

INDIAN LAKE SMOKE SIGNAL

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Dear Fellow Residents of Indian Lake:

It is with great sadness that I write this letter. Bob Nicholas, good friend, neighbor and fellow Board Member passed away suddenly last week-end. Bob worked long and hard for your Association and served as President for ten years. He was primarily responsible for the strong business practices employed today. Certainly without his enthusiasm and effort the many projects completed last summer would not have been a reality. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

It was good to see so many of you at our Annual Meeting. The weather certainly cooperated for the second year in a row.

The best part of the meeting for me was the opportunity to say "thank you" to the many friends of Indian Lake. This year was no exception. Mayor Morris Settles was honored for he and his city's great cooperation with our community. Glenn Brown, Bill Justice and John Repass were honored as retiring Board Members. These men will be missed as each has worked long and tirelessly for your Association. Fortunately, such dedication cannot be turned off by simply not being official Board Members and I'm sure they will continue working on the Association's behalf.

Joe Janish was honored with a plaque for his unsurpassed enthusiasm and effort in restocking our lake with fish.

Additionally honored for their efforts in the last year were: Russ Koehring, Kathryne Zainey, Tom Lyons, Flo Peck, Bud Reeves, John Repass, Joe Zainey, Glen Rork, Calvin Warren, Paul Butalla, Zelda Upton, Bill Justice, Gary Benjamin, Shelly Huerkamp, Glenn Brown, Ray Heinzen and Dave Upton. Especially honored for great enthusiasm and administrative skill was Bob Nicholas. Absent, but honored were Larry and Nancy Knight, Maureen Wagner and Lloyd Powers. There was so much done for the Association, many people were not singularly honored, to them a hardy "thanks" was also said.

The successes and failures of the last year were next reported on. The successes were the restocking of the lake with fish, the construction of the silt trap, the improvement of the dam, the planting of trees on the east end, the continued maintenance of five figure cash reserves and the completion of the sewer project through the lake.

The biggest disappointment was the continued problems with parties at the North Beach and the inability of security to help with the problem. There needs to be a reseeding of the islands and silt trap as well as the planting of shrubs and trees along the fence on the east end. Several loose ends remain from the sewer project.

The biggest long term project ahead is the creation of an auxillary spillway to assist in flood conditions. The Association has received a letter from the Army Corps of Engineering strongly recommending the creation of such a spillway. There is a hope in the next few years the federal government will help financially in such a project.

The results of the annual election of Board Members was that Will Peck, Ted Adolay and Joe Huerkamp were elected to three year terms. The budget was approved. While the election results were being tabulated by John Taylor and Joe Rohrman, we were treated with excellent refreshments by the Women's Committee. Thanks, girls.

On Sunday, January 20th, Paul Butalla hosted the monthly meeting of the Board. The following are the officers for the coming year:

President - Tom Crouch
Vice President, Operations - Tom Lyons
Vice President, Finance - Bob Nicholas
Secretary-Treasurer - Russ Koehring

The following Committee Chairmen were selected:

North Beach - Glen Rork
South Beach - Gary Benjamin
Dam - Paul Butalla
Fish - Bob Nicholas
Lake Use and Conservation - Ted Adolay
Playground - Joe Huerkamp
East End - Tom Lyons
Budget - Will Peck

In the event any of you have an idea or problem with a particular problem, do not hesitate to contact the Committee Chairman.

We are not without work to do in the coming year. Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

Saturday, FEBRUARY 23rd - plant grass seed on the islands and levee. Tom Lyons is in charge. Meet at east gate at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, MARCH 29th - plant trees and shrubs on east end. Likewise, meet at east gate at 9:00 a.m. Tom Lyons is in charge.