approve the \$2000 for the kitchen cabinets, seconded by Barb Rohm, motion passed by vocal majority.

Attendance prizes were won by Janet Hirsch, Betty Melchior, and Dixie Bryant. Embroidered sweatshirts donated by Gail Lents were door prizes won by Violet Kruse and Morris Sallee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Hirsch

### April 9, 2005

Board Members Present – Gail Lents, Mary Leiweke, Dixie Bryant, Barb McGlynn, Janet Farwig and Janet Hirsch

Secretary Barb McGlynn read the minutes from the March Meeting. Gail made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Barb. Accepted

Treasurer, Dixie Bryant read the Treasurer's Report. Janet Farwig made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read, seconded by Gail. Accepted

Deadline for any ads, pictures or stories for the newsletter is April 24

Ways and Means - The St. Patrick's Day dance was on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. Double Take provided the music and a great time was had by all. We made a quick decision to book them again for the Halloween Dance on October 29

Garden Club – The Garden Club had its meeting at Barb Rhom's home. The next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 7 pm. at Jason Covington's home. There will be a plant sale May 7 from 9am til noon at the Culhouse. Donations Welcome.

Social and Recreation – The Kid's Easter Party was a big success and a good time was had by all. There is a Teen Scavenger Hunt scheduled for June 18. Please be willing to participate if the kids knock on your door looking for various items.

TAA – The TAA would like invite everyone to join in the June 11 Fish Tournament with a fish fry following at the pavilion in appreciation of all the aluminum donations and helping with the fish traps.

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# Tishomingo Anglers

## March 10, 2004 TAA Meeting Minutes

Seven members were in attendance for the first meeting of the year: Vern Puryear, Frank Therina, Jason Covington, Rick Hannick, Tim Schryver, Gary Ryan Jr., and Dale Farwig.

### Annual Budget

The total finances raised from dues, donations, and aluminum collection totals approximately \$1443.83.00 After stocking 126 pounds of golden shiners on March 17, 2005, the balance stands at \$448.83.

### Lakefront Sign Replacement

Members voted first to set aside \$400 for expenses in making improvements at the lake, including building a new lakefront sign with lake rules and creel limits, including an additional "No Trespassing: Visitors Must be Accompanied by Lake Resident at all Times. Violators Will be Prosecuted." Gary Ryan Jr. volunteered to head up this endeavor and coordinate with the garden club, Rich Hirsch, Ray Lauer, and others so that we don't duplicate their efforts and so the signs are similar in appearance to ones already being replaced at the lake.

### Stocking from Hatcheries

We had some lengthy discussions on the stocking program for the lake, including reports from both Gary Ryan Jr. and Jason Covington regarding discussions they had with several fisheries biologists, hatchery owners, and fish experts. In summary, due to our current budget and other considerations at this time, we decided to set aside \$1000 to purchase approximately 126 pounds of golden shiners, which basically serve as food for all the fish in the lake. These were stocked on March 17, 2005 at the launch ramp. Golden shiners will repopulate and continue to be a source of food throughout the year. At a future time with additional revenue, we would like to stock more fish. We are also conducting additional research on future stocking possibilities. We are working with our local fisheries biologists and hope to conduct an electroshock survey of the lake within the next 14 months, either this fall or next spring.

### Creel Limit Changes

We voted and unanimously agreed to change the creel limits on bass to **6 bass under 13 inches per person per day**. All bass 13 inches or larger must be released. All other creel limits on other species remain the same.

### Other Improvement Projects

Members had many discussions about other improvement projects we can do with minimal cost, including continuing to drop weighted Christmas and cedar trees in the lake. We also made plans to harvest some of the carp in a couple of the shallow coves. Carp fishermen and enthusiasts are welcome to join in on the fun. We did not yet set dates for these events since we were

planning to do them when the water warms up to above 50 degrees in April and May. We will further discuss these endeavors on April 14 at 7:00 P.M.

### Small Bass Tournament June 11

We agreed to hold a Small Bass Tournament on **Saturday, June 11 from 6:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.** open to all anglers. The objective of this two-angler team (boat) event will be to catch the

most bass between 8-12 inches.

TAA will then clean and fry these small bass for the LTIA dinner later in the evening. Plan to attend for the fried fish dinner because there will be plenty for all! This tournament serves a two-fold purpose in harvesting out some of the stunted fish and providing some good eatin'. The team with the largest weight of wish will get their names on the TAA Championship Plaque in the Community House.

### Big Bass Night Tournament July 9

We agreed to hold a night tournament on July 9 from 6 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. on the night of Saturday, July 9. This will be an individual event with the objective of catching the single biggest bass. The individual with the largest bass will get his or her name on the TAA Championship Plaque in the Community House.

### TAA Officers

The TAA officers remain the same. No one wanted to be added or removed from office. Rick Hannick, President; Gary Ryan, Treasurer; Jason Covington, Secretary.

### Notice on Chumming

Chumming for game fish is illegal in Missouri waters. Our restrictions at Lake Tishomingo prohibit chumming for catfish, bass, bluegill, and crappie. Chumming for non-game fish such as carp is legal.

## Fishing Regulations and Handling of Fish

**BASS:** Anglers can keep **up to 6 fish a day per person under 13 inches**. Keeping some of the smaller 6-12 inch bass will actually help improve the fishery by decreasing the competition some of the smaller bass have for food. The 6-12 inch size is the best tasting eating size! **Anglers are NOT allowed to keep any bass over 13 inches PERIOD.** The bigger bass are the spawning females and help the propagation of future bass. Therefore, be sure to handle all released fish with care by wetting your hands **FIRST** before touching the fish. Then, be sure to release the fish immediately. It can also help to avoid using a net and avoid letting the fish flop around in the boat. This will help prevent the removal of the fish's protective slime coating. Bring your camera with you on your fishing trip so you don't have to go back for a picture of a larger fish. If you catch a trophy bass and want a mount, do not



*Emily Covington with two triploid grass carp (40 and 41 inches) and a green sunfish (5 inches!). These 3 destructive creatures were removed from the lake and eaten. They were caught on a heavy spinning rod with 12-pound test line with a size 6 hook with 2 kernels of corn freelined (no weight or bobber) in the shallow part of a cove. An enormous dip net was used to land the fish. The area was chummed 15 minutes prior with canned corn. Also caught but not pictured was a 4-pound channel catfish on the same rig.*

**Cookin' Cove****What Goes with Ham**

The April LTIA Dinner Meeting served baked ham. The big hit of the evening was the sweet potato casserole brought by Arlene Steinmetz. Thank you, Arlene.

**Arlene Steinmetz' Sweet Potato Casserole**

3 c peeled, cooked, & mashed sweet potatoes  
(5 small or 4 medium)  
1 c sugar  
2 eggs  
1 stick butter or margarine (melted)  
1 t vanilla  
1/2 c Pet milk

Mix all ingredients and pour into a casserole dish.

**Topping:**

1 c brown sugar (light)  
1/2 c flour  
1/2 stick butter or margarine  
1 c chopped pecans

Mix and sprinkle over potatoes. You can also sprinkle cinnamon on top for a little extra spark.

Bake a 350 deg F for 1 hour.

Also popular was the daiquiri cake brought by Dixie Bryant.

