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WATCHING THE WATERS

December 2018

To the Many Supporters of the Boone Lake Association:

The Boone Lake Association (BLA) has been very busy since our last report to our many contributors who help to make the organization prosper.

First and foremost, the assault on the Lake from many, many sources means that our Lake Operations Crew continues to have more work than they can handle cleaning trash, logs, junk and garbage of all sorts from the water. On and off heavy rains, have floated in refuse of every sort, much of which coagulates into slicks—some the size of multiple football fields. The challenge these create takes all of our resources—both human and mechanical. The most recent notable slick, on the Watauga side just down from Boone's Creek, has now broken into several smaller slicks which are reorganizing near Pickens Bridge. So goes the

life and day to day activity of the Association.

In addition to the work accomplished by Lake Operations, you will read in this issue of the *Shoreliner* about Water Quality, Contributor updates, the TVA Information Fair (where BLA had a table and many inquiries about our role in Lake vegetation management), and the wonderful contribution to BLA of a 24foot War Eagle Skiff to help us in our battle to keep Boone Lake clean and healthy for the many recreational users.

BLA needs help.... your help!!!! Do you have experience in Media, Advertising, Marketing, Finance, Education, Web Site, Social Media, Law, Design, Public Relations, or general experience in working with an environmentally focused non-profit? We need all of these skills,

and more, if we are going to take BLA to the next level and be prepared to face the challenges associated with bringing Boone Lake back to full pool in 2022. Please contact Val Kosmider at 423 207 0009 or any of the Board Members listed in this Publication if you would like to learn more. The Lake is counting on more volunteers if we are going to accomplish our goals. Quite frankly, too many are relying on too few to keep the Organization growing and accomplishing its goals. Please let us know where you will help.

Thanks to ALL who pitch in to keep our Lake as a valuable resource for the many who enjoy its waters, far and wide.

Val Kosmider,
President

Looking Ahead.. 20th Annual Clean Up Day

So, you like to make plans ahead of time!! Well, mark your calendar for the last Saturday in April 2019. That's it, April 27 and I can only imagine what a nice day it will be. The Annual Boone Lake Cleanup Day will begin that morning at 9:00 am when volunteers begin showing up at our seven trash collection sites. The staged sites have bags, gloves, arm bands and tickets for the "Volunteer Pickers" at Bluff City Ramp, TWRA/11E Ramp, Boone Lake Marina, Davis Boat Dock, Rockingham Marina, Jay's Dock (Pickens Bridge Ramp) and Lakeview Marina. Bags will be issued to each picker and tickets will be awarded for each return filled bag concluding at 3:00 pm. The arm band will admit each picker to a FREE Cleanup Picnic at 4:00 pm and the tickets will be drawn for cash prizes at 5:00 pm. If this does not sound like a good day, we will also give every picker a Commemorative 20th anniversary T-shirt with recognition of all Major Cleanup Sponsors. For those of us that enjoy the lake and its beauty, we see this day as an investment in the future. Come and join in this worthwhile community activity!



The Boone Lake Navy..Ensign Jackson Wireman at the helm with several other newly commissioned Ensigns and one midshipman, enjoying the Lake

On our cover: A special thank you to the following for the winter pictures of Boone Lake.

Upper left: Dan Wafkosky. Center left: Shoreliner, Dec 2013. Lower left: Sherry Johnson. Right: Joan Scheu.

Water Quality Report

BLA has been monitoring Boone Lake water quality throughout the spring, summer and fall by conducting field checks and taking water samples for E. coli analysis by the Johnson City Water Treatment Plant Lab. Because the field checks and water samples aren't taken under controlled conditions, we use the results as a "canary in the coal mine" warning of possible issues such as sewage contamination. If we do see a problem reading or a negative trend we notify the appropriate agencies such as TVA, TWRA and TDEC who can identify the source of the problem and work to correct it.

This year the water check results have been consistently good with only minor

issues that didn't show up in the checks more than once. Our latest check of five sites is shown below. We're limited to only 3 E. coli samples, but the other tests are consistent with what we've seen this year. It's possible that the good water quality is a result of the almost continuous flow of water from both the South Holston and Watauga Rivers. We hope that the water quality will remain good as and when the lake returns to normal operating levels.

