

Loon Lake Property Owners Association

Monthly Board Meeting

March 14, 2024

Meeting began 6:35 p.m

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sue Poe asked for public comment. Larry Gaddis reported that he had filed a petition to the court on the Dam that went nowhere and had to start over. He has been meeting with the Department of Ecology (DOE), Department of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) and Stevens County, and has been making good progress, but learned the attorney he had been working with from the county has left. In the meantime, thanks to Henry Howe and his proactive repairs to the dam, the water is not leaking from the dam. Larry will be making an appointment with the new county attorney. The DOE and DFW have been readily available, and we may re-serve the petition. Larry says it is just a process. The point is to get the dam back into decent shape. Larry has done a great job of establishing a relationship with DOE & DFW. In his opinion, the dam does not need a complete replacement, but professional assessment and repair. The canal has been plugged up in the past. The perpetual easement is for the State to maintain, so should the DOE & DFW be maintaining the canal?

Introductions of Board: Sue Poe, President, Holly Shamberger, Secretary, Joann Caruso, Lee Evans, Sondra Collins.

Guests: Larry Gaddis, Wes McCart, Scott McDougall, Kate Robbins, Cindy Knapp, Judy Pinos.

Approval of Minutes:

Joann made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Directors' news:

Sue reported that Deanna Yamane resigned from the board. Sue Poe wished her well with her future endeavors. Sue reminded the board that there were 12 directors at the annual meeting and since then 4 directors have resigned (Aaron, Deanne, Stephan, Dana). Sue nominated Cindy Knapp to the board of directors. After discussion, her nomination was approved.

Treasurer's Report:

No Treasurer's Report due to Treasurer's absence.

Survey:

Sue went over the survey results with everyone to clarify any questions. She was pleased with 80 responses and pointed out that since our current bylaws focus on water quality, the survey results support that mission.

Bylaws: Sue asked if we wanted to amend our bylaws to be broader so that we could be inclusive of other items highlighted by the survey results and still be in our mission. It was agreed that we would like to broaden the bylaws.

Newsletter Articles: Sue reminded everyone that she would like articles for the newsletter by April 1st. She is hoping to have the newsletter to the printer by mid-April.

Beach Association Luncheon:

Sue informed everyone she is planning to meet with all the Loon Lake Beach Associations on Saturday, May 18th. Everyone was very pleased to hear this information and appreciative of her efforts to see how we can help one another.

Budget: This part of the meeting tabled due to Mark Whittaker, Treasurer not in attendance.

Fireworks: According to Deanna, we have a contract for July 3rd, but may be able to switch to July 5th. Sue will call the contractor to see if it's available for the 5th, which was the general preference of the board. Sue has the goal of having a co-chair for each committee so that everyone has the support they need during busy times.

Docks: Joann & Sue met with Doug Knight of Knight EZ Dock to discuss how new and old docks are handled on the lake and how we can eliminate the need for dock demo by the property owners, or at least minimize it.

Water Quality: Sue had a conversation with Stevens County Conservation District and was told they will not be buying equipment for lakes in the county to use, however, he encouraged lake associations to work together to get a grant to buy equipment. He thought we would have a good chance to get a grant for it. He also said that they would not train, but he was supportive. It could be regional networking. The Department of Ecology said that they will not receive our data because we don't have a current QAPP. Sue's questions about the QAPP were not answered. Wes suggested that Charlie Kessler might work with us to renew our QAPP. Sue will be reaching out to Tighe Stewart DOE. Wes asked about grants and Sue explained situation regarding that we need to have a problem & solution for grant. Why: We test the water so we can know when we have a problem & we want our data sent to DOE to support us when we need help.

Chipper days: Sue is hoping Lee will address burning and mulching in the newsletter article and highlight the positive ecological benefit of supporting chipper days. Several people agreed that understanding that they can do their part for the environment by using chipper days is key information. Chipper Day is June 8 so it does not conflict with Loonsday this year.

Sondra: Looking into water quality combined funding program Aug 2024 for QUAP. We have a recruitment for Water Quality volunteers.

Website: Just keeping dates up to date.

New Business:

Chinese Mystery Snails: We have discovered they are non-native. An article will be in the newsletter. Property owners are supposed to report snail information to DFW

Holly will sell 8-12 ads to help pay for the newsletter.

Lee asked Wes McCart about a meeting regarding a LMD & getting a date scheduled.

Lee said a sewer commissioner has resigned from that board and if anyone is interested in being a sewer commissioner to contact Brooke at the Sewer Department.

Annual Meeting: We are going to contact Stevens County Sheriff and Stephan Reckie to speak.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Shamberger, Secretary