**Dixie Bryant's Strawberry Daiquiri Cake****Cake:**

1 pkg SuperMoist white cake mix  
3/4 c water  
1 pkg (14 oz) strawberry unsweetened soft drink mix  
1 T grated lime peel  
3/4 t rum extract  
1 pkg (10 oz) frozen sliced strawberries, thawed,  
undrained  
3 eggs

**Lime Frosting:**

1 tub (15 oz) Pour and Frost vanilla frosting  
2 t grated lime peel

**Garnish:**

8 fresh whole strawberries

In a large bowl beat cake mix, water, dry drink mix, 1 T lime peel, rum extract, thawed strawberries, and eggs with electric mixer on low speed 30 seconds. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Pour into greased 9 x 13 inch pan.

Bake at 350 deg F for 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely, about 1 hour.

Uncover tub of frosting and remove foil. Microwave on high 20 to 30 seconds or until pourable. Stir in 2 t lime peel. Pour frosting over cake; spread evenly. Store loosely covered at room temperature. Just before serving, cut whole strawberries in half and garnish cake.

Our last recipe is for a yeast bread I make in a bread machine, but with a bit more work can easily be made by hand in a conventional oven.

**Rich Hirsch's Honey Wheat Bread**

1-1/2 c water  
3 T olive oil  
5 T honey (may substitute molasses or maple syrup)  
3-1/2 c wheat flour blend, 10 oz (Gold Medal "Better for Wheat Bread" Speciality Blend)  
1/4 c sunflower seeds, chopped  
1/4 c walnuts, chopped  
1-1/2 tsp salt  
1 T instant yeast

Combine all ingredients except sunflower seeds and walnuts into loaf pan. Honey may be microwaved briefly to make it easier to pour. After the initial kneading has stopped (about 20 min. in my bread machine), spread out sunflower seeds and walnuts on a large flat surface, remove the dough from the loaf pan and knead the bread over the seeds/nuts to incorporate them into the dough. Next, remove the mixing paddle from loaf pan and return the dough to the loaf pan to finish the baking cycle.

If you don't have a bread machine, allow the dough to rise in a greased, covered bowl for 1 hour. Shape and place in a lightly greased 8 1/2 x 4 1/2-inch bread pan. Cover the pan with lightly greased plastic wrap and allow it to rise for about 1 hour. Bake in a preheated 350°F oven for 45 minutes, tenting it lightly with aluminum foil for the final 20 minutes of baking.

*from Missouri Environment and Garden Vol 11, No. 4,  
Apr 2005*

**A Brief History of the Tomato**

by David Trinklein, Assoc Prof Hort

Another interesting aspect of the tomato's rise to popularity was the debate whether it should be classified as a fruit or a vegetable. While this might seem trivial to most, its classification was very important to those who first grew it commercially because of taxation and import tariffs established to protect American vegetable growers. The issue went all the way to the Supreme Court which, in 1887, ruled to classify it as a vegetable subject to import quotas and taxation. This decision was reaffirmed as recently as 1981 when the USDA declared it a vegetable so that eating ketchup would count as vegetable consumption in school lunch programs nationwide. Be it a fruit or a vegetable, today tomato is America's favorite garden plant and an important part of its agricultural industry. The following are interesting facts concerning tomato that illustrate its importance:

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# Celebrations!



*Kids' Easter Party -- 18 children participated and met the Easter Bunny in person! Photo by Janet Farwig.*



*At the St Patrick's Day Dance Hilda Schryver, Janet Hirsch, and Sandy Uhlenbrock once again celebrate their 39th birthdays. Photo by Jerry Uhlenbrock*

## **Lake Tish Celebrates Earth Day**

On April 23 Lake Tish residents helped with the annual Earth Day Tishomingo Road cleanup.

Hundreds of pounds of trash were cleared from the sides of Tishomingo Road from Hwy 21 to the entrance of the lake.

Cleanup organizer was John Dauernheim. Helping in the cleanup this year were: James Baker, Dixie Bryant, Rich Hirsch, Butch Hopfer, Bev and Ken Jost, Skip Licari, Barb McGlynn, Marilyn Meyer, Barb Rohm, Kevin Scheirich, Fred Steinmetz, Jerry and Sandy Uhlenbrock.



*Celebrating Earth Day with Ms Hilda: Kim Dickinson, Sami Friederich, Dixie Bryant, and Hilda Schryver.*



*Marlene Whiteman and grandson, Dalton Whiteman. Marlene received the first 2005 Garden of the Month award.*



## Lake Happenings

### Newsletter Assembly

Many thanks to Ron and Charlene Sansone 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*: Pat & Lou Harting, Liz & Mike Higgins, Bev & Ken Jost, Mary & Mike Leiweke, Marilyn Meyer, Barb Rohm, and Charlene & Ron Sansone.

### Weddings

Congratulations to Eric Mitchell (son of Ed and Marie) and Amy Morris who were married March 12. The couple planned a honeymoon to the Smoky Mountains and they will reside in DeSoto.


Congratulations (in advance) to Jason Covington and Lori Patton who will be getting married May 14. Jason is a frequent contributor to this newsletter. We extend hearty good wishes to them both.

### Deaths

Our most sincere condolences go to Gail Lents and to Wanda Fisher whose mothers passed away recently. Gail is President of LTIA and Wanda is an enthusiastic participant in LTIA dinner meetings.

Robert Spires, of 5714 N. Lakeshore, passed away April 26. Bob passed away after an all too short fight with cancer. This was a totally unexpected and painful illness with no early warning signals. Our deepest sympathies go to Bob's wife Shirley and their family.







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pay a lot of money for a skin mount that kills a fish and smells and decays after 10 years. Instead, release the fish and get a fiberglass reproduction. All you need is the measurements of the fish or an estimate of the weight, and a taxidermist can make a beautiful, realistic reproduction that will last a lifetime for the same price as the cost of a skin mount.

**CATFISH:** The limit is 4 fish per person per day over 14 inches.

**BLUEGIL:** No limit.

**CARP:** No limit. Please remove all carp, if you eat them (they are excellent table fare) or just dispose of them in the garden. You may use rod and reel, bow and arrow, or nets to catch carp. Anything except Kentucky fishing poles (dynamite)! Chum an area with corn for a few days and then use a tiny but strong hook with kernel of corn using low diameter line. You must be stealthy when approaching the shoreline to catch carp because they are spooked easily.

**REDEAR:** Release all redear. Their purpose is for forage and to keep grubs and shellfish under control.

**GREEN SUNFISH:** (big-mouthed aggressive panfish and warmouth). No limit—go nuts! Destroy all of these fish or else decorate your garden or feed your cats. They compete with the crappie, bass, and bluegill and are an undesirable fish. They are fine to eat just like bluegill, but rarely grow very big. Just kill them if you don't want to eat them.

**CRAPPIE:** Restricted. Release all catches at this time. We stocked more crappie last year, but we need to determine how they have done, if they survived, grew, and if there are any ready to be harvested. Crappie have not done well out on the lake in recent years because they require a significant amount of submerged aquatic vegetation to survive, spawn, and hide. Tishomingo does not have any aquatic vegetation because we overstocked 1000 grass carp several years ago. Please report any catches of crappie to TAA by filling out a Fishing Survey form, which can be found at the sign by the launch ramp.

