

Board Meeting Minutes
Lake Spokane Association
September 14, 2016

The September board meeting was called to order by board president Greg Weeks at 6:30 pm, Wednesday September 14 at the Avista cottage meeting room. Other board members present were Sean Bunnis, Ken Carmichael, Gail Dede, Galen Buterbaugh, Speed Fitzhugh, Becky Cresswell, Jan Jenne, and Bunny Cardon.

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

Agenda item 2: 2016-2017 Calendar Planning: Greg: The best timing for the general membership meeting was the main topic for discussion. It was agreed that early planning should avoid the conflicts that were experienced for the 2016 meeting. Scheduling the Lake Spokane Middle School auditorium early was deemed important. After all possible date options were discussed, it was decided that the preferred date would be Wednesday, March 29th. If the school auditorium was not available on that day, then the first Wednesday in March would be the second choice. It was also brought up that requesting a microphone set up for the meeting was important. Becky will contact the middle school for scheduling.

Agenda item 3: Potential speakers for the general membership meeting: Several topics of interest and possible speakers were discussed. Greg mentioned Leon Sproul a retired manager of the Up River Dam with a topic of Spokane water supply. Galen suggested hydrologist Stan Miller or a representative from the Department of Ecology, or Chris Donley from the Eastern Region Fish and Game Department. After all possibilities were considered, it was decided that a topic of fishing would have a broad appeal and could increase meeting attendance numbers. Galen will contact Mr. Donley.

Agenda item 4: Nine Mile Dam Days report: Becky/Bunny: It was quite successful with \$195 in dues collected with many new members. The Coast Guard flyers and fun activity items for children provided by Jan Jenne helped to attract people to the booth. The \$5.00 coupon to the Pizza Factory was a great membership incentive.

Agenda item 5: Membership Update: Becky reports that since the last meeting there have been 8 renewals and 10 new members. There are 29 who have paid for 2017. It was suggested that we should add our name to the Suncrest Directory which might create an increased awareness of LSA in the community.

Agenda item 6: Treasurer report: Ken: Expenses since last meeting: \$562.00 for D & O insurance, the same amount as last year. Income was that of memberships and the sale of one LSA T-shirt. Weed fund total is \$2398.40 and operating fund balance is \$3434.00.

Agenda item 7: Facebook page: Gail: We have 499 followers. Gail reports that postings regarding river cleanup and government meetings have the most interest. She posted the Spokane River Forum event and those who support us have a link to the Spokane River Forum.

Agenda item 8: Avista: Speed:

On October first a 2-3 foot draw down of Lake Spokane will begin. This will be maintained until November 15th. This is to provide 48-60 hours of evacuation time for Long Lake Dam construction workers and equipment at the base of the dam. This is a safety measure should there be a prolonged power failure affecting the dam powerhouse. There will be a drawdown of approximately 14 feet later in the winter months as usual. There will be an email to all LSA members to inform them of the need to have their docks and boats prepared for this early change in water level on October 1st.

This Saturday beginning at 6 AM there will be an interesting construction event at the Long Lake Dam. There will be 110 truckloads of concrete delivered to the base of the dam. There will be a truck down loaded every 6 minutes for 11 hours to accomplish this. A good view of the project is available from the dam overlook.

Chris Moen is a new biologist for Avista who will work with Meghan on the carp removal project. They are planning to do some winter carp removal. He will also be monitoring the trout habitat. The water quality monitoring results are still pending. Speed also mentioned some of the many challenges to the wetland restoration in Hangman Creek.

Agenda item 9: Weed abatement/future direction: Sean: There was a lengthy discussion regarding the submerged weed treatment during the summer and the late summer/early fall treatment for the yellow floating heart. Reports indicate that the results were varied. Galen reports that Willow Bay had good results this year. Other areas reported poor results. One such area involved 5 adjacent lots. There are so many variables affecting treatment that results will vary from area to area on the same day with the same applicator and chemicals. It was the consensus of the board that winter application would be worth trying if that is an option. Sean will be contacting Lakeland to pursue the possibility of them offering that to homeowners.

Agenda item 10: algae monitoring and SRRTTF: Galen:

Algae: Water samples are gathered and observed under magnification to identify the organism. Blue green algae are present in the water column and have been for about 6 weeks. The algae is dilute and structurally fragile. This is the first year that there has been no surface bloom noted by this time of year. There have been no samples sent to the state labs for toxic analysis. The algae in the water column pose no health risk at this time.

SRRTTF: PCB testing is being done beginning at the state line to Lake Spokane. They will be testing spring and winter flows at Sullivan Road and upstream at "hot spots" where there were prior industrial sites. Another mode of measurement is in fish tissue. Galen adds that PCB's occur in almost everything we find in the environment making it challenging to reduce it in the waterways.

Agenda item 11: Stevens County Park status: Jan: There was no money awarded to the park through the Stevens County Commissioners grant for which they applied. She states that their request was not specific enough for a grant award at this time. In order to begin the planning process with input from the public they now have developed a web site: lakespokane.org where a survey can be completed which will assist them in planning. It was suggested that they may want to investigate the Recreation Conservation Organization (RCO) which is a state agency that allocates money for this type of planning.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.