

Minutes

NLPOA Board Meeting

March 4, 2008

Board Members Present: Wendy Burley, Linda Underwood, Lorne Burley, Bob Takai, Mary Edmonds, Staci Lehman.

Board Members Absent: Margo Wolf (Watershed Committee representative).

Guests: Marisa Intinarelli, Quincy Edmonds.

Treasurer's Report: Balance \$2,355 as reported by Treasurer, Bob Takai.

Membership Report: There are approximately 50 paid-up members.

Old or Unfinished Business:

1. Proposed revisions to the existing By-Laws (last updated in 1997) were again presented and discussed. It was agreed that some recommended changes to the Mission Statement need some additional thought and input. Board members were asked to make recommendations to the proposed wording for discussion before a final decision is reached. Once the proposed changes have been approved, then a copy of the By-Laws with proposed revisions will be mailed to all paid up members with the spring information mailer. In accordance with the existing By-Laws, the members will then be asked to approve the changes at the summer meeting.

New Business:

1. The annual Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2008. It was agreed that NLPOA would pay for the food expenses if Albertsons does not participate with donations. The task assignment list is as follows:

CLEAN-UP DAY: SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2008 - Tasks with volunteers listed below:

#	<i>DONE?</i>	<i>TASK</i>	<i>VOLUNTEER(S)</i>
1	.	Arrange for Grange to be available and open – April 19 at 9:30 am	Linda U., Margo W.
2	.	Arrange with Mary Cheney for food, pop, condiments, paper products. Check supplies of latex gloves, black garbage bags. Plan for 75 volunteers.	Wendy B., Linda U., Bob T.
3	.	Arrange for garbage haul with Eric Holt (N.L Garbage – 924-4312)	Lorne & Wendy B.
4	.	Road signs (Spokane County Roads, 928-8714), get/place/pickup/return	Linda & Steve U. & Leonard S.
5	.	Advertising: banner, flyers, Grange readerboard, NL website, mailer to members.	Lorne B., Bob T., Staci L., Wendy B.
6	.	Volunteer call lists	Staci L., Wendy B., Mary E. (1/3 each)
7	.	Prizes? TBD (12 ea. \$5 pizza and/or video-movie gift certificates?)	Bob T.
8	.	Thank-you check for Eric Holt (N.L. Garbage) - \$200 for dump fees	Bob T.
9	.	Meet participants at boat launch/ assign cleanup areas; distribute safety cones and safety vests.	Lorne & Wendy B.
10	.	Roamers (check on cleaner-uppers, pick up trash, hand out more garbage bags, pick up loose safety cones, etc.)	Quincy E., Tom Rulffes, Byron Woehrle, Wayne Block?, Steve U.?
11	.	Get litter bags from Jim at Solid Waste Mgmt. – 625-7897	Lorne & Wendy B.
12	.		

		Setup potluck at Grange, cook, cleanup	Bob T., Mary E., Marisa I., Alice G.
13	.	Greeter and Announcer	TBD
14	.	Aluminum can recycling (Boy Scouts recycling at Grange)	All
15	.	Go home and have a great day!	All

2. Wendy updated the Board on Flood Control Zone District (NLFCZD) news:

- The lake level is near winter levels. We have an estimated 13,500 acre-feet of runoff based on average precipitation for the remaining season. Thompson Creek and Ragged Ridge are at nearly 200% of average snow pack.
- Jacob has the spring newsletter nearly ready to go except for a few minor additions, so hopefully it will be delivered to residents before Clean-Up Day.
- The NLFCZD Budget for 2007 was actually slightly below expenditures by about \$1,195.00.
- Pontoon Boat: The boat motor needs to be replaced and the District is searching for a 25-40 HP four-stroke outboard engine. Please call Jane (477-7431) or Jacob (477-7162) if you know of anyone with a good used engine for sale.
- Funding Options: Meetings to discuss funding options have been held with representatives of the District and County Commissioners. A decision was made by the Commissioners to leave funding as is unless future budget additions require changes.
- TMDL Dispute Resolution Status: The Department of Ecology has completed the TMDL Report for Newman Lake. Due to major concerns over the Report's content, the NLFCZD entered into a dispute resolution process with DOE to clear up unresolved differences. More details and letters are available on the NLFCZD Website at www.nlfczd.org.
- "Watershed Pledge": Jacob also contacted Brook Beeler of DOE to discuss more about the Watershed Pledge being used at Newman Lake in the future. We are still planning to do a Pledge for Newman Lake, but other issues have extended the timeline.
- Another project being planned involves doing a lake frontage improvement and restoration on a volunteer's property at Newman Lake. This "Extreme Makeover-Lakeside Edition" will make use of natural landscaping plants and techniques. More details will be included in the newsletter. The NLPOA Board agreed they are anxious to participate since this would be a valuable learning opportunity for all lake homeowners and could benefit water quality at the same time.

3. TMDL Task Force Update:

The members are Quincy Edmonds (Chair), Simone Ramel (Vice-Chair), Andy Buddington, Wendy Burley, Mike Davis, Bruce Gallaher, and Margo Wolf. Organizational options were discussed at a recent meeting. Jacob McCann presented information about the existing NLFCZD. He indicated that the only thing the District could not do is to provide tax-deductible status for donations. Other options for districts and organizations will be discussed at the next meeting to be held on March 11, 2008 at East Farms Elementary on East Rowan. Chairperson Quincy Edmonds was present at our meeting and discussed how we all have the same goal of clean water for Newman Lake. He invited others to attend to observe and comment if they wish.

4. Board Positions:

There are still two open Board positions to be filled – one for term ending in 2008 and one for term ending 2010. Lorne will contact an eastside resident to see if he might be interested in one of the positions.

5. Membership Mailer:

Lorne will prepare a membership mailer for Clean-Up Day to send to current members. It will include Fire Auxiliary event information, website details, etc. Please contribute any news items you would like to include.

3. The next Board meeting date is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at Fire Station #1, 6 pm. to wrap up preparations for Clean-Up Day on April 19, 2008.

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4. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorne T. Burley,
Secretary, NLPOA