#### Fishing Survey Form

TAA has written another Fishing Survey for all anglers to complete at the end of every fishing trip. You will find copies of it at the launch ramp sign. Please complete this and return them to the folder/container by the sign. This information will help us determine the slot limit in the months and years ahead as well as daily limits and restrictions. Please provide as much specific information as possible on sizes and quantities of fish caught, released, and harvested.

### **April 14, 2005 TAA Meeting Minutes**

Nine people attended the April TAA meeting: Ron and Barb Rohm, Kevin Seelbach, Ken Jost, Gary Ryan Jr., Rick Hannick, Tim Schryver, Kevin Scheirich, and Jason Covington.

We talked a lot about the fishing, our stocking program, and projects we'd like to do in the future. We ironed out details on two upcoming projects:

#### **May Weekend Fundraiser, May 13 - 14**

##### **Continuing to Improve the Fishing!**

Members decided to stand at the gate as we have in years' past to ask residents to donate to the future fisheries program at

the lake.

Rick Hannick, TAA President, pointed out that the fishery has made significant improvements in the past 4 years. This did not happen by coincidence. The hard work of volunteers and lake residents in raising money for stocking through aluminum collection, donations at the gates, and checks sent in has greatly improved the size and variety of catches around the lake.

Some years back, bass were extremely stunted, crappie populations were diminished, and catfish were scarce. We have since been fed and regulated the harvesting of the bass, stocked crappie and catfish, and made numerous improvements to fish habitat and structure. All of this has resulted in greater catches of greater size. Reports of catfish to 24 pounds and bass to 8 pounds have been heard and documented. Some fishermen report catching crappie (catch and release only) this year already up to 15 inches. In the next year or two, we are hoping to start harvesting crappie again.

The benefits of a healthy group of volunteers like TAA and a stocking fund are evident. We welcome everyone to come join in on the fun the second Thursday night of every month at 7 pm at the community house. You might get the tips that will help you catch the fish of a lifetime. If you are able, donate money to the stocking fund today or on May 13-14 weekend.

Fishermen will be taking collections at the gate on Friday evening, May 13 and Saturday, May 14. Make any checks to TAA. Gary Ryan, Jr. is the TAA Treasurer. You can mail a check to him directly as well. These funds will be earmarked specifically for stocking.

#### **June 11 Bass Tournament and LTIA Fish Fry Dinner**

We will hold a Small Bass Tournament on **Saturday, June 11 from 6:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.** open to all anglers. The details of this tournament were ironed out. The objective of this two-angler team event will be to catch the most bass under 12.99 inches. All fat bass or bass 13 inches or longer must be thrown back. TAA will then clean and fry these small bass for the LTIA dinner later in the evening. Plan to attend for the fried fish dinner because there will be plenty for all!

This tournament serves a two-fold purpose in harvesting out some of the stunted fish and providing some good eatin'. The team with the largest weight of fish will get their names on the TAA Championship Plaque in the Community House. It costs \$10 per person to enter. There will be a 50% cash payout for first and second places. Third place will earn a giveaway prize. The remaining 50% cash will go toward the TAA treasury for stocking and fisheries programs.

Remember, the creel limits on bass have changed! Anglers may now keep only 6 fish under 13 inches per day. All fish over 13 inches must be released. Also, remember to not disturb or harvest any bass that are on their nests this time of year. If you do hook one, handle it carefully and release it immediately to its nest.



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#### Old Business

The fascia on the front of the clubhouse had discolored over the years and a suggestion has been made to take what is needed from the back of the building to the front and put the discolored on the back

Hilda Schryver asked for someone to help her for cleaning the Clubhouse for May. Mary Leiweke volunteered to help

April 23 is the annual Lake Tishomingo Clean-up Day – All volunteers please meet at the Clubhouse to get your vest and trash bags and get organized. Lunch will be provided by the LTIA afterwards. If there are enough people we would like to try and paint the outside of the Clubhouse.

#### New Business

Mention was made to be careful when driving as the Brownies will be picking up the bags that were left on your mailboxes. Please remember these are First graders.

Volunteers are needed for the Miss/ Mr. Tishomingo contest for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July

John Hindrichs and some others have received a letter in the mail from an anonymous lake resident asking that the construction debris be removed from around their houses. These houses are still under construction. John is very concerned that the person didn't come to him personally with the matter. The letters were not sent by the LTPOA or the LTIA

Door Prize Winners – Mike Leiweke , Pat Harting and Fred Steinmetz.

Janet Farwig made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gail. Approved

History of the Tomato continued from page 6

- 60 million tons of tomatoes are produced annually worldwide.
- The average American (men, women & children) eats 80 pounds of tomatoes each year.
- Tomatoes are grown in 85 percent of America's home gardens.
- The largest tomato ever produced weighed 7 pounds and was grown in Oklahoma.
- There are more than 10,000 tomato cultivars.
- Tomatoes are rich in vitamins C and A, and are cholesterol free.
- Lycopene, a red pigment in tomato, is a powerful anti-oxidant that may prevent cancer.

The history of tomato is interesting in that it is a plant native to the Americas that had to go abroad to make good and be accepted as a food source here. In spite of being shunned for centuries as being poisonous, it has slowly but surely made its way into our culture and now is considered as "American as apple pie." Growing tomatoes in one's garden is an activity good for body and spirit. May your crop this year be early and plentiful.



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# LTPOA REPORT

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## A Good Year

The year is coming to a close and we have accomplished a lot in a short time. It would not have been possible without the efforts of many people. I sincerely thank everyone who participated: board members, volunteers, and lake owners. We are all working together and will all enjoy a beautiful lake community. Here's just a short summary of the changes brought about by everyone's hard work.

- A successful volunteer corps saved the lake \$18,000 in annual costs for lawn service by outside contractors. The savings brought about by mowing and weed whacking around our roads can't be measured in money alone as it helps add to the beauty of the lake.
- We substantially reduced the loan principal. July 1, 2004 the loan principal was \$346,988 and May 1, 2005 it is down to about \$215,000. This is good news because the sooner the loan is paid off, the sooner we can use assessment money to make real improvements to the lake (rather than pay interest to the bank).
- The southside bridge was repaired.
- The entrance road was repaired.
- The bus shelter for the children was moved and the path mulched by the garden club. The well house was cleaned and the pump painted, wild flowers were planted around the well house again by the garden club.
- We are now organizing a referendum to bring sewers to the lake. We should be able to put on the June

2006 ballot the vote to organize a sewer district for the lake which is the first step in the process.

- We have saved about \$4000 on insurance and we have also been able to raise our coverage.
- We sold the dredge for \$75,000. This money was applied directly to the loan. The lake is still faced with the problem of the silt pile and we are soliciting bids for removing it. Unfortunately, until the roads are paid off we will not be able to dredge the lake and may not be able to remove the silt pile due to lack of funds.
- A tree fell on our pavilion which was quickly repaired by volunteers.
- During the recent heavy rains a large portion of the silt pile was washed back into the lake. Thanks to Matt Holloran most of the damage to the community parking lot and surrounding areas was quickly repaired.
- We have had the county monitor the lake on a monthly basis for E. coli and coliform bacteria. And were able to have one septic system and its discharge to the lake stopped.
- The Tishomingo Anglers are monitoring the fish population, stocking the lake, and creating fish cover.
- LTIA events like the Trivia Night and St Patrick's Day Party are bringing us together as friends and neighbors and raising money for Community House remodeling projects.

