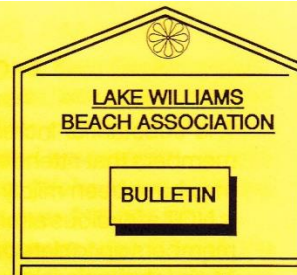


REPORT TO MEMBERS LAKE WILLIAMS BEACH ASSOCIATION JUNE 1991



The June 2nd Annual LWBA Meeting had a larger attendance of Members than has been seen in many years. Several important topics were discussed, and decisions were made that may have impact on the future of the lake.

Officers of the LWBA for 1991-92 Fiscal Year are:

		Res.	Lk Wms
President	Gilbert Koss	623-9278	642-7336
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Treasurer	Kent Sleath	633-9564	642-7945
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Director	Valerie Dinardi	873-1789	642-4042
Director	April Schulze	228-3823	642-7823
Director	Audrey Koss	623-9278	642-7336
Tax Collector	Phil Godeck	642-6292	

(Mail: LWBA P.O. Box 52, Lebanon, Ct 06249)

Appointments:

Safety & Security	Phil Godeck
Chr. LWBA Finance Committee	Kent Sleath
Chr. Roads & Beach Committee	Fern Tremblay
Chr. Communications Committee	David Schulze
Chr. LWBA Expansion Committee	Valerie Dinardi
Chr. LWBA Charter Committee	April Schulze
Chr. LWBA Picnic Committee	Jane Sleath
Chr. LWBA Tag Sale Committee	Nancy Viccaro

* Additional Committees to be formed:

Health, Sanitation, and Zoning Committee
LWBA Special Fund Raising Committee
Lake Williams Historical Research Committee

* The LWBA Board of Directors will be assuming the responsibilities of these and all other Committees until such time as a Chairman can be appointed.

Many of these Committees will be accepting additional members. If you feel that you would like to participate or contribute to these Committees, please contact the Chairman or an LWBA Director.

Commentary on: LWBA 1991-92 Budget Increase

The substantial increase of \$300 per year in the LWBA Tax Assessment is no surprise to members that attended the Annual Meeting on June 2nd. Members that were unable to attend may have been mildly shocked by this increase to \$345 per year from last year's \$45 Tax. This is NOT a frivolous attempt to just increase our bank balance! The 2-hour meeting brought LWBA members up to date on the project to "Save the Lake" and resulted in an overwhelming majority of members accepting the 1991-92 LWBA Budget as proposed by the Finance Committee. 14 years of attempting to stabilize the lake and dam situation had boiled down to a final rejection by Referendum Vote, from the Voters of Lebanon. All the options for acquiring town funds were exhausted!

In brief, the State would pick up the expense of repair and maintenance of the lake and dam if the Town of Lebanon would contribute \$150,000.00 toward the purchase of the dam. State Funds would NOT be available to the Town of Lebanon if the town did not provide the balance of \$150,000.00.

The question of obtaining \$150,000.00 was not answered by taxing the Town of Lebanon for it, so, it was necessary to examine other means of obtaining this amount. The prospect of obtaining this amount through voluntary contributions was not deemed feasible because of the amount needed. Even if a large portion of the amount were collected, unless the town was able to guarantee the balance, the deal could not be concluded. The Town of Lebanon could not be persuaded to guarantee this amount, but; The LWBA COULD!

If the membership of the LWBA would obligate themselves to a debt of this size, it was possible to tie this package together. The LWBA Charter states that all expenses of the LWBA are to be shared equally by all property owners. This had been revised from the previous method of taxing by mill rate and now proved to be a problem that had to be overcome. Not all members were able to come up with a one time assessment of almost \$1500. The proposed solution was to assess each property owner \$300 per year for a period not to exceed 5 years. This put association fees in the same category as fees on neighboring lakes. (*Fees on other lakes were reported to between \$250 and \$900 per year ... forever!*) It was felt that this assessment, which would become a legal tax on LWBA Members, would be the basis of an instrument that could be used in lieu of actual cash. The LWBA's ability to tax was the guarantee.

