



**Minutes**  
**NLPOA Board Meeting**

November 4, 2009

Board Members Present: Wendy Burley, Staci Lehman, Lorne Burley, Bob Takai, Linda Underwood, John Townsend, Craig Aldworth.

Board Members Absent: Kim Jones, Mary Edmonds.

Guest(s): None.

Treasurer's Report: \$2482 currently in checking account including all recent membership dues and \$68.46 for Fall Clean-Up Day expenses. There are approximately 75 paid members.

Secretary's Report: The Minutes for the September 23, 2009 Board meeting were approved as submitted.

**Old or Unfinished Business:**

1. Fall Clean-Up Day: The Fall "Mini" Clean-Up Day was held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8 am to noon. Thanks to Mary Edmonds for coordinating for this event. Expenses for this activity totaled \$68.46. Wendy has contacted the new owner of Newman Lake Garbage Service – Sunshine Disposal and Recycling. They have said they will continue helping with the Spring Clean-Up but made no commitment for the Fall.
2. NLFCZD Facilities Tour: We discussed the tour of the Flood Control Zone District facilities that was also held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lorne and Craig shared information with other Board Members about the outlet structure, canal, aerator and alum building, dike and the relationship with NRCS and the NLFCZD regarding operations. Lake level was also discussed regarding the possible lowering at an earlier time after Memorial Day in order to help reduce shoreline erosion during the active summer boating season.
3. Boat Wake Impacts: NLPOA has sent a letter to the BOCC regarding boat wakes and is waiting for a response. One Commissioner did acknowledge receipt of the letter and appreciated our work on it. There was also a suggestion that the boat wake issue needs to be further addressed by the Spokane County Sheriff before any definitive action can be taken. Thanks to Kim for preparing the handout idea. One suggestion was to reformat a bit with bullet points to highlight critical issues and to stress voluntary compliance. John T. felt that it needed to address the basics also since many are unaware of lake issues and problems. He felt education was especially important. This handout could be used by residents on the lake and also should be handed out at the public boat launch on busy weekends. Liberty Lake was contacted about the issue and they have no current intention to take any action although they have similar issues with boat wakes. The NLFCZD was also supposed to send a letter to the BOCC regarding the issue but have not received definitive comments from their Board so that a letter can be sent. Jacob sent out a second reminder last week to their Advisory Board to respond.

4. Winter Glen Cluster Development: John T. gave us an update on his involvement and appeal with the proposed Winter Glen cluster development. A hearing is scheduled for Friday, November 6 at 2 pm with Judge Cozza. John feels that they have a good chance for appealing several key issues of the proposed development. He encouraged everyone to attend that could. Changes to the County Comprehensive plan for Rural Cluster developments are still being heard and considered by the Spokane County Planning Commission. John will keep us updated on any new developments and hearings regarding updates to the County Comprehensive Plan for Rural Cluster Developments and any decision regarding Winter Glen.
5. Water Quality Testing: Wendy B. thanked everyone who volunteered with water quality testing and milfoil surveys this summer. Everyone that participated this year has indicated they will volunteer again next year. We will continue to look for new interested workers so that the program can continue. Thanks to Staci for taking a longer shift this year and for returning the equipment to Jacob.

**New Business:**

1. NLFCZD Newsletter: The next NLFCZD newsletter is scheduled to be sent out sometime in late November. If there is something that the NLPOA Board wants to have included in the newsletter, it will need to be sent to Jacob McCann soon. Wendy will do an article on Warren Heylman as an Everyday Hero and she also plans to send an article on NLPOA activities. If anyone has any other suggestions or comments please let her know. She will suggest to Jacob that the newsletter include information on shoreline erosion and wake boats.
2. Area Lake Information: Wendy sent out some recent information on what is happening at other area lakes regarding milfoil control and water quality efforts. Newman Lake can learn from what others are doing and Board Members are encouraged to collect and share similar news when they contact residents from other Washington or Idaho lakes.
3. Next TMDL Meeting: A TMDL Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 6:30 pm at the Otis Orchards Library by Jacob McCann (NLFCZD) with Dave Moore (DOE) to discuss priorities and possible implementation activities. All Board Members are encouraged to attend and share their ideas for the future.
4. NLPOA Newsletter: The next NLPOA newsletter is scheduled to be sent out in February of 2010. Articles should be submitted in January if possible. The last newsletter had quite a few compliments and we had good luck with receiving membership dues. There will be plenty of time to collect articles, so all Board members are encouraged to submit an interesting article on the topic of their choosing. Craig mentioned he may do one on bryozoans - the clear jelly growths on your water lines, dock, etc. Wendy will do an article on Eric Holt and his generous help to us for all these years on Clean-Up Day. In order to keep the printing and mailing costs to a minimum, we need to find a local business or some rich person to donate the postage again. If anyone knows of anyone with some extra cash, please let us know!
5. Wendy did forget one point that she meant to discuss with the Board at the meeting. She feels it might be a good idea to include a \$2.00 coupon in the upcoming NLPOA Spring newsletter for PH free fertilizer that could be purchased at the Ace Hardware on Harvard Road. If other Board Members feel this is a good idea she will pursue it with Ace and see if this could be possible. NLPOA could reimburse Ace for the redeemed coupons. Let her know what you think.

6. The next meeting will tentatively be on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 6 pm at a location to be chosen by the Board. Suggestions for the next meeting location are welcomed. Bob Takai had a good idea that we could meet at the Food Court at the Valley Mall so those who work and live other directions wouldn't have to come so far. Plus we could all eat whatever food type we like. Let us know what you think.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorne Burley  
Secretary, NLPOA