We accepted the resignations of Becky Harper and Linda Fulford who left the board due to personal commitments which precluded their full participation. We are very fortunate that Bev Jost and Marilyn Meyer stepped right in and began to pick up the duties as board members. This was especially difficult for Marilyn, who as Treasurer was responsible for preparing and sending out special assessment notices within two weeks of her appointment to the board. We wish them every success in the coming months.

Also, remember that it is your responsibility to keep your ditches clean so the water doesn't undermine the roads and cause us to have to repair them. If you don't have a paved driveway please brush or shovel the gravel off the roads after a rain. As vehicles drive over the gravel it causes cracking in the structure of the asphalt and premature failure of the roads.

There are too many instances to mention of volunteers seeing something that needed doing and doing it. Please come out for the volunteer day on the third Saturday of the month. We only ask three hours a month to help keep our lake beautiful. And thanks to the volunteers who do attend this monthly chore and expect no recognition for their efforts to beautify the lake.

Thank you all for your continued help and support,  
Ron Sansone, LTPOA President

### Committees

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*Hauling and shoveling mulch at the flagpole are Chyree DeRoode and Hilda Schryver, members of the Lakeside Gardeners.*



### LTPOA Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2005

The meeting opened at 7:03 p.m. with the following board members present:

Linda Fulford, Pat Harting, Chris Townsend and Ron Sansone. 27 lot owners were present.

The minutes of the February 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 Linda Fulford, motion passed unanimously.

President Sansone opened the meeting by saying that the Sewer Committee had met with Ed Kemp, an engineer and an attorney and the goal is to get the sewers on the ballot for next April. The Sewer Committee will give more details later.

#### Treasurers Report

Linda presented a new format for reporting the treasurer's report as follows.

Total revenue	\$ 2,651
Total disbursements	6,592
Net change	-3,941
Beginning balance in Checking & Money Market account	75,887

Linda explained the new format and said that the new report shows the actual expenditures and if there is a minus symbol it means that we have gone over budget for the month. She said that the property taxes had been budgeted for \$2,560 but actually were \$2,714. There unfortunately is nothing that can be done about this.

Janet Hirsch asked if the revenue from the regular and special assessments were all from this year or previous years. Linda replied that some of it could be from previous years because of monies obtained from legal action but the amounts still had yet to be determined. Monies owed are generally regarded as bad debt and then when collected they are considered as monies received. It was decided that a special account would be set up for these monies.

Charlie Lents asked if anyone had paid their special assessment in advance. Linda said that she had received several overpayments. This money will be applied to this year. After considerable discussion it was decided that a special account would also be set up for pre-paid

assessments. Mr. Lents then asked if we knew what assessments had not been paid. Linda replied that at present we did not but in future the assessments would need to be identified as those who are current, those who are in arrears and those who have paid ahead.

Mr. Lents then asked if we had a figure for what should be paid. Following a lengthy discussion on what was necessary on the treasurer's report it was decided that three new columns would be added going forward for assessments paid to date, assessments not paid, and assessments paid in advance. Also an asset account for prepaid assessments would be initiated. An account for the assessments still outstanding from this and past years would also be initiated. There was discussion on the fact that the new format for the Treasurer's Report had been set up in order for the report to be more easily understood and care should be taken that too much information did not prevent this.

President Sansone asked for a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read, and the treasurer's report would in future include the three new columns, motion made by Chris Townsend, seconded by Pat Harting, motion carried unanimously.

#### Finance Committee

Janet Hirsch read the finance committee report as follows:  
Finance Committee Report 3/8/05

This month the finance committee again discussed the problems with the Treasurer's Reports.

· Examination of the financial data revealed that during the first six months of the fiscal year over \$5500 was collected in special assessments. It appears that these funds were not applied to reduction of the loan principal and are just sitting in the checking account. When we voted for the Special Assessment the Board made a promise to the owners that all special assessments would be applied to the loan. The Treasurer has done a good job collecting special assessment money but the money has to be applied to the loan.

· The reports of expenses through the month of December showed that we have paid \$3585 in the first five months for legal fees. The budgeted amount for the entire year is only \$3000. It is the suggestion of the committee that we should ask for an itemized list from the attorney since we are already over budget.

#### Long/Short term planning

Sewers have to be our number one priority and it appears that we will have funds available for the stream analysis report.

#### Suggested schedule for assessment collection

	Special	Regular
Mail invoices	May 1	July 1
Assessments due	June 1	Aug 1
Send 2-week reminder notice "taking to court"	June 15	Aug 15
Assessments delinquent.		
Turn over to attorney for prosecution	July 1	Sept 1

State of Illinois is publishing the names of delinquent taxpayers. The finance committee still believes this is a good tactic for the LTPOA to use for people who are delinquent with their assessment payments.

Regularly scheduled meetings are 6 pm Wednesday, the week before the LTPOA Board meeting. Respectfully submitted, Janet Hirsch  
Chris Townsend asked what the stream analysis study was and Janet replied that the Sewer Committee would be better able to answer that question.

Linda Fulford made a comment concerning the monies which had been paid into the checking account rather than the money market account. She said that the board agreed at the point when it did not think there would be enough money to get through the year without going broke, that they were not going to apply any more to the loan principal after the \$19,800 payment that was made previously. She then said that

## Highlights

### Assessment Reminder

Special Assessment (\$1/ front foot) ..... due June 1  
Invoices were sent April 25, 2005

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

### Election in June

The annual LTPOA meeting and election will be held 11:30 am, Saturday June 18, 2005. There will be three board positions to be filled and one proposition to be decided. The proposition will be to require that driveways be paved at least 20 feet to protect the roads.

There will also be an opinion survey form to complete, so everyone can express their thoughts on how the lake organizations are doing.

### Dredge

Matt Holloran coordinated the sale of the MudCat dredge to Associated Diving and Marine Contractors, of Salt Lake City for \$75,000. The full amount was applied to the balance of the loan April 29, 2005.

as we now know we can get through the winter, she wanted to know if the board wanted to move the special assessment money. President Sansone said that he did not remember agreeing to this and asked the secretary to look through the minutes to where this had been said. (Nothing was found in the minutes concerning this). He said that all the money that came in from the special assessments had always been for loan reduction. Janet Hirsch said that there had been some discussion with regard to extra regular assessment money being applied to the loan but the board had said no to that. Chris said that he would also go back through the minutes because he remembered it.

He said that considering we spent \$16,000 on road repair and money for the south side bridge and knowing that we were not in a very good situation financially with only a \$7,200 budget perhaps it was a bad decision, but if we have the money there now it needs to be applied to the loan.

Bev Jost said that she had a big problem with knowing that special assessment money had not immediately been applied to the loan. She said that the board had promised at the annual meeting that every dollar of the special assessment would go to reduce the loan and it was wrong not to stand behind what had been said. Chris Townsend said that he agreed but going back to the \$16,000 and the south side bridge situation, perhaps they had not thought past their nose when the money had been spent. Linda said that it was now going to go towards the payment. Ron then restated that this would be looked into because he did not know how it had happened but it was never his intention for any special assessment money to go anywhere other than loan reduction and this was the first time that he had heard that it had not. Chris said that with the loan and payment already being locked in and with the payment towards principal and interest not going to change and all that the extra money was doing was going towards principal, so whether it was done three months ago or now, as long as it was serving its purpose was fine. President Sansone said that he still had a problem with it and going forward the money would go immediately into the money market account and be applied to the loan.