It was felt that if all action to finalize this package were to cease, the State would withdraw its offer and use the money elsewhere. Due to the present financial situation that the State is in, it seemed prudent to do something immediately! \$30,000.00 per year for 5 years, was introduced into the budget as a separate line item and the members were asked to vote via a secret ballot, to accept or reject this budget. Only property owners were allowed to vote, per our charter. Out of 55 votes cast, 45 were in favor of obligating the LWBA to this budget, and 10 were opposed. (*Although there was opposition to this assessment, no other feasible plan of action was offered.*) While this is an attempt to solve the problem, no guarantees that it will be effective are given. However; members understood that if this action came to nought, all funds would be dispersed back to the members. (*Maybe, while we watched the lake drain!*)

A large impact was made on the attendees by a donation from Lee Rider and the Campers on

the West Shore, of several thousand dollars. In addition to this, Treasurer Kent Sleath reported that over \$11,000.00 had been donated by West Shore Property Owners... no strings attached! Additional enthusiasm was generated by Harold Liebman and other members who were concerned and offered financial support over and above the proposed assessment. Several Members offered to pay the whole assessment five years in advance. (*We're looking into the logistics and legality of this.*) At this writing, the LWBA has received over \$16,000.00 in outright donations, with more expected! We expect that the more cash we have in hand, the easier it will be to finalize this situation, so these donations will be a crucial element! I sincerely hope that we won't have to return these donations without the benefit of having a lake.

UPDATE:

Since this meeting, lines of communication remain open with Gilman Bros., Inc. owner of the dam. While the concept of accepting a legal note from the LWBA in lieu of the Town's portion of the purchase price, may be acceptable in principle, the actual details, including cash available, need to be discussed.

Evidently, this action on the part of the lake residents, has gotten noticed by more than a few people. One result of this has been inquiries by Town & State Representatives as to the status of State Funds for this project. Yes... all funding is still available. There are no guarantees that this situation will not change, but, it's been indicated that as long as the situation seems to be heading toward a conclusion, the State is still willing to help.

FUTURE:

The main instruments to be used in generating the necessary cash will be the assessment on the LWBA Membership, (*I hope no one will be in arrears on their taxes this year*), and continuing donations from concerned residents and citizens. In addition to this, the LWBA and others will be actively involved in Fund Raising projects and soliciting of funds from other environmentally motivated organizations, in the hope of reducing the annual assessment.

Gilbert A. Koss – President

Announcements

July 6th & 7th - Mile Long Tag Sale

\$5.00 Registration fee

We expect an exceptional turnout this year. In addition to individual Tag Sales by Members, items can be contributed to a "Save the Lake" PAC Sponsored Sale. Baked goods and plants are especially requested. Please call Nancy Viccaro or Audrey Koss to participate.

July 14th 9am to 11am - Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, and doughnuts will be provided at the Lake Williams Camp Ground on the West Shore. The cost will be \$2.50 per person with 1/2 of the proceeds being donated to "Save The Lake".

August 10th @ 2pm - Annual LWBA Picnic

Lee Rider & The Lake Williams Camp Ground have graciously offered their Pavilion and facilities on the West Shore. All residents of Lake Williams are invited. Details will be posted. This is an excellent opportunity to get together with neighbors from all around the lake. Don't miss it!



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June 12, 1991

The Board of Selectmen
Town of Lebanon
Route 207
Lebanon, Connecticut 06249

Dear Selectmen:

It has come to my attention that the voters in the town of Lebanon recently voted at referendum to reject the proposed purchase of Lake Williams. Further, as a result of a presentation given by Selectman Bauwens, to the members of the Lake Williams Beach Association at their recently held annual meeting, impressing upon them the urgency of the matter since options were running out members are to be taxed an additional \$300 per year for five years to be turned over to the town as a contribution and put in the general fund in the event that another deal on the purchase can be struck with the state. In the event that such an agreement falls through said contributions would be returned to the contributors. Whether this association can legally do this is another matter.

