

Lake Beebe Property Owners Association, Inc.

June Sherline asked Don Sondergeld to form a Lake Association, which he did on September 1, 1968. Don was its first president.

Property owners had a provision in their deeds limiting the use of motors on boats to 10 horsepower. In 1972, the Association petitioned the state to prohibit the use of combustion engines on motor boats on Lake Beebe. The result was that, on October 2, 1973, the state placed limits on motor boats: maximum power to 10 horsepower and maximum speed to 5 miles per hour. However, combustion engines may still be used. A request to ban combustion engines was denied.

In 1981 the Association was incorporated in order to accept a gift of two items: a four acre parcel on both sides of the outlet at the south end of the lake, and the private access roads.

Don has suggested in jest that the Association be named the “Lake Beebe Road Association” as the main topic at the annual meeting was maintenance of the roads in summer and winter. This subject dominated the meetings for almost 30 years.

We finally started working on lake maintenance and received small grants from the State of Vermont from 1994-2003. We entered the big league, expensewise, in 2003.

A chemical, called Sonar, was placed in Lake Beebe to kill the Eurasian Milfoil in 2003. The project was chaired by Alan Breckenridge. The results were very satisfactory. In 2004 divers were hired to hand pull plants that survived.

Beginning in 2006, the Lake Association built a raft called Anti Em, bought a suction pump, and hired divers to remove Eurasian Milfoil from the lake. This approach was recommended by Mike Mason. Alan Breckenridge has continued to chair the “Milfoil Project”. There have been many many volunteers. The other engineers are Joe Wolons and Alex Pritchard. Mary Sondergeld has written all of the grants to the State, starting in 1994.