

Shaver's Lake Preservation Association

2018 Annual State of Lake Letter

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Hello Shaver's Lakers,

As we settle in for the winter, we are reminded of the fun and recreation we all see happening down on the lake when the temperatures are hospitable.

Favorable high-water conditions, our muskrats and our treatment programs have all contributed to a generally speaking, good looking lake.

We have six (6) families who are new to the lake. Some of us have been here for over 20 years. We need as a group to get together at least annually so we can agree on an alignment of our developmental and maintenance programs.

If you are newer to the lake, please visit our website www.shaverslake.org or seek board members who can give you key information relative to our historical efforts to help Shaver's Lake, stay a vibrant and healthy ecosystem.

Please know that just because the lake looks good on top doesn't mean we have done anything to solve our more systemic challenge with all the non-native accumulating biomass.

Utilizing the annual dues provided by Shaver's Lakers, we have been able to keep some of our unwanted weed growth in check. We still lack an economical way to address the removal of this biomass unless the lake returns to its levels from the 1930's. That won't likely happen now that the city, county, and other governmental agency planners have 4 unfiltered and 1 filtered storm drain coming in, Shaver's water levels will likely remain adequate for some time.

The bulk of your annual dues are spent on our annual weed program "treating the symptoms" to maintain the look of the lake and slow the rate at which the lake quality deteriorates, the accumulation of biomass in the water is still the root issue imperiling the long-term health of the lake. An economical approach to return the lake to its once pristine condition still eludes us.

With your membership and support, the SLPA will continue to do what we can to keep the lake, a lake. So please join today. We will be scheduling an annual meeting in the near future in order to share the financial standing and plans for the coming year.

We will also be reaching out in the near future with information regarding the annual Aquatic Plant Management permitting process, which allows us to complete the Lake Restoration treatments.

Please look out for this communication and complete the permitting process as quickly as possible so we can get the treatments done early, when they can be most effective.

We need some volunteers to help us with our monitoring activities, if you have an interest in recording water temperatures, water clarity, lake level and conducting plant survey's please let us know.

In the meantime, please fill out and return the enclosed 2018 Membership Form, along with your annual Membership Dues, so we can begin to plan and execute our 2018 activities. As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions you might have, and as always please reach out if you have interest in participating with the Association board.

Sincerely,

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