As the Chairman of the Legislature's Bonding Committee, I personally met with and negotiated with all legislators (and/or their designated representatives) the Commissioner of DEP, and the staff from OLR and LCO who drafted the legislation. It was clearly understood and agreed upon by all parties involved that the monies placed in the bonding package (S.A. 90-34) be authorized based upon S.A. 86-53 (sSB327) which states "The amount paid by the town of Lebanon to the state shall, if it is raised by any tax imposed by or through said town, shall be raised by property taxes imposed on all property on the net grand list of said town."


The issue of Lake Williams is not a new one to those of us who are long time members of the Assembly. It was discussed many times during my tenure here and it was felt by an overwhelming majority of legislators that this was and is the fairest way to go. To do anything else at this stage would be a breach of the agreement made by the parties involved. I would appreciate your advising me of what is transpiring in this matter.

Still further, I would urge you, as the chief elected officials involved in this matter, to investigate whether individual members of the same special group (which the AG's Office ruled could not be made into a special taxing district) can now be forced to pay taxes which in turn will be turned over to the town under the guise of a contribution - in order to resurrect a project that has been turned down by voters in order to sweeten the pie should it come back for another referendum.

Again, the people of the town of Lebanon will benefit from this project through the use of the lake, a boat launch and beach area - to equally share in the cost of its purchase is the only fair way to go.

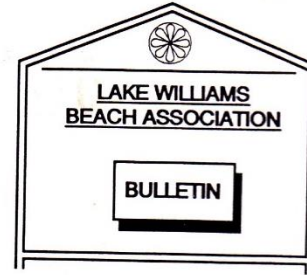
I await your response.

Sincerely yours,


Fred Gelsi, Chairman
Bonding Sub Committee

- NEWS LETTER -

JULY 1991



Hi neighbor!

It's midsummer and many activities are in being planned for the next few weeks so we're going to start this newsletter with fun items and conclude with the business end of the LWBA.

The whole lake seems to be coming together. The Mile-long Tagsale was a huge success with about \$400 being raised for the "Save Lake Williams", PAC. Thanks to all who baked, donated plants and other items, and especially those who donated their time to make it the success it was.

The Pancake Breakfast held at The Lake Williams Campground last Sunday, not only brought in over \$150 to the PAC, but allowed an exchange of ideas on subjects such as the unification of the whole Lake Williams Lake District with the LWBA, and some good ideas for future activities.

Lee & Sandy Rider have been very gracious and enthusiastic in offering the use of Lake Williams Campgrounds for upcoming events and the Campers have invited the LWBA to join them in some of the fun things that they have scheduled. So here's the list of upcoming activities.

Saturday - July 27th **POTLUCK SUPPER***
6:00 PM - Lake Williams Campground Pavilion.
Followed by a RAFFLE & BINGO to benefit PAC.
Admission is a dish or two that will feed 7 people.

Saturday - August 10th **LWBA 43rd ANNUAL PICNIC**
Details of this event are on a succeeding page.

Saturday - August 17th **PAC benefit SPAGHETTI DINNER***
6:00 PM - Lake Williams Campground
\$3.50 per person donation.

Saturday - August 31st **Music w/ Disc-Jockey BYOB**
7:00 PM - Lake Williams Campground

Saturday - September 7th **POTLUCK SUPPER***
6:00 PM - Lake Williams Campground
RAFFLE & BINGO to benefit PAC
Admission is a dish to feed 7.

**Campground informalities
apply - bring your own plates
& utensils.*

August 10, 1991

Dear Fellow LWBA Member,

Here is an update on our goal to collect \$150,000 to save Lake Williams. As of this letter, \$97,140 has been collected as follows:

Donations	\$21,940
Prepaid Taxes	15,000
Tax Assessment	24,600
Pledged	10,600
Loans Promised	25,000
Total	\$97,140

This leaves a short fall of \$52,860.

We need your help NOW to cover this short fall and reach our goal of \$150,000. You can help by sending tax prepayments and contributions. Tax prepayments of \$1,200 (or in increments of \$300.00) should be sent to our tax collector. Contributions should be sent to the treasurer. Indicate the kind of payment on the check memo line. Make your checks out to the Lake Williams Beach Association or LWBA. A self addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

It is disappointing that we have to dig a little deeper. Times are tough, many are out of work and we have just paid our town taxes. But if each of us can dig a little deeper and send in what we can, our goal is within reach.

