To: HAH Club Members

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Subject: LOFS January Briefing

Work needed to develop a Lake of the Four Seasons (LOFS) Remediation plan has continued throughout the holiday season. On December 23, our engineering consultants, 2LMN and Terracon, submitted a report on their formal geotechnical analysis of the LOFS to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). This is an important step because the final remediation plans will be based on this analysis, and our engineers and ODNR must be in agreement with it before we can officially proceed.

State law gives ODNR 45 days to respond to our submission, and it is our understanding that they will meet this deadline. We anticipate that ODNR will want to have further discussions, but this is a very important step. The report is available for your review at the Club Office during regular office hours; it will not be distributed by email since it includes several hundred pages of details.

As part of our submission, 2LMN and Terracon have provided a proposed ”Landslide Remediation” conceptual drawing. This drawing can be viewed on the HAH website [www.hideawayhillsclub.com](http://www.hideawayhillsclub.com) under the Members tab. The drawing shows how the dam would be reconfigured to address the areas where the slips occurred moving the crest 74 feet to the south and raising the height of the dam by 3 feet. While we are working on the dam, we must raise the crest to bring it into compliance with current state regulations. For perspective in viewing the drawing, you should try to imagine yourself standing on the boat ramp area by the emergency spillway and looking westward across the top of the dam.

Note that this is not a final design drawing but a conceptual diagram for ODNR to view as they evaluate the geotechnical data. Once ODNR finishes its review and confirms agreement with the analysis, 2LMN and Terracon can then develop the required design drawings. In fact, they have already begun preliminary work on these as we are relatively confident that ODNR will accept the analysis.

An important issue for all of us is the cost of the remediation plan and how we might finance it. Members of the Board and Management Committee have been aggressively approaching numerous elected officials, governmental entities and financial institutions to explore our options. Although we do not yet have a final recommended plan, we do want to be prepared to move forward quickly once we do.

To help us with this, we also asked the engineers for a preliminary cost estimate for the LOFS remediation. A project of this magnitude will be expensive and the current projections are in the $1.5 to $2.0 million range. We will continue to refine this estimate, but nothing will be final until we actually are able to accept bids from contractors. However, the Board and Management Committee want to share this estimate now so that all members are informed and aware.

It is too early to have a definite construction schedule, but such work will clearly be impacted by weather, financing, and contractor issues.

In an attempt to maximize the 2015 boating season, we also submitted a request to ODNR on December 2nd to determine the required level of the LOFS at this point in time. With the rain and snow that we’ve had, LOFS is naturally refilling slowly although we are draining a small amount to ensure we can finish the dredging project at the north end of the lake scheduled for early February. ODNR will notify us of their decision on the level of the lake once they finish their review of the geotechnical analysis. Our engineers have stated the dam is safe in its current state.

We are doing all we can to work aggressively with our engineers and ODNR to bring this situation to a positive end and in a reasonable time frame. It is a complex issue and a major undertaking for all of us in Hide-A-Way Hills. This briefing and others before it are intended to keep all members informed so that we can reach agreement on how best to proceed. Additional project briefings occur at every Board and Management Committee meetings, and all are welcome to attend.

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