

INTRODUCTION

Flat Top Lake Association is a Corporation existing solely for the benefit of its membership. Members own their individual lots and an undivided interest in, the lake proper, as well as the land, which has not been developed or sold to members. The Corporation was formed primarily for recreational purposes.

The Association owns approximately 2,200 acres of land situated near Huff's Knob of Flat Top Mountain on the headwaters of Glade Creek. A lake of about 230 acres was constructed. The lake is 2,900 feet above mean sea level. The lake itself, as well as the rest of The Association property, is located just twelve miles south of Beckley, West Virginia, on U.S. Routes 19 and 21.

The early growth of the Association was rocky and its membership was confronted with many financial hurdles. However, the optimism, faith, and cooperation of its membership contributed immeasurably toward the solution of these problems and the ultimate success of the venture. The Board of Directors consistently has endeavored to protect the membership and assure continued success by careful planning and considered spending of funds. It has tempered its planning with caution and an eye to the future needs of the membership.

The lake is unusual in that the depth of the water is 37 feet in the dam area and is about 17 feet deep a mile and one half upstream on each fork of the lake. The clear mountain water is unusually well adapted to game fishing. In order to exploit this popular form of recreation, the Board of Directors engaged the services of a fish consultant. He was asked to advise the Board on the stocking of the lake in order to insure a well-balanced and self-perpetuating stock of game fish. The principal stock consists of Bass, Blue Gill, Catfish, Crappie, Perch and Trout. Other species have been stocked to provide forage for these game fish. Present indications are that the supply of fish will be ample to provide fishing for the membership for many years.

The central bathing beach was incorporated in the original construction and has been improved each year. Many tons of sand have been placed both on the beach and in the water out to the five foot depth. In 2008 a permanent bathhouse was constructed. The swimming area is marked with painted buoys thus providing safe and enjoyable swimming.

Most of the members have some type of watercraft, and the boating activity has increased with each season. The interest in boating is evidenced by the varied types of boats and motors in use on the lake. In order to protect the life and safety of the members, a safety patrol boat is employed both for patrol purposes and rescue work. The lake superintendent patrols and enforces the rules and regulations of the Association.

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