A large number of prepayments and contributions are needed. For example, if 44 more members send in \$1,200 in prepaid taxes, we will have reached our goal. Please be as generous as you can. Send in the payments as soon as possible, and by September 15th at the latest.

Thanks for your generosity,

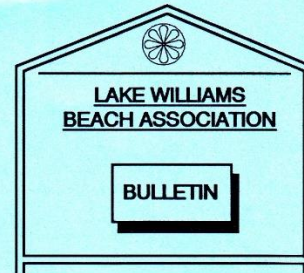


Kent Sleath
Treasurer, LWBA

Bud & Rose
Thanks for prepaying the Taxes.
Kent

LWBA SPECIAL MEETING

Saturday - August 24th, 1991
at 1:30PM



Dear Fellow LWBA Member:

The end is definitely in sight! We've verified the State's willingness to conclude the deal with the dam purchase. The rest of the package between the LWBA, Gilman Bros., and the Town of Lebanon, is ready to be implemented!

The initial, hastily formed plan presented to members at the Annual Meeting in June, has changed slightly. Because of comments made by several prominent people, we wrongly assumed that the Gilman Brothers, Inc. could be persuaded to accept a note for the \$150,000 needed to conclude things. This was an error on our part and we apologize for making this erroneous assumption. However, LWBA Members, Lake Property Owners, Campers, and other concerned friends, have jumped in to save the day by providing the needed money in the form of Taxes, Donations, and Pledges for Loans.

As you have read in previous mailings, we have accumulated cash in excess of \$60,000. This money is tucked safely away in the bank and dedicated to the sole purpose of completing this project. In addition to this, we have received another \$30,000+ in written pledges for loans and donations. We've also been advised that substantial Interest Free Loans may be available in the near future.

While the future of Lake Williams is starting to brighten, at this writing, there still remains a few items left on our "To Do" List that will require Association Approval. Therefore a SPECIAL MEETING is scheduled and your attendance is **STRONGLY REQUESTED!** This may be the last LWBA Meeting of the season and because of questions asked by a few members that weren't able to attend the June Meeting, we feel that this will be the best way to dispel the rumors and misinformation that inevitably occurs under these circumstances.

Several important items will be addressed at this meeting, including:

- (a) Acceptance of Loans from individuals and other sources,
- (b) Guarantee and Method of repayment of these loans, and
- (c) Appropriating funds from certain categories of our regular budget, and allocating them to other categories where they can be better utilized. (No, additional taxes aren't necessary. We just need to shift money from one fund to another and we need LWBA approval.)

These items REQUIRE YOUR VOTE!

Once we agree to accept and repay loans out of our present assessment we can finish putting together the \$150,000. (Once again, no additional taxes. All repayment will be made out of our present budget.)

In addition to completing this necessary business, the LWBA Board of Directors has approved a resolution to expand the LWBA to encompass the entire Lake District. How will this make a difference to our present membership? This will be the time to find out!

The active participation of our members has made it possible to come very far in a relatively short time! This meeting will allow us to finish the job. Please attend!

This meeting is scheduled for **1:30PM - Saturday - August 24th, 1991** at "The Acre".

Gilbert A. Koss

President

LWBA NOTES:

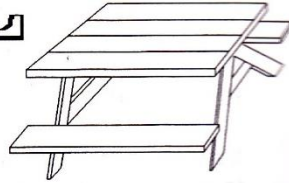
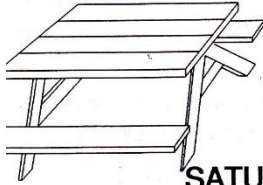
The **ANNUAL LWBA PICNIC** was a huge success this year due to the efforts of the many volunteers who helped out. The Picnic was held at the Lake Williams Campground and was attended by people from around the entire lake in addition to LWBA members.

Committee Chairperson Jane Sleath, thanks everyone who worked to make this event the success it was. Thanks are also due Lee & Sandy Rider for the use of the Campground Pavilion.

