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Dear members:

Spring has finally arrived and your association is continuing its restorative program of strengthening the lake community, driving towards the goal to be the place to live in north western Morris County.

What has been accomplished, what is planned and what does the future hold? Many of the board members are stopped and asked questions by you the members, as well as hearing your positive comments about what is occurring with your lake association.

Due to the warm winter season we were able to achieve several major milestones. First was the restoration of the barn at the north dam.

New windows were installed. A new roof replaced the over 100-year-old one. Additionally, the damaged ceiling was repaired, the barn will be cleaned top to bottom in the next month or so. Once the temperature rises the interior will be painted and we can begin to use the barn as a 3 season event building for general membership meetings, Family Movie Night on Friday's, juried photography contests and art contests this summer and fall seasons.

A new banister has been crafted to allow us to safely use the second floor for dry and secure storage space. It will be installed just prior to the painting project.

A number of members as well as nonmembers have commented positively on the up-to-date information flow that your corresponding secretary Aly Wiegman broadcasts via e-mail blasts. The most appreciated item is the "weather report updates". These emails get forwarded not only to folks here in town but to adjacent towns as well.

The board is very excited about the next several months and what will be undertaken. Let us list them for you:

- LSHA Rummage Sales April 23 & 24<sup>th</sup> at the Barn and along the grassy area of the north dam. The funds raised will be used to restore the boat house. Contact Jean O 'Toole to drop off donations at the barn (973-405-0596)
- LSHA has posted a scholarship application on our website for environmental students, open to applicants both graduating seniors in high school to 3<sup>rd</sup> (going into senior year) college students on a national basis. **Funds raised were from our Yoga on the Beach Program.**
- Coming soon is the newly outfitted, newly landscaped "**Swannanoa Beach Club**". Hurricane Sandy took all our trees and all our shade. The board has been accumulating over the last year 9-foot market umbrellas, deeply padded chaise lounges for the beach club. Once we execute our landscape plans and open the beach it will be

awash in a terra cotta color for your use. The landscape plans call for a second sitting area to be carved from the hill with wooden steps that will allow for an easy climb to the parking lot.

- Speaking of the parking lot it will be outfitted with railroad ties to allow for more vehicles to park in a safe and secure manner.
- Dock expansion in the swimming area: We have contracted to add additional dockage attached to last year's dock which will completely delineate the swimming area at the beach. The existing dock gets a great deal of use and by adding another 20 feet this will allow for even more usage during the season.
- Landscaping is targeted for mid-May, and we need your help so when the clarion calls, mark the date (rain date as well) and gather your shovels, rakes and gloves for a day of shrub planting. Refreshments and lunch sustenance will be provided on site, so get ready to make your planting reservations.

- Signage is coming, we will have a sign that highlights the lake and advises you the members of upcoming events. It will be placed on BKV near the north dam and it will comply with all the township ordinances. Lighting will be done by solar lights. It is a double sided sign that can be seen as you travel either north or south on BKV.
- Quality of Life program is meeting with the township administration to discuss the new property management ordinance, unregistered vehicle issues, and debris piles (construction, cardboard boxes, tree cutting debris etc.) The board has taken the position that with all the taxes being paid, the payment assessment and the taxes that the LSHA pays there is no rational reason to allow foreclosed properties or debris filled properties to drive down the real estate value of our homes. We will keep you up to date on this issue going forward.
- Spring membership meeting as of this writing is in the process of being set (date/time/location). An

e-mail will be forthcoming with all the relevant information.

- Dues payment update. We are almost at 100% paid up dues and have increased our seasonal membership as well. If you forgot to pay your spring dues, please do so. Unfortunately, you will be charged late fees as well as interest on your dues since it is so late in the season. We cannot issue any 2016 badges if you are in arrears until your account is brought current. You will need to pay spring (with all fees due) and summer before you can use the lake.

Your Board of Directors