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BOONE LAKE ASSOCIATION

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WATCHING THE WATERS

April 2018

From the BLA Board President

2017 was an extremely challenging year for Boone Lake Association. For the fourth consecutive year, BLA experienced a significant drop in its number of contributors, 650 to 217, as well as a corresponding decrease in contributions. Since approximately 90% of BLA's revenues are used to fund BLA's ongoing lake cleanup initiatives, primarily the wages of its two or three-man work crew, any reduction in revenue seriously affects BLA's ability to deal with safety and environmental issues as they develop on the lake on a regular basis. Prior to the lake drawdown in 2014, annual voluntary contributions to BLA had been sufficient to fund its yearly operations for 30+ years while maintaining a modest contingency reserve. In 2017, that reserve was exhausted as BLA continued its lake-wide cleanup operations, and the BLA Board would have run out of funding to finance the same in the last quarter had it not been for it negotiating with TVA for contract services relating to a special tire removal project. In fact, in July of 2017, the BLA Board notified county officials of both Sullivan and Washington Counties that it probably would not be able to provide those services after the end of the year without their supplemental financial support. Eventually, Washington and Sullivan Counties and Johnson City responded by committing a combined total of \$48,000.00 from "impact funds" received indirectly from TVA as a result of the ongoing dam renovation project. As of April 3rd, we have received committed funds from Johnson City, but still await payments from Washington and Sullivan Counties. These commitments were for 2018 only, and under the condition that BLA be aggressive with its' individual fund raising campaign in 2018. You should have already received contribution solicitation for 2018, and you will find a form for contributions on page 3 of this publication. Needless to say, BLA hopes that if you have not already responded, you will respond favorably to our request for financial support. The fact of the matter is that BLA will have to discontinue its cleanup operations at the end of 2018 if we do not have sufficient funding in hand or committed to support our 2019 proposed operations. BLA desperately needs to get back to being funded almost exclusively by its individual contributors, as the prospect of securing public funding in the future does not look favorable considering the comments made by the elected officials that we approached. Your BLA Board sincerely appreciates the emergency funding that we received from the three involved public entities as well as contributions from our members toward our 2018 operation. We recognize that without a strong funding commitment such as we have received in the past, we will not be able to address the enhanced environmental challenges that we are sure to encounter in the future as the dam remediation project is completed and the lake level returns to full pool. Needless to say, your support is deeply appreciated.

TOM McKEE, President

Boone Lake Association

Your 2018 Boone Lake Association Board

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Ron Siegfried
Frank Young
Jim Slaight
Jerry Frank
Aaron Warren
Gary Parker

Won't you consider joining us!! We'd love to add your name to the list of Board members.

Can You Help?

We are looking for a tech savvy volunteer to maintain our website, Facebook page and assist with putting together our Shoreliner publication. We know that if we are to attract contributors and keep all informed of the good work the Association does we need an active media presence. The current Board does not have anyone with the skills necessary to do this. Please consider volunteering. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Ann Larson, 423 575-2291 or call our hotline 423 956-6615 and leave a message.

Thank you.

The 5 W's of Boone Lake Association

WHO we are: The Boone Lake Association is a not-for-profit 501C(3). Our mission is to prevent pollution, clean up litter and trash, keep the lake safe for recreation, and monitor the water quality. The BLA Board of Directors is all volunteers.

WHAT we do: The Association employs a 2 member crew. They pick up trash, monitor water quality, clean up slicks, and respond to our litter hotline. We clean boat ramps, TVA primitive campgrounds, feeder tributaries, and exposed shoreline.

WHEN we do it: Our crew works M-F, year round, as the weather permits. Additionally the BLA sponsors an annual clean up the last Sat in April. 2018 marks our 19th consecutive clean up! Mark you calendar for April 28th and join us.

WHERE we do it: The BLA crew cleans all 4000+ acres of Boone Lake and accessible exposed public shoreline.

