

Blake Lake Dam Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: 05/23/2020: Location: Blake Lake Northeast Public Boat Landing

I. Jim Maxwell

called to order the regular meeting of the Blake Lake Dam Advisory Committee at [10:00am, Saturday, 05/23/2020 at North East Public Boat Landing].

II. Roll call


The following people were present:

Andy Aplikowski, Scott Bassett, Jody Binfet, Mark & Renee Gisch, Randy & Cindy Kruse, Jolene Martinson, Jim Maxwell, Luke Mendlik, Sheila Monson, Scott & Julie Sandell, Ryan Schneider, Randy Sevelius, Gerry & Roxanne Smith, Paul Rodriguez, Shelley Rodriguez (Board liaison).

The following people were not present: Jeff & Sherry Gerry.

III. Open Issues/Team Discussion

- a) There is a total of 6 aluminum stop logs that are 36 inches long x 2 inches thick. They stop the flow of water over the Blake Lake Dam. If you would like to see more detailed information about the Dam please see the Dam Inspection, Operation & Maintenance (IOMP) document located <https://blakelake.org/records/>, see "Documents" at bottom of the page.
- b) Current level of the dam: On May 11th, 2020 a 3rd board was added and currently there remains 3 stop logs in. The committee has decided to leave the 3 stop logs in until the next meeting in approximately a month and the level will then be reevaluated. In 2014 the WDNR measured the lake at 9.2 level. A level near that will try to be maintained as "normal" for the lake as that range has the least impact on soggy yards and shoreline erosion.
- c) DNR/Engineer Documentation of the Dam: Luke said he spoke with the dam engineer and indicated the dam needs to be maintained at 9.3. There was a discussion on the fact that the dam was designed to be maintained with all 6 stop logs in and only be removed if flooding were to occur.



You can find this information in the Dam IOMP document. The rocks over the pilings are to protect the piling and should not be disturbed without consulting with the engineer. Only stop logs should be placed or removed to maintain the water level. The record high water table and wetter than normal year last year may be the contributors of so many low and flooded yards.

d) The committee determined we need to have a conversation with the engineer before adding any more boards, though it is designed to have 6 stop logs in it. Scott and Gerry will contact the engineer. In the meantime, anyone else with any questions for the engineer should relay them onto Scott and Gerry.


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e) Election for New Committee Chairs/Secretary/Maintenance Crew/Cleaning Crew

- Committee Co-Chairs: Scott Bassett and Gerry Smith
- Secretary Co-Chairs: Cindy Kruse and Jolene Martinson
- Dam Level Weekly Monitor: Jody Binfet
- Dam Board Maintenance Crew (Board Insert & Removal): Randy Kruse, Luke Mendlik, Randy Sevelius, Ryan Schneider & Paul Rodriguez
- Dam Cleaning Crew: Andy Aplikowski, Scott Bassett, Jolene Martinson & Luke Mendlik
- Luke will find a secure place to store the stop logs.

f) Musky: Jim said the DNR fish biologist will research the possibility of creating some type of structure to make it easier for fish to get from the pond to the lake

g) Shelley Rodriguez explained what the Board is responsible for and what this Committee is responsible for. The Board will help with surveys, mailings and will communicate to other cabin owners on the lake, via the Blakelake.org website. The committee is responsible for communicating everything we do with the water and the Dam. Cindy K. and Jolene M. are responsible for letting Shelley know when we are moving or adding boards and why. Randy K., Luke M., Randy S., & Paul R. are responsible for letting Cindy and Jolene know when stop logs are removed or added.



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- h) The committee toured some of the soggy yards to view the impact the high water is having on low shorelines.

IV. New business

- a) Co-Chairmen Scott & Gerry will contact Engineer of the Dam and collect questions from committee members.
- b) Cindy & Jolene will communicate to Blake Lake Board Members & Shelley will pass information onto Peggy L. to update the Blake Lake FaceBook page and update blakelake.org for property owners to see updated Dam committee detailed information.
- c) Scott & Jerry will put together an agenda for a future Zoom Meeting call with all committee members. Meeting in approximately 1 month.
- d) If ever we must take a committee vote, married couples on this committee count as 1 vote.

V. Adjournment

[Scott & Gerry] adjourned the meeting at 11:45am.

Meeting minutes to be drafted by: **[Cindy and Jolene]**

Meeting summary/minutes provided to BLPRD for review and load to BlakeLake.org website by: **{Cindy}**