Test strips were used for all field checks except Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), visibility and E. coli. Test strip results were based on interpreting colors after dipping the strips in lake water. TDS levels were obtained with a TDS meter. Visibility testing was

performed using a Secchi disk.

Water quality scores are calculated from a commonly used set of parameters that yield a value based on the actual reading taken. The value is then weighted, and the individual scores are added to get the overall quality score. In our case, E. coli is weighted twice as heavily as the other parameters. Where there isn't an associated value, we use a quality type word description based on the reading and the test strip descriptions.

The October test is the final one for 2018. We will resume testing in the Spring of 2019. We are always looking for volunteers to perform this testing. Please indicate your willingness to help on your 2019 Contributor form.

Site Name	Rainbow Bridge		Mouth, Beaver Creek		Mouth, Candy Creek		Boone Dam Beach		Mouth, Reedy Creek	
	Marker 11.5		Marker 11		Marker 5		Marker 1		Marker 20	
Date	30-Oct-18		30-Oct-18		30-Oct-18		30-Oct-18		30-Oct-18	
Depth	14		18		48		92		42	
Time	10:20		10:30		11:15		11:35		11:50	
Air Temp °F	46 Sunny		54 Sunny		60 Sunny		60 Sunny		56 Sunny	
Water Temp °C	11.6		12.1		15.1		15.3		16.2	
	Data	Q Value	Data	Q Value	Data	Q Value	Data	Q Value	Data	Q Value
Temp °	0	93	0.5	91	3.5	78	3.7	77	0	93
PH (On site)	6.8	85	6.8	85	7.0	90	6.8	85	6.8	85
Visibility	8ft	97	9ft	97	5.25ft	97	8.5ft	97	5.75ft	97
Hardness	150	Hard	150	Hard	150	Hard	75	Soft	150	Hard
Chlorine	0.5<	Safe	0.5<	Safe	0.5<	Safe	0.5<	Safe	0.5<	Safe
Alkalinity	80	Moderate	80	Moderate	80	Moderate	40	Low	80	Moderate
TDS	87	84	93	83	98	82	68	86	54	87
Nitrite	0.5	Good	0	Good	0	Good	0	Good	0	Good
E Coli*	20.9	63	29.8	60	NA		4.1	83	NA	
Quality Score:		81		79		87		86		91
Quality Index:		Good		Good		Good		Good		Good
					Quality Index		EPA E Coli Recommendations			
Weather: Sunny					Good	70-100	Skin contact recreation <200			
South Holston Flow:		3,240 cfs			OK	50-70	Boating & fishing <1000			
Watauga Flow:		1,504 cfs			Bad	0-50				
* Colonies/100mL										
The water quality has been consistetly good all year. Possibly, this is due to the almost constant water flow through the lake as a result of the need to lower water levels in anticipation of the heavy rains. Visibility has also improved by quite a bit since the water got colder this fall.										

Boone Lake Water Levels to Fluctuate Up To 8 Feet – December 2018 to March 2019

Since TVA lowered Boone Lake in October 2014, they've targeted an operating level of 1,352.5 feet with an operating range of 1,350 feet to 1,355 feet. In their December newsletter, TVA reported that they'll be lowering Boone Lake to 1,350 feet and then in mid-January raising it gradually to 1,358 feet which is 3 feet over where we've seen it for the past 4 years. They'll lower the Lake back to 1,352.2 feet by the end of March. TVA said that the purpose is to help baseline and plan for operations once Boone Dam repairs are completed.

Marinas and those of you who have docks at the current lake level should make sure that anchors and cables can compensate for the planned water level changes. We may also get a preview of how much debris floats up when shoreline that's been dry for years, is re-flooded.

