

Board Meeting Minutes
Lake Spokane Association
March 14, 2018

The March board meeting was called to order by president, Greg Weeks at 6:30 pm Wednesday March 14, 2018 at the Avista cottage meeting room. Additional board members present were: Ken Carmichael, Sean Bunnis, Galen Buterbaugh, Jan Jenne, Bunny Cardon, and Speed Fitzhugh from Avista. Also present were LSA members Kate Sullivan and Richard Volz.

Agenda item 1: Bunny: Minutes for the January meeting were approved without correction as per email distribution and review prior to this meeting.

Agenda item 2: Ken: Several membership dues including one corporate membership have been paid since the last report in January. Current balance in the operating fund is \$3476.46 and \$2398.40 in the weed fund. Ken reports that he is requesting a corporate membership from Avista who have participated in past years.

Agenda item 3: Technical report: Galen, Ken and Greg attended Dave Armes annual Avista weed control meeting on March 8. Gail and Greg met again with the Department of Ecology regarding PCB testing as part of the ongoing re-permitting process.

Agenda item 4: Planning for the annual General Membership Meeting to be held at Lakeside Middle School on March 28 in the auditorium: Greg distributed a written agenda for the meeting with approximate duration for each item. It follows the format of previous years. The board approves the agenda as presented. The meeting will proceed as follows: Introduction of board members by Greg, then Jan Jenne will preside over the nomination and election of board president and treasurer. Greg will then introduce the featured speaker Marlene Feist who will speak for approximately 25 minutes about the Integrated Clean Water Plan for the City of Spokane. The next speaker will be Chris Moan of Avista who will report on the Lake Spokane Carp Reduction Program and Rainbow Trout Habitat. The final speaker will be Meghan Lunney of Avista who will discuss water quality and erosion mitigation. The duration of these two presentations to be about 15 minutes each. The formal meeting will then adjourn and there will be an informal gathering for follow up discussions with the invited local officials and presenters for questions and comments. There will be prizes and refreshments.

Greg then distributed specific written assignments for promotion and set up of the meeting. A current and past members list was provided with individuals assigned for each board member to contact. Greg has four roadside signs that he will strategically place for optimal visibility. Sean has posted signs in most Suncrest businesses and schools that announce the meeting information. Gail will utilize the Facebook site to post the meeting. The LSA March Newsletter will be sent by Becky and will announce the meeting as well. Jan will arrange for an announcement on the Rosauers electronic sign. All are encouraged to post and share the meeting information on social media sites like the 99026 News and Information, as well as, their personal Facebook accounts.

Refreshments were discussed. It was decided that due to space limitations this year it will be difficult to brew coffee. Speed volunteered Avista to provide coffee from Starbucks for the meeting. Bunny will organize getting the cookies.

Speed and Meghan will provide the laptop, projector and set up for the power point presentations. Bunny and Becky will set up and be present at the welcome table. The Board should arrive by 5:30 pm.

In addition to agenda items Richard Volz posed his concern regarding an increase he has noticed in silt deposits at the confluence of the rivers and Lake Spokane asking if there was a plan to mitigate this. Speed responded to his question. He explained that this is a natural process when the runoff from upstream waterways washes silt into the streams which is carried along and deposited downstream. This, over time, leads to wetlands formation. Speed mentions that Avista is currently working to stabilize stream banks by planting natural vegetation where ever possible. Some areas are privately owned and in these cases education of the land owners is underway. There is an ongoing shoreline stabilization plan involving the County, the Conservation District, the Lands Council, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, and Avista

working together. In response to a question about dredging, Speed notes that there is no plan to remove silt from the lake by dredging.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.