

On Saturday, May 16th there was an informal meeting held at the North Access of Blake Lake for any homeowners that had an interest in being members of the newly formed Dam Advisory Committee. At that time, Scott Bassett and Gerry Smith volunteered to be Co-Chairs and members present voted to accept the motion. At that same time, Cindy Kruse and Jolene Martinson volunteered to co-handle the Secretary position. A total of seventeen property owners are members of the Dam Advisory Committee and Cindy has provided a spreadsheet with the names / contact information for all members.

Saturday, June 27th there was training held at the dam site for all those that volunteered to be available to put in or to remove stop logs as needed. Luke at Sherrards Resort is storing the stop logs and tools. He demonstrated how they go in and how to remove them.

Jody Binfet has graciously volunteered to take a photo of the water level each week and send out to all committee members showing lake level.

Scott and Gerry asked committee members to submit questions that they had regarding the dam management. They then had a conference call with Larry the Dam Engineer. They went over all of the questions brought forward by the committee members as well as gained other valuable information. One of the takeaways was to establish a range for the lake water level that would be best for all. The agreed upon range that the Dam Committee felt was best is 9.2" – 9.4". (The normal range for the lake height and level of top of dam is 9.24) Another question was what would be the impact of placing all six of the stop logs in place. Larry's response was that the lake level would rise but he could not tell us how much. Having the data would give us guidance on the impact of adding / removing stop logs. We've identified three ways to determine the impact of adding/removing logs:

1. Hire Morgan & Parmley to develop the data for us at a cost to the Blake Lake District \$1,000. - \$1,500. This would be a spreadsheet that shows at a wide range of starting water levels what the impact of adding or removing from one to five stop logs would be on the lake level.
2. Seek guidance from WDNR Dam Engineers identified to us through the WDNR Dam Safety Newsletter.
3. Scott / Gerry proposed to the committee members that we try doing our own study to see what the impact of adding stop logs would be while adhering to keeping the water level within the prescribed range. It was decided to hold off any changes until after the July 4th Holiday and since that time the excessive rain has prevented going forward with the study. Currently we are working to better understand the Dam Management Plan and the impact of stop logs on the overall lake levels.