2018 Lake Operations Report

Our cleanup crew has had another busy year keeping Boone Lake clean, safe, and beautiful. The flow of trash from the rivers coming from Carter County and the Bristol area allowed for a bountiful harvest in addition to the lake bank littering that flows into the lake. The low lake has created unique circumstances causing large (acres) slicks of trash and logs to accumulate near the mouths of Boone's Creek on the Watauga River side of the lake, and Beaver Creek on the South Holston side. Our crew chief, Kyle, has had some help from a few college students in the summer and fall battling those trash slicks and filling up dumpsters that are provided for our use by Johnson City at the Picken's Bridge Ramp and Sullivan County at Davis Boat Dock. Johnson City Solid Waste has picked up piles of logs on several occasions that the crew has collected. TVA supported us by funding tire removal projects—our crew collected and disposed of well over 1000 tires.

We have had a good year with equipment. We received a pontoon boat and motor as a donation from Jerry Frank at the Boone Lake Marina. Jerry has also donated the service on all of our boat repairs and maintenance and the boats are running great. We also received a donated work boat from TVA that is a fine piece of equipment. We are thankful for our marina partners who give us donations of slips for our boats: Boone Lake Marina, Rockingham Marina, and Jay's Boat Dock. Those partners also contribute fuel discounts and funds that ultimately go to pay our crew.

We would like to keep our crew working as many hours as we can afford and that means the more stable our contributions are, the more cleanup gets done. As winter arrives the slicks have broken up and scattered and hopefully, we get them collected so we can turn to trash and logs pushed against the shore. There are many hours of stacking and burning to do.

Please tell your lake loving friends and neighbors that the lake is still very usable and that it still requires considerable maintenance and that we would like to add them to our concerned contributors list.

TVA Donates Skiff to BLA

In August of this year The Boone Lake Association (BLA) made a presentation to TVA regarding Vegetation Management on the exposed Lake bed. We expressed our views of dealing with that growth prior to the Lake returning to full pool and active enjoyment by the many recreational users. With luck, senior executives from TVA were able to listen to our presentation and we struck a chord as to what we expected, and what TVA was planning to do.

TVA responded in the following weeks to our plea for mechanical support from TVA, and on Monday, November 5th, BLA was the recipient of a 24 foot "War Eagle" skiff! TVA has been very supportive of the BLA Partnership, but this is a major step toward expanding our relationship. How appropriate that the skiff is a

"War" Eagle, while BLA fights the battle of keeping Boone Lake.

The boat is fully equipped with electronics, a 150 horsepower Yamaha Four Cycle outboard, all electrics, on board fuel system, covered canopy to shield our crew, winch, and plenty of space for both crew and retrieved trash which we pull from the Lake every working day of the year. In addition, the skiff came to BLA with a dual axle trailer to accommodate moving it with ease. Thanks to the folks at Boone Lake Marina for checking it out.

BLA will use the boat now to transport crew to our "garbage barges" and return with trash accumulated on those barges. The trash gets brought to shore and deposited in dumpsters provided by local municipalities. In the future, we hope to acquire at least one Trash Skimmer and the skiff will be used as a support vessel for



Members of the BLA Board accepting donated skiff boat.

that operation.

Special thanks to the many TVA Managers who listening to our story, learned of the commitment of our staff and volunteers, and understood our environmental mission to keep Boone Lake safe and clean for the many recreational users throughout Northeast Tennessee. This generous donation is a substantial addition to our existing "fleet".

Thank You TVA!

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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Or PayPal, "US Friends and Family",
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Name: _____
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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

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

Boone Lake Vegetation Management

Perhaps one of the most inquired about Boone Lake issues is that of Vegetation Management. We have all seen it: Trees, brush, weeds and even flowers growing where there once was water, or a seasonally exposed Lake bed.

So, what is wrong with that? Well, at the present time, not much, except that it is a hiding place for all sorts of trash and critters. BUT, once the Lake begins to return to full pool, all of that 'stuff' will be a BIG problem. Not only will the 'junk' begin to re-float, but imagine if you will, skimming along in your boat, or worse, on a jet ski or water skis and catching the top of a tree lurking just at, or below, the surface of the water. Serious injury, or worse, is a likely result.

TVA is aware of this risk and has put forth a plan to cut the vegetation prior to the Lake returning to full pool. Indeed, even now they are beginning to cut the brush and trees with skid-steers equipped with industrial strength rotary cutters attached to the front of the machine. Initial tests indicate that they can cut about half an acre an hour, and the plan is to cut continuously between now and the time when the return of the water chases them off the Lake.

