

Board Meeting Minutes
Lake Spokane Association
May 18, 2016

The May meeting was called to order by Greg Weeks board president at 6:30 pm, Monday May 18, 2016 at the Avista Cottage Meeting Room. Also present were board members Ken Carmichael, Sean Bunnis, Galen Buterbaugh, Becky Cresswell, Jan Jenne, Speed Fitzhugh, and Bunny Cardon, and LSA member Steve Moser.

Agenda item 1: Bunny: Minutes from the March board meeting and the annual general membership meeting were approved as per email sent earlier for review. After email approval they were posted to the web site.

Agenda item 2: Becky: Membership is currently at 67. There were 12 that renewed at the general meeting. Many renewed for 2016 during Dam Days last August.

Agenda item 3: Ken: Treasurer's report: Expenses for the April 16, 2016 Summit meeting were \$106.40. Advertising expenses for the annual general membership meeting was \$95. Income: one corporate donation of \$100 and 2 new memberships for \$20. Total account balance is \$4617.66. Weed fund is \$1398.40.

Agenda item 4: Gail: Facebook: Written report to Greg. He reports that there are now 375 followers.

Agenda item 5: Sean: Lake observations of fishing status: Fishing has been good on the lake especially Walleye and Bass. Galen reports that Willow Bay has been allowing boats to launch there for fishing.

Agenda item 6: Evaluation and review of general membership meeting: A discussion followed regarding the effectiveness of advertising versus the cost, the problem of the meeting competing with the college basketball finals on the same night, and the paid speaker, Jack Nisbet. It was decided that the cost of the paid advertizing in the Spokesman Review did not seem to reach our targeted audience as well as the postings on Facebook and other internet sites such as the local 99026. The best notice in the Spokesman was the free posting in the "What's happening" section of the Friday publication. The Suncrest electronic "reader boards" and posters in the local businesses seem to be an effective way to get the message to our target group. Sandwich boards were also suggested for next year as a cost effective advertising tool, especially on the west side of the lake where there are no reader boards. Speaker selection was discussed and it was thought that having a speaker was a good idea. Becky will compile a list of potential speakers for next year's meeting. It was agreed that date selection was a problem this year. Most felt the Month of March was good timing for the needs of LSA and the conflict of March basketball could be avoided with scheduling the meeting for a Wednesday evening as the games are not played on Wednesdays. This year there was a room scheduling conflict for Wednesday so we moved our meeting to Thursday. Goal for next year is to schedule early to get the day we want.

Agenda item 7: Homeowner's Association Summit review: The summit held at the Pizza Factory on April 16th was discussed. There were about 7 associations represented in addition to Suncrest and Willow Bay with about 15 attendees from these groups. There were two presentations and a question and answer period for each. The first presentation was by Dave Klutz from Lakeland Restoration LLC. He described the plan for weed abatement in Lake Spokane this season. He detailed the pre-treatment survey and costs associated with his business. He will be using the two chemical treatment with Diquat and Aquathol as this was the most effective last year. Letters will be sent to lake front homeowners offering treatment for \$600 per 100 feet of shoreline.

The second speaker was Galen Buterbaugh. Galen did a slide presentation on Blue Green Algae in Lake Spokane. He described the typical cycle of this algae in the lake and the testing that is done, as well as, the precautions for entering the water during an algae bloom. He explained the toxins which are harmful are released when the algae die. This is noted by white streaks on the surface of the water. This year the Department of Ecology has changed the posting for

the lake during toxic blooms. This change should clarify to lake users which areas are to be avoided and that the entire lake is not necessarily affected.

It was the consensus of those board members who had attended the summit that it was a well attended and informative meeting.

Agenda item 8: Lakeland Aquatic Herbicide treatment: The individual homeowner letters for aquatic weed control for 2016 have been received by homeowners. Most are shocked at the doubling of cost over last year. Many have contacted LSA. The difference is due to the use of two chemicals this year. Last year Lakeland offered a one chemical application for \$300 per 100 ft. of shoreline. Dave Klutz from Lakeland explained at the summit meeting that some of the one chemical application areas last year had poor results. Therefore, he will be using both chemicals on all applications this year. The board discussed this issue at length and decided that Greg will discuss with Dave possible alternatives, such as blocks of homeowners joining together as a single unit to make the treatments more affordable for each homeowner. If a group rate is possible letters should be sent to HOA leaders and LSA members.

Steve Moser added that Lakeland has done an experimental winter treatment of shoreline including his frontage to determine the effectiveness of this treatment approach. It is done during the drawdown of the lake. Granular chemicals are used. If this proves effective it will be less costly. There will be fewer variables to application as with treating at full pool. The primary concern for winter application is length of drawdown. The longer the chemical has on the ground before the water returns the more effective it will be. If this is found to be an effective alternative to summer application it will be offered in the future.

Agenda item 9: Greg: From Karen Baldwin and Charlie Kessler: Karen has announced the Stevens County Conservation District Water Quality Meeting for Suncrest area will be at Lakeside Middle School on May 24. The results of the Suncrest water studies will be discussed at the meeting on May 24th at Lakeside Middle School. Jan, Galen and Bunny plan to attend and will report to board at the next meeting. Charlie is looking for members for the Citizen's advisory Committee (CAC). They have received funding to partner with the US Geological Survey to try to determine if there are significant groundwater influences to Lake Spokane.

Agenda item 10: Update Lake Spokane Parks District ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for Eagle Bluff Park: Jan reports that the park now has one picnic table. They have had a rummage sale to raise funds for park improvements. The park is located at mile post 17 on 291 off Villier Road.

Agenda item 11: Avista Update: Speed: Meghan Lunney continues with the carp project teamed with DDFW and University of Idaho. They will begin removing carp from Lake Spokane during June. Both gill nets and electroshock will be used to capture the carp. Work is planned around the clock. So there will be lighted night time activity on the lake during this process.

Speed reports that the summer pool will be about 6 inches lower this summer due to work on the Long Lake Dam. In October the lake level will be lowered 3 feet to continue this work. This draw down is necessary in order to provide safety for the men and equipment that will be working during that time. Because, in the event of power failure the men and equipment will need to be removed from below the dam. The lower pool will allow time for that.

The Creel Study by Tim Vorhees continues with results to be reported in the Fall. Eagle monitoring is ongoing. The Avista recreation sites are being managed by Washington State Parks again this year.

Agenda item 12: Water report: Galen: The current cloudiness of the water is due to the annual Plankton bloom. This Plankton is a non-toxic diatom that will disappear by mid-June. It is about two months ahead of normal. Current water

flows are at 6000 cubic feet per second which indicates that snow melt runoff is complete. Water temperatures have been running 60-65 degrees.

Agenda item 13: Planning: Greg: The Spokane House Encampment is June 12 and 13. It was discussed whether we could have a information table during this time to promote LSA. Becky will investigate the possibility and communicate per email to the board members.

Dam Days is August 13th from 9 am-6 pm. We have paid for a booth. It was discussed whether we would contact Pizza Factory this year to request a coupon incentive for membership in LSA. It was agreed by the board to request that again this year. Bunny will contact them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.