

Board Meeting Minutes
Lake Spokane Association
January 24, 2018

The January board meeting was called to order by president, Greg Weeks, at 6:35 pm Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at the Avista meeting room. Present were other board members: Ken Carmichael, Galen Buterbaugh, Jan Jenne, Becky Cresswell, Bunny Cardon; from Avista: Speed Fitzhugh and Mac Mikkelsen, and LSA member Serena Miller.

Agenda item 1: Bunny: Minutes for the November board meeting were approved as per email distribution prior to this meeting with a correction which added the upcoming dates for the January and March board meetings.

Bunny reported on the subpoena for LSA to produce documents, information, or objects or to permit inspection in a civil action issued by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington. The subpoena dated December 1, 2017 shows the City of Spokane as the Plaintiff and Monsanto Company et al. as the defendant. Requested documents were to be provided to Geana M. Van Dessel, attorney with Lee & Hayes, PLLC by 12/15/2017 at 5 pm. Prior to the deadline, Bunny contacted Ms. Van Dessel per telephone and then hand delivered copies of all LSA meeting minutes dated from July 11, 2012 (first documentation of SRRTTF in the minutes) through November 2015. Minutes from January 2016 through November 2017 were posted on the LSA web site and Ms. Van Dessel was able to access those electronically.

There was a brief discussion as to the impact this could have on LSA. And, it was noted that LSA did sign a letter to Governor Inslee in support of funding for SRRTTF/Ecology's water quality program. This was documented in the March 15, 2015 board meeting minutes. Additionally, Galen is a voting member of that group and serves on our board to which he regularly reports about the SRRTTF. It was decided that we should provide a copy of the subpoena to our D & O insurance agent, Patti Sander, with Blasingame Insurance. Two copies were made, one for Greg and one for Ms. Sander which Ken will deliver. The original will be kept by the secretary.

Agenda item 2: Treasurer report: Ken reports that the total 2017 yearend balance is \$5473.72, with \$3075.32 in the operating funds and \$2398.40 in the weed fund. No membership dues income. Largest expenditure was D & O insurance of \$568.00. Ken has filed the annual IRS Form 990 N electronically according to the tax exempt requirements.

Agenda item 3: Membership: Becky reports no new activity in membership. There was a discussion of various membership ideas. The board considered returning to a dues based family membership along with corporate memberships as done in the past. Or, continue with no dues required and encourage donations. Either way, it was felt that the primary function of LSA is to educate lake users and others in the community utilizing our email contact list, web site and internet social sites for this. Speed noted that Avista views LSA as an added link for them in communicating with the public. To achieve this objective we must generate enough revenue to cover our annual expenses. It was mentioned that some agencies such as the Department of Ecology provide "outreach grants" to non-profits that could possibly be used to offset our expenses in lieu of dues assessment. Speed offered to contact Ecology to inquire about this avenue. The board felt that we do reach many utilizing our contact database for newsletters and other timely information, as well as, through our Facebook page.

Agenda item 4: Facebook: No report in Gail's absence.

Agenda item 5: Upcoming important meetings and conferences: Greg reported that there are several notable upcoming meetings and conferences of interest to the LSA board and membership:

- The 2018 Eastern Washington/North Idaho Lakes Conference, February 3 at Spokane Community College. This annual conference has a good informational program. None of the LSA board members are able to attend this year.
- Washington State Parks will have three information meetings for all interested parties which are a continuation of a public process to update the Riverside State Park comprehensive plan which will help determine future use and development of these properties. Expected topics include an interest in acquiring new properties and

funding for the DNR campground. The meetings will be January 31st at Lakeside Middle School, February 1st at Farwell Elementary School, and February 15th at Meade High School. All meetings will be from 6-8:30 pm. This information will be communicated to LSA members. Becky will send to the email list and Ken will email a request to Gail Dede to add this information to the LSA Facebook page.