The treasurer was asked if the lake owed any other money and the answer was no. She was then asked how often was the lake going to pay additional principal on the loan. She replied once a year when the special assessments come in. The \$53,000 special assessment monies received this coming June would be applied towards the principal. She said that this should lower the principal to around \$240,000. \$1,000 is always left in the money market account. She said that the regular scheduled payment was \$4,489 towards the loan reduction. Ron pointed out to the floor that the amount of \$5,500 in the general fund would be transferred over to lower the loan. Chris said that he remembered a payment of \$35,000 in June before the loan was signed, so this plus the \$19,000 put in since then comes to \$54,000. Ron said that prior to Linda being



Treasurer all special assessment money was deposited to reduce the loan principal approximately every two weeks. Linda said that since last June approximately \$65,000 has been paid toward the loan principal. She said that we still had money in the emergency fund which hopefully we would not need to use so a decision would have to be made regarding this if the legal fees did not take the remainder of the fund. President Sansone made one last comment on the subject by saying that if we worked a little closer and the payments were figured out and worked with the emergency fund, we could be paying more on the loan. He felt that it would be worth taking a chance of having to take money out of the account in an emergency in order for the loan to be reduced. The loan amount is set and cannot be changed but additional principal money is available.

#### **Security Director**

Ray Lauer was not present and his report was read by Pat Harting. Additional matters discussed were the fact that someone obviously has a gate key because the switches are being tampered with. The locks have now been changed. Another circuit board is on order so when this is installed the gate will be working again. Kathy Hopfer asked who she should call if there is a problem with security. President Sansone said Ray Lauer should be called. If it is a problem with the gate Roger Hovis should be called. Mrs. Farwig said that there was a problem with the bus driver using a code to gain access, as the bus is too high for the driver to reach the pad. Something needs to be worked out.

#### **Building Director**

Bev Jost reported that she plans to send out a letter asking owners with violations to clean up their property. They will be given time to do this and if they don't, the board will take further action.

#### **Maintenance Director**

Matt Holloran was not present. President Sansone said that he had spoken with him regarding his report and he said that Matt had been speaking to Marschuetz regarding damage to a road. Matt reported that this winter we had been very fortunate in emergency spending and had only spent a total of \$400 so far this winter for snow removal.

#### **LTIA**

Gail Lents reported that this coming Saturday would be the corned beef and cabbage dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. March 19<sup>th</sup> would be a St. Patrick's Day dance from 8 p.m. to midnight. The band would be Double Take. Tickets would be \$25 per couple in advance and \$30 on the night. Single tickets were \$15.

March 20 would be the children's Easter party with the Easter Bunny from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. If you are planning to bring a child, please give your candy in advance to Janet Farwig.

#### **Website**

Janet Hirsch stated that the web site had been updated with the most recent TAA and the Garden Club information and also all the newsletters have been added. The newsletter was sent out on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> so if you have not received your copy let her know and she will send one out. The next newsletter deadline is April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Gail Lents mentioned the children's Halloween parties. This year they would have separate parties for the small children and for the teens. The teen lock-in party went very well. A scavenger hunt was also being discussed.

Lou Harting said that the volunteers would begin meeting again on Saturday mornings. The next time they would meet would be the 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. weather permitting.

#### **Sewer Committee**

President Sansone, Marilyn Meyer and Lou Harting attended a meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Brunjes, Donna Martin, USDA Rural Development Specialist and Cathy Coffman, USDA Community Development Manager. Marilyn read a report on the meeting. She reported that Mr. Brunjes gave them a copy of the estimated cost of the project and also a quick overview. In his proposal Brunjes said that there may not be a hook-up charge. This charge had initially been estimated at \$6,000 per household. He said that this would be incorporated into the

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total costs. The USDA will insist on a stream analysis be performed by an outside company. This company will tell us what the engineering requirements will be needed for the treatment plant. This analysis has to be paid for by the lake. Mr. Dickhanner, our attorney outlined the procedures needed to create a water-sewer district. Water, however, is not contemplated at this time but we will have the information necessary when it was decided to have water. Commissioner Kemp, our neighbor, is working with us and will get the necessary data from the director of the Jefferson County Planning Department to expedite our application.

Marilyn then reported that she and Lou had attended a training session in Fredericktown to learn more about the operation of the sewer district. Chris Townsend said that he had been at the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with Brunjes and he said that he was hesitant to go forward because part of the requirements was a survey of lake residents to determine the median income. The survey would cost \$15,000 and there was no guarantee that we would receive the grant of \$2.5 million. (Note: the actual grant money in question from previous notes was shown to be \$1 million not \$2.5 million). The grant is subject to the median household income of no more \$39,047 for county money and \$47,000 for the USDA grant. If the median income of the lake residents was more than these amounts we would not obtain the grant but the lake would have paid for the survey and he felt that the income of the lake would be too high, even though only 80% of lake residents needed to be surveyed, and then we would have to pay the \$6,000 tap on fee. Ron said that this question needed to be discussed at the next sewer meeting. Chris said that it needed to be discussed at the board meeting with those who were there. He said that we did not have the \$15,000 for the survey. Marilyn stated that the only upfront money that would be needed from the board would be \$5,000 for the stream analysis. Any other expenditures would be rolled into the cost of the project. President Sansone said that all of the experts he had spoken to said that the project was very feasible and they did not foresee any problems and this was why we were working on the project. Comments from the floor were that we needed to be looking at a sewer system because if we do not begin looking into it we will never get a sewer system for the lake. Jan Hunnicutt said she had a question on the Lake Restrictions number 11. Janet Hirsch replied that this did not apply to the item under discussion, which was the \$5,000 fee for the stream analysis.

President Sansone hoped the sewer system would be on the ballot as of April 2006. Two years ago in the county wide election 82% of voters from the lake had wanted sewers. If the current proposal went through as planned there would be no cost to the property owner for installation. The only cost would be removal of the old tank. The cost per household each month would be approximately \$60, with the project being paid for over a period of 30 years. Maintenance would be paid for by the sewer district. The district would be overseen for the first 5 years by the county. President Sansone recited the help given us by Commissioner Kemp and Mr. Brunjes and the fact that sewers would add to the value of the homes out here as well as make the lake safer for all residents. Currently the E. coli is being measured by the county each month free of charge. President Sansone said that he was concerned that our lake could get polluted like Lake Takawitha which had been completely condemned. He did not want this to happen here. He said that the most the lake could lose was the \$5,000 for the stream analysis and the cost to put the item on the ballot. In his opinion the lake should proceed with the process.

#### **New Business**

President Sansone said that he had a gentleman look at the dredge and a proposal may be forthcoming. He also said that he received a call from Ross Dredging with a tentative proposal for them to dredge the lake.