WHY we do it: BLA contributors are concerned citizens who care about the cleanliness and safety of Boone Lake. If you use the lake you benefit from our year round clean up operation. If you live on the lake, a clean, environmentally safe lake protects your property values. If you care about public safety a hazard free lake is of benefit to all.

Please won't you consider a contribution to the BLA? **Your contribution is totally tax deductible.** You can contribute thru PayPal, or by sending a check to Boone Lake Assoc., PO Box 111, Piney Flats, TN 37686. Please include an email address so we can send you our publication "The Shoreliner"

We Asked...Many Answered

TVA's drawdown of Boone Lake has been a devastating blow to most of the property owners on and around Boone Lake. BLA believes that this is the significant factor influencing the decline in contributions over the last few years. The declining contributions resulted in an unsustainable situation for the BLA and therefore an outreach to Washington and Sullivan Counties/Cities for additional support. Additionally, this year BLA initiated a large funding drive with letter mailings to approximately 2300 property owners and businesses in the Boone Lake Area. To date the response has been good but not outstanding. Currently we have received **325** contributors, already an improvement over 2017, but far short of 2300! The good news is that the contributors have been very generous and the average contribution amount has increased. We appreciate all of those that generously contributed to our organization and we ask for your continuing support.



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January 1 – December 31, 2018

CONTRIBUTION LEVEL:

- _____ \$50+ **Basic Contributor**
- _____ \$100+ **Supporter**
- _____ \$250+ **Partner**
- _____ \$500+ **Platinum**
- _____ \$1000+ **Major Sponsor**

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Check payable to Boone Lake Association
Or PayPal, "US Friends and Family",
email BooneLakeAssociation@gmail.com

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Name: _____
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Telephone: _____
Property Address _____
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2018 Supporter List

Boone Lake Marina
3 Boat Slips, Boat
Maintenance, and a
boat sponsorship



Jay's Dock
Gas and a Boat Slip



Rockingham Marina

Rockingham Marina
Gas and a Boat Slip

Contributions of \$100 and above received and posted
between January 1, 2018 and April 15, 2018

SUPPORTERS \$100+

Wes & Jo Adams
Kevin & Becky Allsop
Sam & DeLois Anderson
Cara & Gary Anderson
Steve Anstoetter
Terry & Sally Arney
Doug and Linda Arnold
Don E Asberry
Robert & Susan Avery
Al & Mary Bacon
Jerry & Patti Baker
John & Ann Barrowclough
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Judith Story and Michelle Duffourc
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MAJOR SPONSOR \$1000

Jerry & Kim Frank, Boone Lake Marina
Dr. Dawn Medlin

Lake Operations 2017

The Lake Operations Committee (Frank Young, Jerry Frank, Ron Siegfried) and our great crew (Aaron Warren; Keith Britt*; David Whitaker*) met on numerous occasions in 2017 to set schedules and discuss various strategies on cleaning Boone Lake in its current condition. We have to remember, litter does not take a holiday!

We had an eventful year with trash slicks and financial issues. Spring time, as always, brought the spring rains and numerous recurring trash slicks on both the Watauga side (near the cove leading to Sonny's Marina to Pickens Bridge) and on the South Holston side (Davis Marina area to Rainbow Bridge). The slicks ranged from 1-3 football fields in size. It took 1-2 weeks to clean up each trash slick.

With our decline in contributions, despite the Board's attempts to generate funds, the Board had to face reality that we might be forced to close down Lake Operations at the end of the year.

We had a small reprieve in mid July when TVA asked us to undertake a project to remove and dispose of 1200 tires laying on the lake bed. BLA signed an agreement to remove and dispose of 1200 tires for \$15,000. The only catch, it had to be completed by August 31, 2017. We held a tire recovery party on one Saturday where we had Jon Wireman, his son and a friend along with 10-12 community workers participate. That put us close to the 1200 tires. Our crew and a few community workers worked hard the following week to complete the task on schedule. **Thanks to our crew and all the volunteers.** The tires were staged across from the TVA's new beach. See photo!



