Subject:                LOFS Update

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As the season changes at Hide-A-Way Hills, it’s time for an update on LOFS.

To briefly recap, we submitted our Dam Remediation plan on schedule on September 15 and received an official response from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) on October 15. We were pleased that they expedited their response well before their allowed forty-five days.

Our engineering consultants, 2LMN and Terracon, have been developing a response to ODNR’s comments and questions; these can be categorized into three groups: (1) the clarification of data included in our proposal, (2) requests for a detailed explanation of the activities in the construction project, and (3) a reconfiguration of the emergency spillway. With regard to the last item, ODNR wants us to “straighten” the spillway as the conceptual drawing submitted had it slightly angled. 2LMN is working on this redesign which will likely require a reconfiguration of the access road and boat launch. The drawing of the earlier remediation plan can be found on the Club website *www.hideawayhillsclub.com.* We will post the new plan once it is ready to distribute.

On November 5, HAH Management Committee members Chas Cross, Paul Heimberger and I along with Club Manager Randy Swetnam met with 2LMN to review the status of our response to ODNR. The completed response will likely be submitted by December 1. 2LMN is working closely with Doug Evans, the ODNR engineer assigned to our project, to ensure that our response is complete. We are cautiously optimistic that the next phase will proceed smoothly.

Work continues on the financing plan for the dam remediation. A subcommittee headed by Management Committee member Jim Sigafoose and HAH Board Vice President Greg Ptacin have had productive conversations with several local finance entities; we will soon seek bids regarding interest rates and terms for borrowing. As a reminder, once we are confident about cost projections, we will have an informational meeting for HAH members. Consistent with the Club’s rules, the Board will propose a plan for discussion and then a member vote on the plan and proposed assessment can be held sixty days later.

Meanwhile, the water level of the LOFS has been dropped to approximately 811 feet above sea level which is 4.5 feet below normal pool level. It will continue to be dropped gradually depending on the amount of precipitation received in the next few months.

On a different topic, the Management Committee is also beginning to move forward developing plans to complete the dredging of the North end of the Lake of Four Seasons that we began last year using the Sediment Trap assessment funds. You may remember that we voted on this project at last year’s Annual Meeting. The lowered lake level gives us a unique opportunity to make a major impact on correcting this problem. We are investigating potential strategies for moving on this during Summer 2016 and will seek proposals from excavating firms. This too is a work in progress and we will report back once we have a recommended proposal.

Thank you for your continued patience and support. As a reminder, this topic is discussed at every Management Committee meeting (second and fourth Tuesdays) and at each Board meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. You are encouraged to attend to ensure you are getting the most accurate and current information on this topic between email briefings.