Initially the amount had been \$230,000 plus our dredge. The present amount is \$165 plus the dredge and the project would be completed in 8-12 weeks. Mr. Ross had agreed to be paid over the course of the next 4-5 years with no interest charges being assessed. We would have to pay his daily operating expenses on a weekly basis and \$15,000 for mobilization of his dredging equipment. He in turn will remove the sand from the volcano at no charge to us and also remove all dredged silt. He would assist with the silt basins which would need to be installed so that new silt would not come into the lake. These silt basins were not part of his bid. Even if we decide not to go ahead with this, Mr. Ross was interested in removing the sand from the volcano free of charge. President Sansone said that it cost the lake approximately \$5,000 - \$10,000 to remove the silt from volcano ourselves and we now had nowhere else to put the rest of the volcano. When asked if the whole lake needed to be dredged, President Sansone said mainly the coves would be done.

Chris Townsend said that in January 2004 the Finance Committee came to the board and asked for 7 different things. They asked that the dredging be stopped until money is available and a comprehensive plan is in place with a timeframe for the completion of the project. This was passed 5 to 1. He said that we already had a loan of \$301,000. He said that we had just talked about \$5,000 not being in its appropriate place and now we are talking about another \$167,000. President Sansone answered by saying, the dredging was the same as the sewers, he said that this was an opportunity and if waited down the road he had no idea what the cost would be then. Just to remove the sand would be very expensive. He and Matt had estimated that there were approximately 2,000 truck loads of sand that needed to be moved and we have only moved about 200 so far. Chris said that last March Matt and Ron volunteered to move the sand. However as Ron pointed out there was no room to move any more sand to the lots that he had. There was discussion on what previous boards had recommended to resolve the silt situation in the lake. Anyone who wanted sand could take it from the inside of the volcano berm. It was suggested from the floor that volunteers be asked to brainstorm the issue rather than just let it die. It was asked how much money an extra dollar assessment would bring in. Linda replied about \$50,000. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the property owners to see if this was something they would be willing to pay for and then make a decision. At \$165,000 the extra dollar for three years would pay for it.

Mike Higgins introduced Duane Miller, lots I58-60. These three lots equal over 40,000 sq.ft. so they are buildable except for the problem of a bridle path and a wet water creek going between lots I59 and I60. In order for Mr. Miller to be able to build per Jefferson County all three lots have to be formed into one lot and therefore the lake would have to sign off on this. This is not possible because the bridle path belongs to the lake. Discussion followed on whether or not the bridle path could be sold as in effect the path had been abandoned since 1948. Mr. Miller would not be building on the bridle path, the sewer lines and water lines would be going under it. Opinion from the floor was that as this was common ground, whether or not it was being used for its intended purpose, a precedent would be set if we allowed the lots to be made into one. It was suggested that Mr. Miller seek the advice of an attorney who could give some insight into this situation so that we may consider it further.

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

The meeting closed at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Pat Harting  
Secretary





## March 2005 Meeting Security Report

Roger finally received the computer parts needed for the gate, and it was made operational on Saturday, February 19, 2005. But, then the date recorder failed and the gate would not rise two days later. Roger is able to reset the computer from his home on a daily basis, and he will continue doing this until Kurt from Signature Control can resolve this issue.

There was another unauthorized entry into our property on Sunday evening, February 20. This incident was reported to me and in turn I asked Roger to check the videotape. It revealed several youths who, when they found the gate lowered, manually raised it to gain entry. The video also recorded the license plate number attached to a truck. The registration is in South St. Louis County. It was learned the violator was a youth, 17 years of age. His father was contacted and stated his son wanted to enter the subdivision to visit a friend. He has agreed to pay the standard fine for illegal entry to our property.

Because the gate continued to malfunction, even after Roger would reset the timer, he investigated and discovered some of the switches in the control box had been tampered with. It seems someone has a key to access the control boxes that allow entry to and egress from our property. Roger requested permission to have new locking mechanism installed for the control boxes, for the cost of \$85.00. This request was granted and the new locks were installed on March 1, 2005. Since we are not aware who possessed keys to the control boxes, the installation of the new locks will prevent the unauthorized access to those controls.

Roger told me on February 28, that there are still problems occurring with the computer controls for the gate, and he has been in contact with Kurt from Signature Control. They are working diligently on getting this problem resolved, so that the gate will be open when scheduled, and be down during the times we expect that to occur.

There are no other security problems to report.

Because I am now a full time resident here, and drive the roads as frequently as possible, I've noted an increase in the amount of debris strewn alongside the roads. Mostly we find aluminum cans and plastic soda containers that have been discarded from passing vehicles. I hope these are not items discarded by our residents, but instead by visitors. Regardless, the shoulders of our roads are becoming very unsightly. I would ask that property owners help the appearance of our subdivision by picking up, and discarding, any trash thrown on their property. I attempt to clear as much debris as possible from the vacant lots as I pass by. It's a never ending job, though.

If we all take the time to clear the trash left by other thoughtless people, we will once again have a lake area we can all be proud of.

We are attempting to obtain cost estimates for having signs painted which will advise that unauthorized use of the lake for boating or fishing can be cause for arrest on the charge of trespassing. This will be further reported on when additional information becomes available.

Finally, a lake resident advised me after last month's meeting that he has signs in his possession that will show our speed limit, and to caution drivers about children playing in front of their homes. As soon as posts are obtained, we will install the signs.

Should anyone have concerns about security issues here at the lake, please feel free to call me. Our phone is 636-285-3328.

Submitted by Ray Lauer,  
vice-president, Security



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## LTPOA Meeting Minutes April 12, 2005

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

The meeting opened at 7:03 p.m. with the following board members present: Pat Harting, Matt Holloran, Ray Lauer, Marilyn Meyer and Ron Sansone, and 24 lot owners were present.

The minutes of the March 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 Marilyn Meyer, seconded by Ray Lauer, motion passed unanimously.

President Sansone opened the meeting by saying that Linda Fulford had resigned as treasurer during the past month due to job changes. Marilyn Meyer had been appointed as intermediate treasurer and Bev Jost as building director to fill an unexpired vacancy.

### Treasurers Report

Marilyn reported the following financial report:

Revenue:

Gate Damage	250.00
Late Assessment	1,100.00
Interest	35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,385.00</b>

Debits:

Utilities	133.14
Payroll	1,066.20
Loan	4,489.55
Gate Repair	85.00
Stamps	16.28
LTPOA newsletter	158.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,948.83</b>

Ending Balance checking account	70,660.12
Money Market as of 3/31/05	1,017.83
Loan Balance as of 3/31/05	301,868.87
Special Assessment to be applied to loan principle	5,111.05

Motion made by Pat Harting seconded by Ray Lauer to accept the Treasurers report, motion accepted unanimously.

President Sansone said that with the last payment of \$5,111.05 the loan is now under \$300,000 and within the past year the loan has been reduced by over \$100,000 with the help of everyone at the lake.

Marilyn reported that as of today overdue regular assessments stood at \$5,390, special assessments were \$926 and that these 16 overdue assessments had been turned over to our attorney for collection. Assessments for 2003 stood at \$1.833 and these were already in the attorney hands. These amounts due did not include interest, legal fees or penalties. Marilyn reported that four people had prepaid their assessments and this would be taken into account when the new assessments were sent out. She said that she was talking to the attorney regarding the amount charged for filing these charges as it was considerably more than last year.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Atty Tesreau - ( 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 04) \$1,340.42

President Sansone made motion to pay the amount, seconded by Matt Holloran, motion passed.

