

Board Meeting Minutes
Lake Spokane Association
May 10, 2017

The May board meeting was called to order by board president Greg Weeks at 6:35 pm Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at the Avista cottage meeting room. Other board members present were Becky Cresswell, Galen Buterbaugh, Jan Jenne, Bunny Cardon, Gail Dede, Ken Carmichael and Rene Wiley.

The minutes of the annual meeting were correct as recorded.

Membership: We have 60 paid memberships and email list of 202. Facebook has 440 "likes". We had 17 new members in March – 11 joined at the annual meeting, 4 in March prior to the meeting and 2 later in March.

Treasurer's Report: Expenditures of \$86.40 for the HOA summit and \$40.00 for Chamber of Commerce membership. We have operating funds of \$3,657.81 and weed control funds of \$2,398.40. Weed Fund will receive \$1000 from Suncrest Park.

Jan volunteered to attend the Chamber of Commerce meetings. Becky had several questions for the Chamber. Could they match the contact person to the organization on the same page instead of having to click on the contact person to find out what organization they represent? Would the Chamber put a link to LSA in the community directory? Would Chamber members be willing to put an LSA decal in the store windows?

Comments on Annual Meeting: Galen thought the change in location to the cafeteria worked well. More people stayed after the meeting and looked at the displays. We could put up more signs or possibly have several larger permanent signs printed for the annual meeting with a space to insert the date and time for the current year. Jan would like to show the Hangman Creek video.

Comments on the HOA summit: Do we want to continue having these meetings? Should we change the meeting to a weeknight, open it to more than just HOA officers? We would like to have more lake users understand the weed herbicide treatment, the weed issues and options to control weeds.

Lake weeds: Put Lakeland weed control letter on our Facebook and Nine Mile Community Awareness Association pages. Send it to all on our email list. There was a discussion about how to contact lakefront property owners in North Shore HOA. We could have a meeting for lakefront property owners in early November to explain the dry land treatment in winter.

Riverside Classification and Management Plan: This is an update of the plan from the late 90s with primary emphasis on Lake Spokane. The stakeholders meeting will be on May 16. Meetings for the general public will be on May 24 and 25. The revised plan will go before the commission in May 2018. Since this ties in well with our earlier survey, we will post the survey link on our Facebook page and send the survey link and notice of the public meetings to our email list.

Department of Ecology: DOE is seeking comments from stakeholders and permit holders on the best path for new clean water permits. Galen said this has generated little interest, but suggests we prepare something if we are interested.

SRRTTF: PCBs are covered by 2 different laws – the Toxic Substance Control Act and DOE water quality standards. There needs to be reconciliation between the 50 parts per million PCBs allowed in the Toxic Substance Act and the DOE water quality standards of 7 parts per quadrillion allowed. The DOE standards are 6 million times more strict than the Toxic Substances Act. Seven parts per quadrillion is almost impossible to even measure. Right now they are trying to identify "heritage" PCB sites along the

Spokane River. The Spokane River has the highest level of PCBs of all rivers in Washington. The good news is the level of PCBs in the Spokane River is dropping. PCBs are not an issue in Hangman Creek.

Weed Control:

Forming a Lake Management District: Thurston County has an excellent website on how to form a Lake Management District. <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/waterresources/lakes/lakes-lmd.html>

Also attached is RCW 36.61.30, creation of a lake management district.

Grants: Grants are out there – Ecology and EPA. We need a grant writer.

Stevens County Weed Board stipulates agricultural weeds. Why aren't aquatic weeds included? Does the Spokane County Weed Board include aquatic weeds?

Avista will research grants available for aquatic weed control. Other sources of information are chemical companies, WSU Extension Service and conservation districts.

Avista:

Carp removal to begin May 8 using netting and electrofishing. Any northern pike caught will also be removed because they are non-native fish. The carp have lots of PCBs and will be trucked to Wenatchee.

Avista is doing a pollution study of Hangman Creek.

Misc: Flipcause – professional fund raisers.

Upcoming events:

Little Spokane Paddle – mid July.

Mid-August – Picnic at a boat-in campsite. Do we need to make reservations?

September – fish hatchery? Long Lake Dam tour?

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

RCW 36.61.030**Creation of district—Resolution or petition—Contents.**

A lake or beach management district may be initiated upon either the adoption of a resolution of intention by a county legislative authority or the filing of a petition signed by ten landowners or the owners of at least twenty percent of the acreage contained within the proposed lake or beach management district, whichever is greater. A petition or resolution of intention shall set forth: (1) The nature of the lake or beach improvement or maintenance activities proposed to be financed; (2) the amount of money proposed to be raised by special assessments or rates and charges; (3) if special assessments are to be imposed, whether the special assessments will be imposed annually for the duration of the lake or beach management district, or the full special assessments will be imposed at one time, with the possibility of installments being made to finance the issuance of lake or beach management district bonds, or both methods; (4) if rates and charges are to be imposed, the annual amount of revenue proposed to be collected and whether revenue bonds payable from the rates and charges are proposed to be issued; (5) the number of years proposed for the duration of the lake or beach management district; and (6) the proposed boundaries of the lake or beach management district.

The county legislative authority may require the posting of a bond of up to five thousand dollars before the county considers the proposed creation of a lake or beach management district initiated by petition. The bond may only be used by the county to finance its costs in studying, holding hearings, making notices, preparing special assessment rolls or rolls showing the rates and charges on each parcel, and conducting elections related to the lake or beach management district if the proposed lake or beach management district is not created.

A resolution of intention shall also designate the number of the proposed lake or beach management district, and fix a date, time, and place for a public hearing on the formation of the proposed lake or beach management district. The date for the public hearing shall be at least thirty days and no more than ninety days after the adoption of the resolution of intention unless an emergency exists.

Petitions shall be filed with the county legislative authority. The county legislative authority shall determine the sufficiency of the signatures, which shall be conclusive upon all persons. No person may withdraw his or her name from a petition after it is filed. If the county legislative authority determines a petition to be sufficient and the proposed lake or beach management district appears to be in the public interest and the financing of the lake or beach improvement or maintenance activities is feasible, it shall adopt a resolution of intention, setting forth all of the details required to be included when a resolution of intention is initiated by the county legislative authority.

[2014 c 85 § 8; 2008 c 301 § 5; 1987 c 432 § 3; 1985 c 398 § 3.]