



Minutes
NLPOA Board Meeting

June 24, 2009

Board Members Present: Wendy Burley, Linda Underwood, Lorne Burley, Bob Takai, Mary Edmonds, Kim Jones, John Townsend.

Board Members Absent: Staci Lehman

Guest(s): Laurie Keaton, NLFCZD representative

Treasurer's Report: \$2123 currently in checking account including several membership dues received in the last week. There are approximately 60 paid members.

Secretary's Report: The Minutes for the May 6, 2009 Board meeting were approved as submitted.

Old or Unfinished Business:

1. The Board of County Commissioners has made a resolution to implement the proposed changes to the NLFCZD Advisory Board selection process. The impact of this decision is that the NLPOA President will not be automatically appointed to the Advisory Board, but that the NLPOA Board will nominate a community representative instead. Laurie Keaton has been appointed to this position for the next three years. The NLPOA Board is looking forward to working with Laurie in her new position. Since the decision has been made by the BOCC, it was agreed by the Board that the NLPOA By-Laws will be updated to reflect this change.
2. John Townsend gave us an update on his involvement and appeal with the proposed Winter Glen cluster development. There is a hearing with Judge Cozza scheduled for October 9 at 1:30 pm at Superior Court. Public testimony will not be part of the hearing. Changes to the County Comprehensive plan for Rural Cluster developments are still being considered by the Spokane County Planning Commissioners and will likely go to public hearings with the BOCC in the future. John will keep us updated.

New Business:

1. The Spring newsletter has been sent out, both my mail and electronically by e-mail. We have received many compliments on the newsletter information and have received a good number of membership dues which is quite encouraging. It was proposed to publish the next newsletter for sometime next winter, so there will be plenty of time to collect articles. We will attempt to have a local business donate the postage again to keep the costs down. Extra copies of the newsletter were handed out to Board members for walk-arounds this summer. We need to meet our neighbors, increase our membership, get out as much information as we can about lake and watershed events, and gather more members and volunteers for our activities.
2. Laurie K. gave a short recap of the last NLFCZD Advisory Board meeting (milfoil, budget, lake level and erosion, etc.). We discussed the importance of lake level in relation to increased shoreline erosion.

3. John T. and Kim J. volunteered to investigate requirements for non-profit IRS 501(c)(3) status and to report their findings to the Board. No decision has been made if NLPOA desires to pursue grant applications for lake or watershed activities, but we need additional information in order to make a decision.
4. The annual combined NLFCZD/NLPOA summer meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16 from 6-9 pm. As of now, the NLFCZD portion will be from 6-7:30 pm, followed by the NLPOA portion from 7:45-9 pm. Wendy B. has contacted the Sheriff Marine Division about a 30 minute presentation on boating regulations and issues. Jacob McCann has contacted the Department of Fish and Wildlife, but it appears that the only enforcement officer will not be able to attend the meeting. In lieu of DFW, Jacob will attempt to have someone from the County familiar with shoreline regulations and permits attend (it might have to be Jacob if he doesn't have success with the other options!). We have also contacted the Fire Department and Fire Auxiliary about doing their presentations as we have done at previous meetings.
5. Lorne B. asked Mary E. if she would work on creating a table-top information board to set up at the summer meeting and other community events to get more NLPOA exposure for potential new members. The info board could list all of the activities that we are involved in such as Clean-Up Day, information on new developments at NL, water quality monitoring and testing, milfoil surveying, the newsletter, Adopt-an-Access program, etc.
6. Lorne B. suggested to the NLFCZD Advisory Board as well as the NLPOA Board that Warren Heylman be recognized at the summer meeting for his many years of volunteering involvement and efforts at Newman Lake. Lorne will draft the wording for a plaque to present to Warren and confirm the plaque cost.
7. Wendy B. discussed NLPOA participation for milfoil surveys and water quality testing this summer with the NLFCZD. Training has been completed for most volunteers and a testing schedule has been set up with Jacob McCann. Kim J., Staci L., Wendy and Lorne B., Mary E. and Craig Aldworth have volunteered to participate and others are welcome. Kim will contact Craig about training for the water quality testing and performing the necessary tests for August. Kim is testing for July, Staci has volunteered for September, and Mary will test in October.
8. Wendy asked for volunteers to clean up the public boat access areas again this summer. The plans for access improvements by the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife have apparently been approved, so construction is expected to start later this year.
9. Board member and Officer nominations for next year were discussed. It was decided to open up the position reserved for NLPOA's Watershed Committee rep since the Watershed Committee is no longer holding regular meetings. Laurie K. was asked if she would like to join the Board, but declined since she felt that being the NLFCZD representative was enough involvement for now. She just desires to be included in any NLPOA communications and kept up to date on Board activities. All other Board members agreed to retain their positions for the next cycle. Lorne will contact Staci about the VP position.
10. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 23, 6 pm. at Pryors Restaurant.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorne Burley
Secretary, NLPOA