Dave Wallwen - Snow removal \$125.00

CC Automotive \_ New Starter \$309.25

Motion made by Pat Harting, seconded by Ron Sansone to pay the above amounts, motion passed.

### Finance Committee

Janet Hirsch reported that the Treasurers report had again been discussed at the Finance Committee and she was pleased to announce that they were now working closer with the Treasurer to generate the financial reports. She said that the Finance Committee is available to give assistance with the mailing of the special assessments.

Dale Farwig asked if the income taxes for last year had been filed. Janet replied that Linda said that they had and Marilyn said that the IRS first quarter filing had been sent out today.

### Security Director

Ray Lauer opened his report by saying that some month we'll present a security report without any mention of the gate or problems associated with the gate but this was not that month.

He said that we had one breach of the gate, on Easter Sunday morning. Someone broke the gate bar to gain entrance to the subdivision. Roger is still investigating this issue of property destruction.

As you have noticed, the gate is still not functioning as designed, and Roger is attempting to rectify this situation. The repairman from Signature Control is not certain of the exact difficulty, so Roger has been experimenting to get to the root of the problem. He has had the company install anew main board, but the gate continues to show the same problems that we have had now for the past several months. The interface board, or modem, which is the device that allows the gate to make contact with an outside source, such as a computer or telephone, is new, having been installed last Wednesday, but problems persist. Roger reports that problems seem to occur after a phone entry is made from the gate, and that is why he temporarily is using the four-digit code for visitors to raise the gate. Roger is awaiting an opportunity to meet with Kurt, the repairman from Signature Control to study if there is some method for eventually getting our gate back to being fully operational. Kurt has been in contact with representatives of the Sentex Company, the manufacturers of the gate, and it seems that Signature Control will need to run various tests on the gate, replacing piece by piece the different components until this situation is resolved.

There was one report of a theft of property on the north side

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during the month, and this matter has been reported to the Sheriff's office and continues to be under investigation in an effort to identify the perpetrator.

With the recent warm weather during the past several weeks, we have noticed an increase in boating traffic, and some operators of pontoon boats have been observed violating lake rules by either going too fast, or not following the prescribed counter clockwise pattern. Perhaps some of these individuals are new property owners. The patrol boat is not yet ready for use by the volunteer, so we are asking all boat operators to adhere to the lake's rules. If anyone does not have a set of the Water Activity Rules and Regulations, they should contact Ray.

In connection with the above, Roger suggested that we change one section of the regulations concerning pontoon boats:

Section V, Item 4, Pontoon Boats, of our regulations currently reads:

*Pontoon boats should not be operated at a speed in excess of 5 mph. No wake behind the boat.*

At present there is not method for the volunteers on the patrol boat to calculate the speed of a pontoon, so having 5 mph lake speed is meaningless. Therefore, Ray moved that the Board authorized that the following revision to Section V, Item 4 read as follows:

*Pontoon boat operators are restricted to "No Wake" a very slow speed whereby the wake or wash created by the vessel would be minimal, at all times during their operation.*

Finally Ray said that with the approaching summer like temperatures, water ski activities would soon be seen and he asked for everyone to abide by the rules that are in place when boat operators are pulling skiers. There are a number of regulations, which are easy to understand, which are in place to ensure that we all have a safe and happy summer season.

Kathy Hopfer asked if Ray had any knowledge of who broke the gate on Monday evening. He replied that he had just got back in town but he would check with Roger. Barb Rohm asked that when somebody goes thru the gate and breaks it, does that damage the internal mechanisms. Ray said that the gate was notched so that the whole 2 x 4 does not interfere with the leverage operation, but it could put the timing of the gate off.

#### **Maintenance:**

Matt reported that we had had a great year as far as the snow plowing went and we had saved a lot of money because of the lack of snow. He said that snow removal equipment now required cleaning. He said that this coming Saturday he would be working on the back side of the dam pulling up as many trees as possible and cutting down the vegetation because we had a dam inspection coming up in July and requested any volunteer help from 8:30 to noon weather permitting. Chyree De Roode reported that there were a couple of cut cedar trees in the spillway. It was not sure how these trees got there.

#### **Building:**

Due to the absence of Bev Jost there was no building director's report. Kathy Hopfer asked if the Board has sent out unsigned letters to lot owners whose properties needed various kinds of repair. The board replied that it did not send out unsigned letters. Jerry Uhlenbrock and Jason Covington were working on a list of property and dock repairs but as of to date, only one letter had gone out from the board and that property owner had responded as to his actions concerning the necessary repairs.

#### **LTTA**

Gale Lents reported that the children had had an Easter party. There had been a St. Patricks Day dance. The lake clean up day will be April 23<sup>rd</sup> and ham sandwiches will be provided for the workers. Miss Hilda will be talking to the children on April 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Garden Club plant sale on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon.

#### **Web Site**

Janet Hirsh reported that the newsletters are now on the web site and the Garden Club and TAA sections have also been recently been updated. The next newsletter will have information about the upcoming

election in June and the deadline for inclusion in the newsletter is April 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Old Business**

Matt Holloran said that one item in the upcoming election would be that all driveways, whether grandfathered in or not, would be required to be paved for at least the first 25ft. This would apply to driveways on both the lake side and upper tier. Rock and rubble is being washed onto the road during heavy rains and this is causing the road to be undermined. Matt said that maintenance would still need to be done on the road, but it would help cut the cost of maintenance if these driveways were paved.

Lou Harting wanted to remind everyone of the volunteer program. Grass etc. would need to be cut soon. Volunteers could work at any time during the month, not just on volunteer days.

Marilyn Meyer said that she had received notice from the County Commissioners that enforcement was now available to prosecute dog owners who violate the animal control regulations. One of the new regulations is that a violation of the order would be considered a misdemeanor with a punishment of not to exceed imprisonment for more than one year or a fine of \$1,000. She said that people who have problems with dogs should call the animal control center. A dog can be picked up any time it leaves its owner's property.

President Sansone asked if the Sewer Committee had heard anything since its last meeting. Marilyn replied no but she would check before the next meeting.

President Sansone said that they were working towards having it on the ballot for next April.

#### **New Business**

A private dispute between two lots owners was brought before the Board. The Board informed both parties that this was not a Board issue.

Janet Hirsch said that since the election was coming up in June, she would be happy to conduct another opinion survey of the lake. Please send any recommendations to Janet at least one week prior to the election.

Another lot owner brought three poison pen letters which she had received. These letters were also anonymous. Fortunately she had seen the person who took pictures of her house and had turned the license plate numbers over to the police for them to investigate. President Sansone said that this was the second person who had received such a letter and said that this type of behavior was not appreciated and not helpful to the lake as a whole.

Barb Rohm asked if the Board new of any reason for pink ribbons being placed around the lake. Other than individuals having their lots surveyed, Ron replied that as far as he knew there was no official survey being conducted.