Clear cut? Public or private lands? Or selectively cutting? And what about the fish habitat? TWRA is on record as saying that the current growth will be beneficial habitat for the various fish which have thrived in Boone Lake during the drawdown?

TVA has identified and mapped the areas of the Lake where vegetation has flourished and is likely to encumber reasonable navigation in a safe manner. These areas are generally TVA property and have been targeted for initial cutting. For private landowners who wish to allow TVA on their property to cut the vegetation, TVA will publish a contact and communication information as soon as that information is solidified. While it is not the position of your Boone Lake Association to offer even a hint of legal advice, we can envision that homeowners should want to have the vegetation cut to avoid issues of liability should you leave the vegetation on your property and someone injures themselves by traversing the navigable waterway.

The Boone Lake Association is working closely with TVA and our current plan is to spring into action behind TVA as the water level rises. We believe there will be substantial accumulation of ground material as well as the re-floating of accumulated logs, branches, old docks, trash and garbage which has found a temporary home in the vegetation while



One of the two skid steers in action, clearing vegetation.

the Lake is drawn down. We are talking several years' accumulation, and expect it to be a large project to get this stuff out of the water and safely disposed of.

Our plan is to secure at least one "Trash Skimmer" with support from TVA, and we are about to begin follow up talks with the local municipalities who benefit in the form of tax revenue from activities involving Boone Lake. We would like TVA to fund the "hardware" side of our effort, and the municipalities to fund the labor and associated materials (dumpsters, material elevators and booms used to corral accumulated slicks) portion of the project. Already TVA has donated a 24' skiff which will be used to transport crew and materials, and the municipalities were asked last year to put aside 10% of the TVA Economic Impact payments for use in funding the effort to return Boone Lake to a safe and clean place for recreation and enjoyment.

We fully understand the scope of this project—larger than anything ever undertaken by the Association, but who has better experience?



BOONE LAKE ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!

Can You Help Us With:
Marketing, Advertising, Artwork, Water Quality,
Special Projects, Municipal Partnerships,
Recycling, Clean Up Day (April 27, 2019),
Public Relations, Grant Preparation.

What are YOUR Skills and Interests???

Contact Val Kosmider
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TVA Public Information Fair

On Tuesday evening, September 25th, TVA held a Public Information Fair at Sullivan Central High School. The objective for the Fair was to provide information to the public on all aspects of the Boone Dam Repair Project. In the unique format, TVA provided the information resources while the public came with their questions.

And questions there were aplenty!

More than 200 people were at the doors when they opened promptly at 5:30 pm. TVA had organized the room into "tables" staffed by the many stakeholders of the Boone Dam Repair Project. From the Treviicos-Nicholson Joint Venture (awarded the massive contract to build the 'curtain wall' inside the earthen portion of the Dam) to the Safety Team to Construction Management to your own Boone Lake Association, every aspect of the Project had resources on hand to provide updates and answer questions.



Some of the crowd at TVA's information Fair

By far and away the most attended table was that of "Vegetation Management". People wanted to know how the challenging overgrowth on the exposed lake bed is going to be handled. The answer: TVA has mapped out the various sections which it will cut with industrial strength equipment (two skid-steers equipped with massive rotary cutters were on display outside the school) beginning this autumn. The cutting will continue as the Lake refills in late 2021/2022-- at such time Boone Lake Association will

follow the cutters to remove the remaining brush and trash which will likely float to the surface. The BLA remains in discussion with the TVA concerning the Vegetation Management Plan.

Key take-aways from the event were that the Boone Dam Repair Project is generally on time, on budget, and thus far, no major obstacles have been encountered. TVA was firm that the Lake would return to full pool for the Summer, 2022 season, and likely some filling (and testing) can be expected during late 2021.



