

DREDGE COMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 27, 2015

6:00pm

Lake Camelot Clubhouse

Committee members present:

William Krokos

Steve Harenberg

Jake Gelhausen

John Hecker

Steve Knee

Tom Gaylord

Approximately 18 people were in attendance at the meeting including Lake Camelot General Manager Glenda Carlson.

Bill Krokos opened the meeting by posing the question.....

What are the two most important assets in Lake Camelot?

THE TWO LAKES

Why is dredging important?

To retain property values, maintain water quality, recreational enjoyment and safety for boaters.

Bill Krokos reviewed the planned agenda for the evening, and updated the meeting attendees on what the Dredging Committee have accomplished so far, including:

Review of the results of the bathymetric and sediment study contracted by the RTA;

Interviewed two Lake Management consultants with the plans to interview a third in early September;

Bill indicated that there is a handout available that can explain some frequently asked questions as a result of the first dredging committee meeting that was held on July 25, 2015;

Bill Krokos also briefly reviewed the dredging project that took place in the early 1990s;

Bill Krokos emphasized the importance of keeping the community updated on what the committee currently is working on with the website as well as the Lake Camelot newsletter and then opened the meeting to questions from the meeting attendees.

Residents asked several questions including:

(Questions and answers are found at the end of this report)

What are we doing to repair previously worked on ravines?

What did the bathymetric study tell us?

What type of metrics were used and how do we know what coves are the most critical?

It was suggested by a resident that we need better publicity to avoid rumors and let the public know that we are only in the research phase for this project.

A resident mentioned that the army corps of engineers will provide technical advice on erosion control if requested.

A resident indicated he has an empty lot that could possibly be used for erosion control access or possible sediment site.

Committee member Jake Gelhausen reviewed the specifics of the problems with our lakes in regard to water quality, algae bloom and sediment depths. Mr. Gelhausen went into details about what other lake communities are doing to successfully mitigate erosion and improving water quality with dredging and best practices by surrounding land owners.

The committee was thanked by several residents encouraging the dredging project to move forward.

The meeting ended at 7:45 PM

Questions and answers from the meeting

Q: What are we doing to repair previously worked on ravines?

A: When we receive approval from the board, we are going to include inspection of all the ravines in our scope of work we are having bid out by consultants. Ultimately we are going to set up routine maintenance and inspection of the ravines in our lake management plan. We need an annual plan to inspect all these areas.

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Q: What did the bathymetric study tell us?

A: The bathymetric study, also known as a sediment survey, tells us how much silt is in the lake (in cubic yards) and where exactly it is located, right down to the GPS point. It is used to accurately put together a work package, which we will send to dredging companies. This accuracy allows all bids to be exactly the same so we can choose the best bid for our association.

Q: What type of metrics were used and how do we know what coves are the most critical?

A: The sediment survey physically shows us where the main problematic areas are on each lake. We have identified that each lake has 1 major source of silk influx. Those are the main focuses and will be attacked first. All coves and ravines will be studied and inspected and any repairs needed, will be bid out properly. It is all part of our goal to write a lake management plan.

Comment: It was suggested by a resident that we need better publicity to avoid rumors and let the public know that we are only in the research phase for this project.

A: We now have the website page up and running, will most likely be sending out a survey with board approval, and listing all updates in the paper. When we learn more about our best practices, we will be rolling them out to the community in all those forms. Any suggestions from the public will help on this issue.