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

The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Harting

Secretary

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## Letters

### Lake Security

Recently the news headlines have been inundated with stories of missing children that have been subsequently found molested and dead. These are the cold and hard facts of a changing society. We should not live in fear of these individuals but be aware and responsible. In Jefferson County alone there are 245 registered sex offenders. Of those 245, 16 live in Hillsboro and 24 live in House Springs. One of these sex offenders lives on Tishomingo Road only a few miles from us. Two others live less than 6 miles away on Tower Road. Currently, no registered sex offenders live at Lake Tishomingo. These statistics are from the sex offenders website: [www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/PatrolDivisions/CRID/SOR/SORPage.html](http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/PatrolDivisions/CRID/SOR/SORPage.html).

The website is intended to supplement and complement the sex offender registries maintained by the various counties. Anyone who uses this information to commit a criminal act against another person is subject to criminal prosecution. *[For more on this visit the above listed website -- ed.]*

To ensure our safety at the lake there are some easy steps that we can take. First is to register all vehicles with Lake Security and affix Lake Tishomingo stickers to those vehicles. Gate pass cards are also available. This step is very important. Our lake community is large enough that we do not all know each other on the lake. All unregistered vehicles parked on community property will be ticketed. Their license plate numbers will be recorded for repeat offenders. The Sheriff's Department can be called to escort trespassers off the property. If you receive a citation for not properly registering your vehicle, please do not be offended. Registering vehicles is a precaution that will help to keep our children and community safe.

Other ways to keep our community safe is to get involved. Get to know your neighbors, get involved with the various lake clubs and activities and meet others on the lake. Periodically, check the sex offenders' list to see any additions to the list, and report suspicious behavior to the sheriff's department. Also report unregistered vehicles to Ray Lauer, Lake Tishomingo Security Director. When you have visitors at the lake, use registered vehicles to park on community property or put a temporary "Guest Pass" on the dash with a lake resident's signature and lot number.

Jason Covington

### Important Numbers

<b>Ray Lauer, LTPOA Security Director</b>	<b>285-3328</b>
<b>Underage Drinking Hotline</b>	<b>262-3945</b>
<b>Jefferson County Sheriff</b>	<b>797-5536</b>
<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>

### Stay Safe

## Danger In the Sky

Lightning kills 50 to 100 people each year. Whether outdoors or indoors, everyone -- adults and children -- need to be aware of lightning's danger.

It started after John Hill read about several children being struck and killed by lightning after seeking cover from a storm under a tree. Knowing that "poems stick like glue" with kids, he wrote one to help children remember not to take cover under a tree during a thunderstorm:

*Lightning is frightening!  
It can hurt you and me.  
And under a tree  
Is the worst place to be.*

Here's a list of other lightning safety tips to keep in mind:

### If outdoors:

- Head for shelter in a substantial, permanent building at the first crack of thunder or lightning flash - don't wait for rain to fall. Unsafe places include sheds or small buildings, canopies, picnic shelters and near or under trees.
- Take cover in a fully enclosed vehicle with a metal roof - but don't touch any metal surfaces. Keep windows shut.
- Avoid water, high ground and open spaces. If lightning is striking nearby, put your feet together and crouch down.
- Avoid proximity to others. Keep a minimum of 15 feet away from another person.

### If indoors:

- Stay away from windows and doors when lightning is near.
- Avoid water (e.g., baths and showers).
- Don't talk on the telephone. Turn off, unplug and stay away from appliances, computers, power tools and TVs.



Financial Report, March 31, 2005

Cash In Flow: Assessments	Aug-04	Sep-04	Oct-04	Nov-04	Dec-04	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05	YTD	Annual Budget
Regular	63169	23333	12785	0	3748	3943	1834	0	108,812	163068
Special	1240	1988	600	0	624	1259	455	0	6,166	54356
Delinquent assessment payment							1100		1,100	

Revenue: Other	Aug-04	Sep-04	Oct-04	Nov-04	Dec-04	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05	YTD	Annual Budget
Gate Passes Revenue	0	0	45	0	60	65	15	0	185	185
Gate Damages Revenue	0	0	0	0	350	75	265	250	940	940
Trailer Rental Revenue	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	80	80
Penalty & Legal Fee Revenue	60	961	60	49	16	327	50	33	1,398	1,398
Interest Revenue	0	60	43	0	0	37	32	0	331	331
Donation Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	25	25
<b>Total Incoming Cash Flow</b>	64469	26342	13638	49	4798	5706	2651	1383	119,037	

Cash Out Flow: Loan Repayment	Aug-04	Sep-04	Oct-04	Nov-04	Dec-04	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05	YTD	month Budget	Variance	Annual Budget
\$4,489/mo	4490	4490	4490	4490	4490	4490	4490	4490	35,916	35916	0	53,875
<b>Total</b>	4490	4490	4490	4490	4490	4490	4490	4490	35,916	35916	0	53,875

Cash Out Flow: Loan Principal	Aug-04	Sep-04	Oct-04	Nov-04	Dec-04	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05	YTD	month Budget	Variance	Annual Budget
From special assessments	19800								19,800	19,800	0	19,800
<b>Total</b>	19800								19,800	19,800	0	19,800

Expenses: Lake Operations	Aug-04	Sep-04	Oct-04	Nov-04	Dec-04	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05	YTD	month Budget	Variance	Annual Budget
Required												
Insurance	0	9,065	2,030	0	3,392	-1,322	0	0	13,165	18,000	4,835	18,000
Entrance road repair	16000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,000	16,000	0	16,000
Security guard (20 hours/week)	861.2	861.2	1,047	861	1,292	1,156	861	1,066	8,006	8,000	-6	12,000
Southside bridge repair	0	0	0	2,000	4,923	0	0	0	6,923	8,000	1,077	8,000
Snow removal (wages + salt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,089	0	1,089	6,000	4,911	6,000
Admin, newsletter, postage, tapes	39	0	-15	692	5	0	-5	175	891	2,000	1,109	3,000
Legal	0	0	0	2,200	1,385	0	0	0	3,585	2,000	-1,585	3,000
Property taxes	0	0	0	0	2,714	0	0	0	2,714	2,560	-154	2,560
Utilities (propane, elec, telephone)	116.82	112	110	360	123	139	138	133	1,231	1,000	-231	1,500
Motor fuel (500 gal @ \$2/gal)	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	19	333	314	500
Discretionary/Emergency	0	0	0	467	3,507	0	0	85	4,059	6,667	2,608	10,000
Equipment repair/replacement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,333	3,333	5,000
Road maintenance	653	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	653	3,333	2,680	5,000
Building repair	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	333	333	500
Cover for salt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500
<b>Total Outgoing Cash Flow</b>	22,160	34,328	7,662	11,069	21,829	4,463	6,592	5,949	114,051	133,276	19,225	144,935

Net Cash Flow	Aug-04	Sep-04	Oct-04	Nov-04	Dec-04	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05	YTD	Annual Budget
	42,309	-7,986	5,976	-11,020	-17,031	1,243	-3,941	-4,566	4,986	

Checking account balance	MM account balance
88039	20805
100989	1021
107300	1015
95788	1016
78865	1016
79723	1016
74870	1017
70660	1018

Total Cash on hand	Regular assessments (2004) overdue	Special assessments (2004) overdue	Regular assessments (2003) overdue
108844	5390	926	1833
102010			
108315			
96804			
79881			
80739			
75887			
71678			

Loan principal
342,723
320,071
317,136
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