

Board Meeting Minutes/LSA  
March 9, 2016

The March board meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at the Nine Mile Falls Avista construction office conference room. Present were board members Greg Weeks, Ken Carmichael, Galen Buterbaugh, Becky Cresswell, Jan Jenne, Speed Fitzhugh, and Bunny Cardon.

Agenda item 1: Bunny: Minutes from the last board meeting approved per email sent earlier for review. After email approval they were then posted to the web site.

Agenda item 2: Becky: Becky reports that current membership is at 50. Becky will be out of town on March 17. Bunny and Kay Weeks will work the membership table at the meeting.

Agenda item 3: Ken: Complete financial statements were sent to the board for review per email prior to the meeting. Bills paid: \$63.30 for Galen to represent LSA at the SRRTTF; money received: \$600.00 from the Avista Foundation. This grant is for the \$550.00 speaker fees to Jack Nisbet and other expenses for the general membership meeting on March 17, 2016. Weed balance: \$1398.40, General account balance: \$3769.38 for a total funds balance: \$5167.78. After a brief discussion a motion was made and seconded that LSA fund participation in Nine Mile Dam Days again this year. The cost is \$45.00 for a booth. This motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda item 4: Greg: Review planning for membership meeting: Greg presented his proposed introductory slide show presentation for the meeting. It includes LSA mission statement, list of board members, a listing of and welcome to the invited guests and Lake Spokane Chamber members, a thank you to Avista, the 2016 LSA calendar of events and an introduction of Jack Nisbet, keynote speaker.

Board member assignments:

Becky will send the final email reminder to members this week.

Greg will send email reminders to invited experts and keynote speaker; communicate with Lake Spokane Middle School regarding the availability of tables for the after meeting gathering with community resource people. He will bring the LSA banner, Tri fold brochures, extension cords, and miscellaneous needs for set up including a server for drinking water.

Ken will be prepared to pay the speaker fees.

Bunny to bring cookies, coffee, coffee condiments, napkins, membership items needed for sign up. And, complete the set up for: snack service, membership table, and signs directing members to the community resource personnel.

Speed will provide and set up the laptop and projector for AV presentations.

All board members to arrive at 5:30.

Agenda item 5: Ken: New By Laws and Standing Rules: These were written and then circulated per email to all board members over the weeks since the January 13 board meeting. Requested revisions have been made. All agree that these simplified By Laws with Standing rules satisfy LSA's current needs. Key changes are in the composition of the board and the length of service allowed the officers. There are no term limits. The election cycle remains the same. And, with board approval, the president has the authority to appoint five board directors according to the organization's need. Also defined was the membership year being January 1-December 31. Annual dues paid between September 30 and December 31 will constitute payment for that period and the following year. Members must renew by March 31 or they will be dropped from the membership list. Elections for two of the four officers will be done each year at the general membership meeting. Thus, ensuring there will always be two experienced officers on the board. President and Treasurer will be elected in the even years and Vice President and Secretary will be elected in the odd years. It was moved, seconded and approved by a unanimous vote to accept the new By Laws and Standing rules as written.

Agenda item 6: Event calendar change for Annual Summit meeting: Greg will not be available on April 9. April 16 was selected as an alternative date. Bunny to confirm availability of Pizza Factory meeting room for this date. If it is available that date is agreeable to the board. The topic will be aquatic weeds. Lakeland Restoration will be asked to

participate again this year. The meeting will serve as the kickoff for soliciting donations to the aquatic weed abatement fund.

Agenda item 7: Aquatic Weed annual meeting: Greg, Ken, and Galen: All reported that it was a productive meeting with David Armes. The approach to aquatic weed abatement will be the same as in 2015. Last year 20 acres were treated. The same goal is set for 2016.

Agenda item 8: Regional Lake Meeting: Galen: Galen hosted an LSA information table. He felt it was a worthwhile way to promote LSA. The LSA logo cup cozies seemed to be well received.

Agenda item 9: SRRTTF update: Galen: The EPA is making changes to the permit process for fish hatcheries which will address contaminants. He states it is a very complex issue that will take time to complete.

Agenda item 10: Greg: Commented that The Stevens County Volunteer Stewardship Program is chaired by Eric Johansen of the combined watershed group. Also, there will be a Spokane River Forum Conference on March 23-24 at the Coeur d' Alene Resort. Topics will include water quality and aquatic weeds. Greg will attempt to attend. Other board members are not available.

Agenda item 11: LSA Event Calendar:

1. Tour of the Long Lake Dam: Was planned for July. Speed suggests that September or October would be better. This year there won't be any access to the inside of the dam or the top of the dam due to construction. However, there will be some very interesting things to see during construction so a tour of the exterior sites would be worthwhile.

2. Other events include: floating the Little Spokane River, Dam Days, and the Spokane House event. These dates will be confirmed at a later time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.