The LWBA has retained **Attorney Tom Manning** to assist us in completing the project of saving the lake. Tom comes to us with experience in municipal law and procedures having worked with the Town of Franklin for many years. He also has a personal interest in Lake Williams as he is an officer of the Manning Family Club, Inc. which owns property on the West Shore. His experience and expertise will be invaluable in protecting our interest during the process of finalization. Welcome aboard Tom.

The **LWBA Fund Raising Committee** is looking for help from our friends and members. If you have any ideas or experience in Fund Raising, or if you have some time to donate to this worthwhile project, please contact Audrey Koss at 642-7336 (Lk Wms) after 6PM or weekends. Word Processing skills are especially valuable.

LWBA 43rd ANNUAL PICNIC



(at Lake Williams Campground - Rte 207)

SATURDAY AUGUST 10TH, 1991 - 12 NOON TO ?

Picnic time is just around the corner again. This Annual event will bring Lake Williams Beach Association families together with West Shore Owners and Seasonal Campers for fun, food, and frolic. Free hot dogs, hamburgs, soft drinks, napkins, plates, and utensils will be provided. Please bring a Potluck Dish or Dessert that will serve 8. We will plan to eat at 1:00PM and continue the afternoon with games, etc.

Of special note is the scheduling of The **Lake Williams Horseshoe Championship**. (1st Annual) - Entry Fee of \$10.00 per two person team. 100% of all Entry Fees will be distributed as Prize Money.

Also of interest will be a **Hay Ride** scheduled for 7PM through the Campgrounds.

As in the past, this group effort invites your participation. Volunteers will be welcomed in several areas.

If you're going to mail this form back, address it to:
Jane Sleath, 60 Williams Glen Way, Glastonbury, Ct 06033

Or complete the form below and return to Audrey Koss, 257 Lake Wms Dr. or call Jane at 633-9564, or Audrey at 642-7336. Your immediate response will be appreciated.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Number planning to attend:

(members, seasonal campers and West shore owners - No charge) _____

(Guests - \$2.00 each) _____

Ages of children attending: _____

I will bring (circle one) Salad Vegetable Dessert

I will donate items for game prizes or raffle () Yes () No

Team games such as Vollyball, etc, and raffle items are especially needed

I am interested in serving on the following committee(s):

() Food () Games () Raffle () Prizes () Member contact

UPDATE and SOLUTION

The original agreement presented to the owners of the dam by the Beach Association, regarding the payment of \$150,000 over a period of five years through taxes and donations, has been rejected. The full amount of \$150,000 is requested to conclude the purchase between The State of Connecticut and The Gilman Brothers. Therefore we need \$150,000 total...in cash... to conclude this deal.

Association Officers have been busy trying to develop an alternative plan which still utilizes the "vehicle" of the approved tax increase of an additional \$300 per year for a maximum of 5 years, while entering into an agreement with interest free terms. Thanks to the input of many Association Members, a plan has been devised that could wrap up the entire package within a short period of time.

Up to this point, property owners on the West Side of the lake, along with the Owners and the Campers of Lake Williams Campground, have generously donated in excess of \$19,000. A handful of people therefore, have come up with better than 1/8th of the amount needed. When we realize the first year's taxes due by August 1st, a total amount of approximately \$50,000 will have been collected.... leaving a shortfall of only \$100,000.

A three-part plan, detailed as follows, will raise the additional funds.

1) DONATIONS:

Tax deductible donations of any amount will be accepted and used directly to reach our final dollar figure. Checks for this purpose can be made out to:

Treasurer - LAKE WILLIAMS BEACH ASSOCIATION

Think about it! Over \$14,000 was raised to help put in a town beach that did not benefit us at all; now we ask for donations towards a goal that DOES directly affect us!

2) PREPAID TAXES:

Association Officers have been asked if any or all of the five year tax increase could be paid up front.. The State's Office of Policy & Management has indicated that this certainly can be done. Therefore, we urge you to consider sending a check to our Tax Collector, Phil Godeck, stating in the memo that the check is for prepayment of taxes. Of course if our Goal is reached earlier than expected, you can expect a tax credit or a refund.