March 29, 1928 – December 2, 2018

In memory of Ken Bronner:

In 1983, faced with a severe pollution problem on Boone Lake, a handful of very dedicated volunteers organized to form the Boone Lake Property Owners Association, later to become known as the Boone Lake Association. In the beginning, volunteers held work groups mostly on Saturdays, and primarily in the Buffalo community. It later spread to other lake communities. Ken Bronner who lived in the neighborhood led the way by bringing his old 1948 Ford tractor to the shoreline to extract logs and wood debris that other workers dragged to the shoreline with boats. His style was aggressive and tireless -- you didn't want to get behind the old tractor as

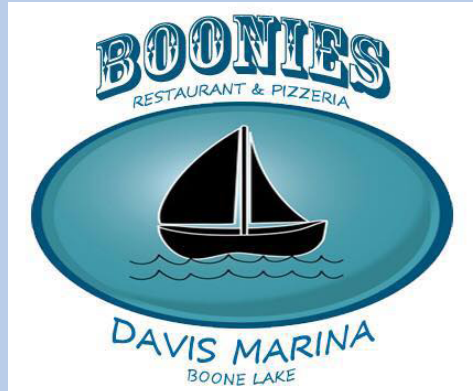
he backed it to the shoreline lest you get pushed in. He was the first to arrive and the last to leave. As the organization took hold, he was again tireless in his efforts to confront whatever governmental agency that could have an impact. He became president of the organization and implemented a "no holds barred" approach. When the organization was soliciting membership, he didn't just make phone calls -- he knocked on doors and left little room for a "no" answer for joining the group. When the group developed a newsletter, The Shoreliner, he and wife Ellen again assumed a leadership role. Ken was an active member, leader, and supporter of the Association well into his 80's. He set the bar high for those of us that followed and was always appreciative and proud of those who picked up the gauntlet. Farewell to an old friend.

Marina Support

The Boone Lake Association receives much appreciated support from several of our local Marinas. Special thanks to the following:



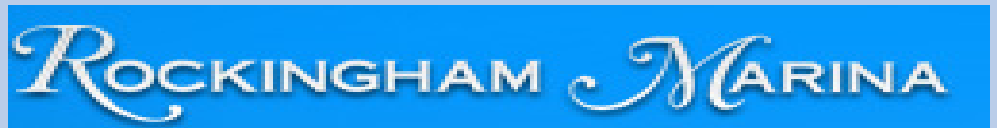
1. Boone Lake Marina:
 - a. 1 Boat slip:
 - b. Space for our BLA storage shed (8'x 10')
 - c. Major sponsor contributor
 - d. Donates Labor to service and repair BLA boats (3)
 - e. Gas at wholesale price
 - f. Payroll Administration and Financial Services
 - g. Jerry Frank, owner, serves on the BLA Board



2. Davis Marina:
 - a. Site of trash receptacle from Sullivan County.
 - b. Log retention cove at Marker 10.



3. Jays Marina;
 - a. Gas at a wholesale price.
 - b. Platinum level contributor



4. Rockingham Marina:
 - a. Gas: donates 250 gallons annually.
 - b. Boat slips (3 available);

The Association is very thankful for the great support from these marinas. The next time you visit one of these marinas, tell them thank for supporting BLA!

2018 Contributor Status Report

The Boone Dam leakage discovered in October 2014 and the subsequent lake drawdown is presenting a substantial challenge to BLA's mission. In 2014, prior to the drawdown, BLA contributors peaked at 601. In 2015, TVA announced that the lake level could be down for 7 years to repair the dam and the contributors declined to 498 followed by 318 in 2016 and 263 in 2017. In an effort to revitalize our contributions BLA updated its contact database using data provided by the Sullivan and Washington County property assessment agencies. Following the updates, in March 2018 BLA mailed requests for support to approximately 2300 Boone Lake

area residents. Although disappointed with the 14% response rate, BLA received approximately 320 contributions exceeding the entire total for 2017. In April BLA published its Shoreliner newsletter that also resulted in an uptick in contributions. To date we have 411 contributors for 2018 with an average contribution amount of \$124.74 representing a large improvement over 2017. We are in the process of updating our contact list with the most recent County property sales data in preparation to again reach out for your support in 2019. BLA sincerely appreciates all its generous contributors that help to keep Boone Lake safe, clean and the Association solvent.



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**THANK YOU TO MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTE
GENEROUSLY TO KEEP BOONE LAKE CLEAN**

CONTRIBUTION LEVEL:

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

Please Donate by
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