The TVA payment gave us sufficient funding for our crew to December 31, 2017. David Whitaker, took another job in August. We replaced him with Kyle McKettrick. Keith Britt found another job and left in December. For financial and operational reasons we downsized our crew to 2 members.

We have a great crew and are working hard to keep our lake safe and clean! The primary source of our trash is not a by-product of recreational lake users. It comes from people who dispose of their trash onto our roadways. This trash always makes its way to our 600+ tributaries and eventually into Boone Lake.

Boone Lake is a community asset, not just for property owners on Boone Lake! Your Boone Lake Association is an "Environmental Association" keeping the lake clean and safe for **All** users.

Thank you for supporting our work!

Water Quality Testing

Boone Lake Association partners with the Johnson City Water Treatment Plant to monitor water quality and works with TDEC for identification of unknown growth in the lake. We also have a close relationship with ETSU and have partnered with their students for their graduate level environmental projects and we're the only organization that monitors the lake's water quality on a regular basis. There's no single governmental entity that has comprehensive responsibility for the water quality of Boone Lake and given Boone Lake's position in the TVA system, Boone Lake's environmental problems could be felt far downstream, affecting other lake communities and wildlife.

We monitor Boone Lake water quality at six sites that are selected for their proximity to potential sources of pollution and test those sites once per month, weather permitting, April through October. Last summer we implemented a comprehensive set

of standard water quality measurement parameters and do field testing including nitrates and nitrites, pH, turbidity and dissolved solids and provide water samples to the lab for testing E. coli, dissolved oxygen and pH confirmation. The results are compared to EPA standards for recreational activities including swimming in the summer when water temperature allows it and fishing and boating in the winter when the water's too cold for swimming. This year the field tests and water samples will be collected by our cleanup crew and the results compared to previous tests for trends. If the water standards are out of EPA suggested standards, we notify the appropriate Federal and State agencies for their action.

Since the Dam has been under repair, we've noticed an increase in water clarity and several water species have shown up that only appear in clean water. We'll keep monitoring the water quality and hope this trend continues.

BOONE LAKE ANNUAL CLEANUP 2018

This year will mark the 19th consecutive year that the local community has come together for the Boone Lake Association sponsored "Cash for Trash" cleanup event, **The cleanup will kick off at 9:00 am, Saturday, April 28, 2018 and end at 3:00 pm.** Trash collection sites will be at Boone Lake Marina, Davis Marina, Lakeview Marina, Rockingham Marina and Jays Dock (at Pickens Bridge Ramp), Bluff City Ramp and TWRA/11E ramp. The water level is down but trash continues to collect and is flushed into the lake. We truly appreciate the dedicated citizens who work every year to fight this continuing nuisance.

****** So Mark Your Calendar **** One-day event will conclude with a picnic at the Winged Deer Park's Pavilion. We will begin feeding at 4:00 pm with prize drawings beginning at 5:00 pm.**

Our 2017 cleanup removed approximately 16 tons of trash from Boone Lake. The ominous forecast of rain did not keep 213 people from enjoying the picnic and "Cash for Trash" drawing at the end of the day.

It takes a lot of effort from many people to make this a successful event. The funding is provided by generous cash and "In Kind" donations from our major sponsors: Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol Tennessee Essential Services, City of Johnson City, Holston Distributing, BrightRidge, Modern Woodmen, Mountain States Health Alliance, Mullican Flooring, Republic Services, Inframark (formerly Severn Trent), Tennessee Valley Authority, Washington County Sheriff Department, Advanced Disposal Services, Boone Watershed Partnership, Cumulus Media, Food City, Johnson City Parks and Recreation. We are indebted to these organizations for their continued commitment to community service.

Let's make this year's cleanup the best ever! SUPPORT your local cleanup – SHOW UP to help!



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