3) INTEREST-FREE LOANS:

Attached you will find a PLEDGE CARD. To save The Association many thousands of dollars in interest, we must stay away from a lending institution for securing a loan. We therefore must, again, look to ourselves for Association Members who would be willing to loan interest free money for our project. A repayment schedule would be the same as offered to the dam owners. Amounts would be paid back in variable annual payments over a maximum of five (5) years. The idea for these interest-free loans comes directly from three Association Members approaching an Officer and offering loans such as this. *(Over \$25,000 has been informally pledged for loan to the LWBA as of this writing.)*

Recently there has been a great amount of excitement generated toward solving this fourteen year old problem. Consider the three categories and if you are financially able, please help. Hopefully very soon we will be able to have a high lake while going back to lower taxes.

There is already a committee formed looking into fund raising possibilities, so that when the "deal" is signed and sealed, we can consider ways of obtaining monies to lessen the Association's taxes as soon as possible. (*State regulations seriously limit our fund raising potential until we have an agreement*)

PLEASE mail responses so they arrive before August 4th. We must have a tally of cash & pledges by that time.

This Association has received a lot of disappointments regarding the lake over the past fourteen years. Let's not disappoint ourselves.

REMEMBER: Nothing ventured... nothing gained. Needless to say, if this deal falls through, all donated monies, up front taxes, and loans will be returned.
PLEASE call an Association Officer if you have a question.

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Harley Atkins
Vice-President , LWBA

- PLEDGE -

Yes, I am willing to 'Save The Lake' by pledging financial assistance to the Lake Williams Beach Association in the form of an interest free loan.

() \$25,000 () \$10,000 () \$5000 () Other \$ _____

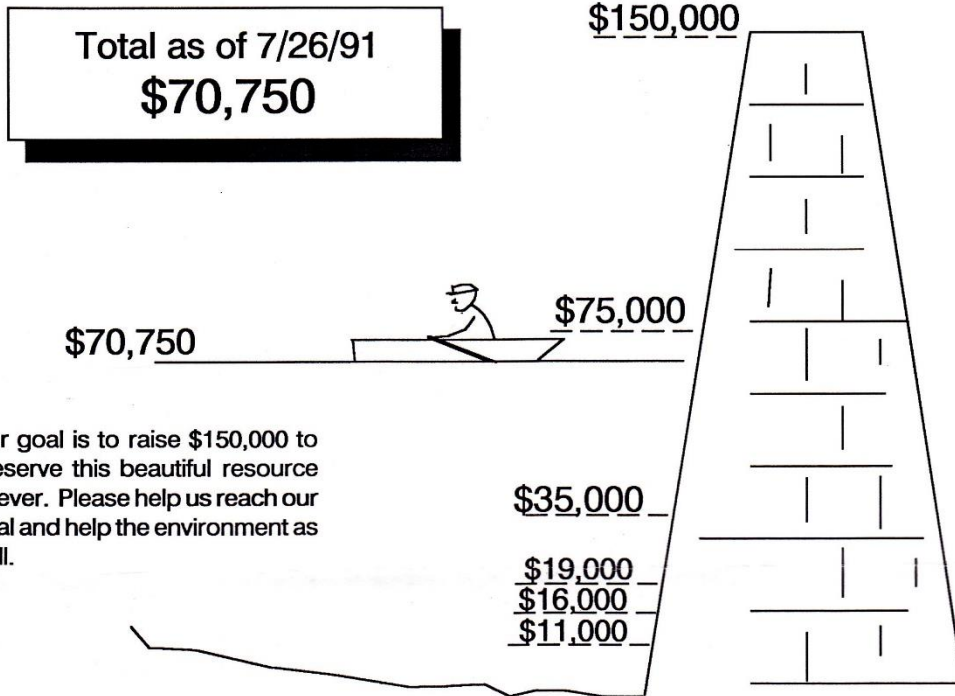
Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: () _____

Mail to: LWBA, P.O Box 52, Lebanon, Ct 06249

- SAVE THE LAKE -



Our goal is to raise \$150,000 to preserve this beautiful resource forever. Please help us reach our goal and help the environment as well.

