Subject:                LOFS Update

Date:                     April 30, 2015

From:                    Jim Krygier, on behalf of the Management Committee

Since my March 27th update, there have been three key developments that I would like to share with you.  That update indicated that our lake remediation plan for the Lake of the Four Seasons (LOFS) dam had been approved by ODNR and we could move forward with the detailed design phase.

As our engineering consultants moved forward with a hydrologic and hydraulic study needed for the detailed design phase, they concluded that the LOFS was misclassified as a Class I dam.  We have submitted a request to ODNR to change the dam to Class II status.  This will likely have a significant impact on the final dam design and subsequently will likely reduce the overall cost.  Copy of the request is attached.

Second, our engineering consultants also have been working to update the proposed construction schedule.  Due to the projected time line needed for finalizing and obtaining approvals for our final detailed design combined with the short construction season for earthen dams, we believe it will be impossible to complete construction in 2015.  This means that LOFS will need to be lowered for construction in 2016.

When the two developments above were combined with the fact that our ongoing monitoring efforts now document that no further degradation on the LOFS upstream slope and no seepage in the slippage area have occurred, the HAH Club moved forward with a formal request to ODNR to reconsider its directive to maintain LOFS at the lower water level.  Since the lake currently is close to its normal level of 815.6 feet above sea level due to the recent spring thaw and rain, permission to keep the lake at its current level would enable the Club to enjoy some type of boating season.  We do not know how long it will take to get a response on this request.  A copy of this request is also attached.

I encourage everyone to read these documents closely.  There are plenty of questions and details that will have to be worked out but we will strive to represent the Club interests to the best of our ability and share information as the process moves forward.

Thank you for your patience and support.