

# Lake Spokane Association

## Meeting Minutes

### November 12, 2019

**Attendees:** Sean Bunnis, Ken Carmichael, Galen Buterbaugh, Jan Jenne, Gail Dede, Fred Mashtare, Meghan Lunney, and Jerry White (Spokane Riverkeeper)

Sean and Ken reviewed the Lake Spokane Association (LSA) membership structure modifications within the last year.

Galen introduced Jerry White, Spokane Riverkeeper. Galen asked Jerry White to attend an LSA Board meeting to provide background on what the Riverkeeper works on as well as an update on the Riverkeepers position with regard to the Spokane River Toxics Task Force. Jerry provided the group with the background of the Waterkeeper Alliance, and the goals of the Spokane Riverkeeper, including fishable and swimmable water. Jerry discussed the Riverkeepers focus on advocacy, education, litigation, and science. They utilize Bricklin and Newman, and the Gonzaga law clinic for litigation support. Riverkeeper is a non-profit organization with 2 full time FTEs, including Jerry White and Jule Schultz. Projects they are currently working on include the following.

#### Science Projects:

- Hangman Creek Sediment Study
- EWU extrapolated turbidity to total phosphorus
- Trout Unlimited and Riverkeeper cooperative venture to collect transparency data through secchi disc depth readings
- 2020 Western Native Trout funding to study turbidity and temperature in Hangman Creek

#### Clean up Events:

- Nine Mile Reservoir tire pick up (~200 tires removed)
- Lake Spokane cleanup with Salish school at Boat in Only campsites
- Spokane River Clean up

Jerry indicated he believed there were several opportunities that the LSA and Riverkeeper could work together on, and would be happy to explore them. Projects that might align include litter pickup, shoreline best management practices (not blazing roads along shorelines, dumping plastics, etc). Lots of possibilities with leveraging LSA and Riverkeeper social media audiences.

Meghan Lunney (Avista) provided an update on two educational videos focusing on the proper way to install bottom barriers, and natural shorelines. Videos should be ready in December. Avista will pass along the link to the videos once they are complete, and hope to work with LSA and Riverkeeper on a potential educational/outreach workshop.

Other educational areas of interest include shoreline erosion from wake boats, invasive species, best management practices, etc.

Galen indicated there was historical data from the Lake Spokane Protection Association in two file cabinets at Nine Mile Resort. Meghan will track them down through René Wiley and see if we can

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transport them over to the Cottage No. 6. Jerry expressed interest in transferring the data from paper files to an electronic version.

Jerry presented context regarding the Riverkeepers decision to leave the Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force (SRRTTF) back in June 2018. Still supports the Comprehensive Plan and data collection, however feels there is a lack of accountability on the point sources associated with their compliance schedule and waste load allocations. The Riverkeeper does not support modifying the water quality standard from 7 to 170 picograms/liter, and also does not support variances. Will stay engaged fully engaged in the community on the SRRTTF and provide feedback to Ecology.

Galen reviewed January 2018 and November 2019 bank statements as compared with financial statements and verified they are accurate.

Next LSA meeting is tentatively set for January 14, Sean will confirm.

Jan Jenne

Secretary