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## SECORD LAKE ASSOCIATION

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We want to hear your questions and concerns. We will do our best to answer them. Our goal is to provide the answer with the facts available. You can email us at [SecordLakeAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:SecordLakeAssociation@gmail.com) or visit our website to post your question. Please check our website and Facebook page for updated FAQ's. Here are some recent questions:

**Q: Were the people who ran for Board positions in August asked if they were interested in the vacant positions? Somehow, I missed the notice about the vacancy and the deadline to apply of October 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**A:** We announced the vacancy at our open general meeting in September (meeting was held via ZOOM and the link to the recording was circulated to the members and lake public). We asked all that are interested in serving to reach out to us. We were able to fill the board seat from the pool of applicants that responded to our request for help.

**Q: Is there a Class Action Lawsuit for Property Owners? If so, how does one qualify and apply to be a part of?**

**A:** While there may be class action lawsuits, the SLA is focused on moving forward. We are committing our resources to the proactive steps needed to acquire ownership of and to repair our dam to restore our lake as soon as safely possible. The SLA is not involved, and we cannot comment on the other parts of your question.

**Q: There has been discussion of removing the power generation capability at Secord dam. Why does the equipment need to be removed? Many \$\$\$ can be saved by simply not renewing the permit and letting the equipment sit dormant. Once removed and/or power generation once again is determined desirable, the expense to put in new equipment would far exceed the cost of removing it which would drive up the costs. If you don't want to generate power just don't use it.**

**A:** There are two parts to answer your question:

- 1) Prior to October 13, 2020, Boyce Hydro has not allowed engineers representing the FLTF access to the dam since the flooding event in May. The initial FLTF estimate of "time and cost" was created back in June without access to the dam to access damage. Now that the FLTF engineers have been able to physically view the dam structure, we look forward to learning more from their assessment.
- 2) The primary objective is to restore our lake level safely as soon as possible. The thinking at this point is to focus on repairs to the dam first to fill the lake and then look at hydro later with the option to decommission the equipment. The comments shared in your question will be considered by the engineers and others once the lake is restored.

**Q: The FLTF engineers were able to look at Secord Dam for the first time since the flood. When will we learn more?**

**A:** The FLTF reported on October 21<sup>st</sup>: Winter Repair Needs Identified - - - Last week the Operation Readiness Teams visited all four dams to assess operations, identify items for repair and compliance, and prepare for winter and spring operations. Once we have a complete list of repairs, we will share them.

**Q: Sorry I missed the fundraising concert. How can I donate to help restore Secord Lake?**

**A:** To make a donation, you can learn more here: <https://www.secordlakeassociation.org/restoring-secord>

**Q: What will the SLA do with the money raised at the fundraiser held at the Eagles last Sunday?**

**A:** The event generated over \$7,000 which will be donated to the SLA and will be used to help fund the restoration of Secord Lake. Restoration costs include legal costs to acquire the dam, engineering work and repairs. We look forward to sharing more detail as we learn more from the FLTF engineers regarding their plan to make repairs to restore the lake.

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