This is your last chance to commit before August 4th. Remember your three options:

- o Donations,
- o Pre-paid taxes, and
- o Intrest free loan pledges.

If you have any questions, please call one of your association officers:

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July 1991

Q & A

Q: Where do we stand, moneywise?

A: As of this writing... I'm not exactly sure. Our Treasurer is out of the State for a few days and I can only tell you what I KNOW! Between Taxes already collected (and it isn't even the end of the month yet), donations and pledges for loans, we're looking at about \$70,000 at this point. Almost halfway there!

Q: I like the idea of paying my taxes in advance but, I won't be able to until the end of August. Will this still help?

A: Absolutely, yes! As long as we have the money necessary at the closing of this deal. We DO need to know of your intentions to pay in advance so, drop a note to Phil Godeck (our tax collector) or myself letting us know. Then we know what we can count on. We hope to be able to finalize this before the middle of September (or sooner if possible).

Q: If I LOAN money to the LWBA for saving the lake, will I receive a note or some other instrument that will guarantee my loan will be repaid by the LWBA?

A: Yes you will! The Board of Directors just approved obtaining of Legal Counsel to aid us in setting up this program, and to protect our interests during this whole transaction. I don't know exactly what type of instrument will be used to guarantee repayment, however; you WILL have a guarantee!

Q: Will I have to wait 5 years to be repaid?

A: Not necessarily! The 5 year repayment of this debt is the absolute maximum time period. In reality, plans are being made to do some serious fund raising as soon as we have a binding agreement. This will speed up repayment and reduce or eliminate the total debt and future assessments.

Q: If Fund Raising is the way that we intend to go, why not start right away?

A: State Regulations are very exacting on certain aspects of Fund Raising! Any money raised for any purpose through Fund Raising, MUST be used exclusively FOR THAT PURPOSE. As we do not have a guaranteed and binding agreement for the purchase of the dam, we do not have a specific purpose. Once we have an agreement, we'll have a specific purpose for Fund Raising!

Q: What about a Grant or Two from Uncle Sam or one of the big environmental groups?

A: This is being researched right now! The one thing that we HAVE found out is that it will take from 6 months to 2 years to obtain a grant, even if we're successful right away in finding a Grantor. Getting free money isn't as easy as it sounds and time is a critical factor.

LWBA Officers will be available to answer your questions at the Annual Picnic. We're looking forward to a good turnout at this annual event to be held on the west side of the lake at the Lake Williams Campground on August 10th starting at 12:00 noon. I hope to see you there!

Gilbert A. Koss

President, LWBA

- REMINDER -

7/29/91

August 4th is just around the corner! As of this date, all taxes should be accounted for, and responses from the three options will be known. Many thanks to all the people who have already committed themselves and responded to the challenge of raising cash to save our lake.

For the time being, the fate of this lake rests in the hands of our association! Please weigh all the options carefully and make a decision before August 4th. Whatever we receive in donations and prepaid taxes brings us closer to the \$150,000.00 that is needed. **Paying Association taxes by August 1st is critical to the success of this project!** Not paying your Association taxes could mean failure!

If you have not already responded to the options outlined in the past newsletter, please do so right away. Remember: the end of 14 years of misery is within reach if everyone helps - Many can easily accomplish what a few cannot. We have had enough of looking at a marsh land where a beautiful lake should be. For those who have had the privilege of enjoying a full lake, please think of the good memories as you make your decision on what action to take. For those who have not had the pleasure of enjoying the lake at full capacity, look to what the future can hold in store for you if everyone can rally together to raise the needed funds.

There is a lot being asked of us in saving this lake, but what happens if we do not raise the necessary funds and this plan fails??? - Let's hope this question doesn't need to be answered!

To our members and neighbors who have responded with checks and pledges.... Thank you very much! Your actions are critical to the successful outcome of the race to save the lake. There is **NO OTHER SOLUTION** to this problem!

Harley Atkins

Vice-President, LWBA