

Lake Spokane Association
Board Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Ken Carmichael. Others in attendance were Mac Mikkelsen, Becky Cresswell and Jan Jenne. Meghan Lunney attended by phone.

Mac and Jan did an audit of the 2018 books. Everything checked out.

Ken will schedule the signature changes at the bank and notify all concerned of the scheduled time to meet.

More on the Lakeland Restoration Services (Lakeland) and LSA relationship. There are two active permit coverages issued to Lakeland by the Washington Dept. of Ecology (Ecology). Ecology's Aquatic Plant and Algae Management permit requirements require the lake to have two sponsors; Avista is listed as the sponsor on one permit (coverage is for public and community boat launches) and LSA as the sponsor of the other permit (coverage is for private homeowners). The LSA sponsored permit says it is for the members of LSA. Questions that arise from this information:

- Can we get a copy of the original permit?
- Does LSA need to be involved? What would happen if we were no longer a permit sponsor?
- If LSA continues to be a sponsor, what does that involve and what are our limits of liability?
- Are the annual fees paid by Lakeland? Would there be costs to LSA associated with changes?
- How was the contract transferred from Wimpy to Lakeland?
- Meghan will investigate.

Avista is planning an overall modernization. A five to ten year plan for Long Lake Dam includes replacing the generating units, upgrading the electrical systems and geotech work to anchor the face of the dam. There will be a stability analysis of the dam that could result in drilling from the top of the dam into the riverbed to anchor the dam. Work is expected to begin in 2 years and will not affect the use of the lake. Avista (René Wiley) has taken back management of the boat-in campsites from Washington State Parks. The Fiske property is one of three (or five?) sites on a short list that Washington State Parks is exploring for park expansion (?).

Avista has had the lake down approximately 13 feet for several weeks for the annual winter drawdown and is monitoring soil temperature to evaluate the effectiveness of the drawdown on killing aquatic weed roots. This summer, Avista will again be coordinating aquatic weed control at public and community boat launches on the lake. Avista has also been working with landowners to replace bulkheads with more natural shorelines in both Spokane and Stevens counties. They hope to have us visit a recent renovation to see what a restoration looks like. Carp netting will take place in May or June.

At the North Idaho and Eastern Washington Lake Conference we saw a presentation of the floating wetland near the Long Lake Dam.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5th at 12:30 pm to further discuss LSA involvement with permit sponsorship.

Jan Jenne
Secretary