



Minutes

NLPOA Board Meeting

September 4, 2008

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

Board Members Absent: Watershed Committee Rep.

Guests: None.

Treasurer's Report: \$2,152.00 currently in checking account. There are approximately 62 paid members. \$160 in dues was collected at the Summer meeting.

Secretary's Report: The Minutes for the July 10 Summer Board meeting were approved as submitted. These minutes will be posted along with the April 15 meeting minutes on the NLFCZD website.

Old or Unfinished Business:

1. NLPOA Activities: Wendy discussed several ideas for potential NLPOA activities next spring:
 - a) Watershed Pledge: This would be a similar educational program to what the DOE sponsored at Liberty Lake. Wendy will be in contact with Jacob McCann and Brooke Beeler at DOE to see what would be required to get the necessary funding to implement this program.
 - b) Shoreline Restorations: NLPOA has expressed our desire to get involved with any planned shoreline restoration projects with Jacob and the Flood Control District. No projects were firmed up this year, but hopefully there will be several for volunteers to work on one next spring.
 - c) We discussed and agreed that the NLPOA should send out a mailer later this year to NLPOA members in order to get everyone to send in their dues and gather some new members. The mailer would also include updated information on the TMDL status, Watershed Pledge plans, etc.
 - d) In order to get more members, it was agreed that we should have a handout sheet with NLPOA dues information for the September 20 Barn Dance. It was suggested that we create a sheet using the same format as we have always included in the newsletter.
 - e) It was suggested that we conduct a lake walk-around next spring to meet our neighbors, increase our membership, get out as much information as we can about lake and watershed events, and gather more volunteers for our activities. If the Watershed Pledge gets firmed up, this would be a great door opener, as in the past.

New Business:

1. Fall NLFCZD/NLPOA Newsletter: All Board members were encouraged to submit an article or articles for the Fall newsletter. Margo Wolf has volunteered to be the coordinator, so we need to submit our articles no later than the end of September. Jacob (NLFCZD) will be gone in September, so in order to get the newsletter published and out the door late October or early November, we need to get writing. Some suggestions for articles include:
 - Newman Lake history with pictures
 - Short bios for Board members
 - Short history of NLPOA?
 - Fish and wildlife info
 - Adopt-an-Access Report
 - Coast Guard article & new boating regulations
 - NLPOA TMDL DIP Implementation Plan
 - Farm & Forestry article/Land Trust info – Bob & Jane T.
 - President's message
 - Fire Auxiliary and Fire Department activities
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2. NLPOA and NLFCZD Advisory Board position: Lorne said that he was told by Jacob and Jane at the Flood Control District that they were wrapping up proposed recommendations to the County Commissioners regarding the FC Advisory Board application and selection procedures. NLPOA has sent in a letter to the Commissioners stating our opposition to eliminating the automatic appointment of the NLPOA President to the Advisory Board, but we have not heard of any firm decision yet. Whatever the final decision, Wendy recommended that someone on the Board should apply for one of the upcoming open positions.
3. IRS 501C3 for NLPOA: It was agreed that we need information about the process to obtain this IRS status for a non-profit organization before any decision can be made to pursue this. The purpose of this status is to be able to obtain grants for lake restoration and watershed activities. Linda U. volunteered to contact other lake associations (perhaps Deer, Diamond, Cocolalla) to see if they have this status and can give us any pertinent information. Linda also volunteered to gather internet information on IRS non-profit status. Depending upon the amount of grant monies involved, there may be requirements for accounting, legal assistance, liability insurance, bonding, etc. Bob T. will have Jane check to see if the Land Trust can be of help.
4. All Board members told a little bit about themselves. Lorne suggested that we include short bios of the Board members in the next newsletter.
5. NLPOA Involvement with the TMDL DIP Implementation Plan: Kim Jones outlined his ideas and reasons for the NLPOA to take the lead and create its own separate DIP Implementation Plan. Kim volunteered to write and produce a draft plan to be completed by the end of 2008 utilizing the existing Newman Lake Watershed Plan, the TMDL SIS, and other documents for ideas.

Kim also volunteered to draft a letter addressed to the Dept. of Ecology, the Board of County Commissioners, the Flood Control District, the Task Force and NL residents with our intent to create this plan and take the lead for the DIP. It was agreed that we want to solicit and receive public input from all concerned residents and property owners, and not exclude anyone. The draft letter will be sent to the Board members for review and approval as soon as possible. The Board unanimously agreed that this proposal is the best and most logical way to get the TMDL DIP implementation plan process moving forward. All present signified their approval.

6. Proposed October TMDL info meeting with NLFCZD and Dept. of Ecology: All agreed that this community meeting would be a good opportunity to get public input for the NLPOA DIP and that everyone concerned will hopefully be present. Volunteers from this meeting will be encouraged to participate in the NLPOA DIP process.
7. Fall Clean-Up Day 2008: Mary E. proposed that we sponsor another Fall Clean-Up Day this year and volunteered to be the organizer along with Linda U. and Staci L. Everyone agreed with this plan and set the date for Saturday, October 4. The Board agreed to spend about a \$50 limit for refreshments. Lorne will forward the volunteer call list, flyers, maps, etc. to Mary as well as getting out the leftover bags and other supplies from the spring clean-up.

The next Board meeting date was set for Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 6 pm at Fire Station 1 (location needs to be confirmed).

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lorne Burley
Secretary, NLPOA