- Riverside State Park long range planning meeting which is by invitation only will be February 6th. Greg will be attending for LSA and Ken will also attend as a representative for Back Country Horseman.
- Washington State Lake Protection Association (WALPA) of which LSA is a member has a current newsletter that Greg will forward to the board.

Agenda item 6: Winter treatment for lake weed control: In Sean's absence there is no report. It was noted that due to the rain and high runoff Avista hasn't been able to begin the winter draw-down of Lake Spokane and the annual draw-down will depend on weather conditions. The winter treatment for lake weeds is applied to the lake bottom exposed by lowering the lake level.

Agenda item 7: SRRTTF report: Galen attended the January meeting telephonically. He reports that the current focus of PCB sampling are at the wells found on former industrial sites. The Lands Council reported that there is preliminary evidence from lab studies that some fungi are capable of removing PCB's from the soil and metabolizing them completely. There are a group of volunteers including high school students who are studying this at the North Central High School lab facilities. The SRRTTF has provided \$15,000.00 in funding for this research. Galen also noted that a representative from the EPA attends the SRRTTF meetings.

Agenda item 8: Lake Spokane Parks and Lake Spokane Chamber of Commerce: Jan reports that Lake Spokane Parks has filed a request for the transfer to Lake Spokane Parks of Tall Pines Park and the additional 200 acres of DNR property surrounding it. The Eagle Bluff 50 acres is owned by Spokane Parks and the plan is to develop this area first.

The Lake Spokane Chamber of Commerce is restructuring and will hold elections for officers at its next meeting.

Agenda item 9: Avista planning for Lake Spokane in 2018 and Dam Tour: Speed explains that the long term vision of Avista for its properties on the lake is to create areas to encourage public use and accessibility. Some hiking trails are currently under construction and more are planned for both sides of the lake and wherever possible they will be linked. There are some adjacent properties that are privately owned and it will require approval by the owners for the trails to be built across these lands.

The Long Lake Dam Tour is planned for the spring.

Agenda item 10: LSA Annual Meeting Planning: The board discussed the plans for the upcoming annual meeting. Becky has reserved the cafeteria room at Lakeside Middle School for the meeting on March 28, 2018 from 6pm-8pm. Audio visual system set up requested. The board will arrive at 6pm with the meeting set to begin at 6:30.

The meeting plan is as follows:

LSA welcome: Greg

Elections for Board President and Treasurer: Jan Jenne will lead the voting process.

Becky has contacted Marlene Feist and she has agreed to give an audio/visual presentation on the City of Spokane's Combined Sewage Overflow (CSO) project. Her presentation will be approximately 25 minutes.

Other speakers will be Avista's Meghan Lunney (water quality) and Chris Moan (carp removal). Their speech times to be 10-15 minutes. Speed will contact them.

Invitations will be sent to area officials to attend and be available after the meeting for a one-on-one question and answer period. Greg will extend the invitations in February per email and personal contact. In addition to the guest speakers the following list was approved. David Armes-Avista aquatic weed management, Michael Hankinson-Riverside

State Park long range planning, a Suncrest Park representative, Jerry White-Spokane Riverkeeper, Erik Johansen-Stevens County shoreline master plan, Charlie Kessler-retired Stevens County Commissioner, Jan Jenne-Coast Guard/water safety, Dave Kluttz-Lakeland Services, Walt Edlam, Speed will contact Jean Snowghardt-Washington State Department of Ecology (Hangman Creek), and Mac will contact Dan the Trapper. Riverside State Park Rangers and Stevens County Marine Sheriff will be contacted by Ken, and Greg will request that Sean contact the Bass Club.

Door prizes were discussed. It was decided to have these again this year. Mac will provide "boater safety baskets". Avista offered \$50 "Heat your heart" gift certificates. Ken will contact Mountain Gear and REI again this year. Galen will contact the Suncrest Subway and Suncrest coffee shop. Bunny will contact the Pizza Factory for discount coupons.

Final preparation for the meeting will be done at the March 14, 2018 board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.