

Loon Lake Property Owners' Association

Monthly Board Meeting

August 10, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Present: Deanna Yamane, acting President, Mark Whittaker, Treasurer, and directors Lee Evans, Sue Poe, Holly Shamberger, Joann Caruso, Dick Davies, and guests Henry Howe, Stephan Reckie, Kate Robbins, Keith Lewis, Fran Lewis, Jerry Kuntz, Tim Cronin.

Quorum present

Approval of minutes special board minutes

Sue made a motion to approve the minutes, Joann 2nd and the motion carried.

Mark - Treasurers' Report: The checking account reconciled. The second half fireworks payment has not cleared. Sue checks box weekly for mail.

Mark - Boat Parade: Mark has not received any photos from Deanne Darlene Impehoven. Mark will contact Deanne to get photos and have her text to Deanna Yamane for the website and Facebook page. She also mentioned asking the residents on Facebook for photos.

Mark Whittaker-Compliance: reinitiated contact with IRS for 501C3. IRS hadn't been notified of name change. EIN number was correct, but they did not have name change.

Dock Demo - Mark Whittaker: A second dock demo is scheduled for August 26th at 9 a.m. Fish & Wildlife has been contacted. Sue has names with new possible volunteers for demo. We have contracted with Randy Long and asked for Lee Evans, Mark Whittaker and Jason West to meet with him to discuss logistics. EZ Dock help is only good for one time per year. Mark notes that \$1801 collected toward dock Demo this year. Joann Caruso, as a new member to the board asked Mark to explain how the process works for dock demo. Deanna will put on Facebook.

Chipper Sat Oct 7th-9-3 - Lee Evans: He will contact Deer Lake to coordinate volunteer info. Stevens County Solid Waste Manager organizes the equipment. LLPOA are assisting in offloading, and previously had only two volunteers and Lee stated we can use more. Deanna will post on the website and Facebook the need for volunteers for Chipper days.

Water Quality - Dick Davies: There have been no forays out on the lake as equipment needs \$2200 in repairs. The next foray would normally be Sept 15, but we do not have volunteers or working equipment. He's hoping by the next normally scheduled foray in June 2024 that we have someone to take over & equipment repaired. Joann asked for Dick's expertise to train, and Dick suggested DOE give a class what to do. Joann wanted to know who is going to contact Fish & Game to get more water quality info. Dick will contact DOE to see if it's possible to have a class in water quality & assurance program. Henry Howe suggested we talk to Fish & Game and ask about water testing.

Lee stated possibly Aqua Technix would take over testing. He also mentioned the Sewer District and PUD might be interested in supporting water quality. He said he would ask and let us know at the next meeting.

Website - Deanna: nothing new

Mark presented a slate of officers. Sue Poe, President, Deanna Yamane, Vice-President, Mark Whittaker, Treasurer, Holly Shamberger, Secretary, Joann 2nd and the motion was unanimously approved.

Bank Account Lee Evans made a motion that Jane Sprague and Deanne Darlene Impecover would be removed from the bank account and Mark Whittaker and Sue Poe would be added. Lee Evans would remain on the account. Holly Shamberger seconded, and the motion carried.

Fireworks - Deanna Yamane: We are finalizing paperwork and will be moving the fireworks docks to address concerns raised by Silver Beach & the Loon Lake Land Conservancy. She reiterated that she had permits to place the docks there and that LLPOA has been at work to find the docks a home.

Mark addressed concerns raised from the Silver Beach and the Conservancy during the last month, stating we had several officers resign during that time.

Tim Cronin stated his concerns regarding slowness of movement and lack of response to emails.

Joann Caruso stated she overlooks the docks and has not seen anything but wildlife on them.

Henry Howe stated no one owns the water of the lake and felt Deanne made sure we had permit.

Tim Cronin stated the LLPOA was 'administratively dissolved' as an association on February 9, but reinstated August 7. Others shared similar experiences and noted that once reinstated, it was as if it never was dissolved.

Mark stated after Fish & Game determined they could not attach to their current dock that Sue contacted a homeowner who was interested in using docks until next year's firework show and we were in the process of obtaining signatures on a release of liability form.

Loon Lake Dam - Henry: In March 2017, there was damage from backing up and flooding from the dam to Loon Lake shoreline property owners because the channel was blocked, so the dam not working properly. Henry is collecting data from 2017 flooding of Loon Lake property owners.

Larry Gaddis, Henry Howe and Lee Evans will petition the court to have the county and state respond to their lack of maintenance that caused flooding & damage, and then will file with the superior court in Stevens County to get court date to update this court order. The goal is for the State and County to repair the dam to good condition before assessing property owners for continued maintenance. If we, as property owners, were to be assessed for the dam in its current condition, we would be paying 37 years neglect and repairs that were not done.

The DOE and County Commissioners have been on a court order since 1950 to maintain the dam. If the dam and channel had been maintained, it would have prevented the flooding in 2017. In the 1950 court order, sheep creek and other areas that are not assessed are actually benefiting from the 1950 order. So that in the future when assessment and repairs are needed those areas should also be assessed.

Adjudicated level- This level was set in 1950 with the maximum water level to be reached in Loon Lake. The dam was then put in to maintain that level and prevent flooding downstream through to the Colville River. We want a full lake to the maximum without water leaking from the faulty dam.

The gates have been closed for seven years. Without the gates being open, it has continued to leak water because of needed repair. In 1985 DOE was notified and they then notified the County Commissioners that the dam was in need of repair. In 2017, we experienced flooding and again notified the DOE's main office in Olympia and the Commissioners. In 2021, a zoom call with both parties ended with an agreed upon resolution, that was later ignored.

Henry asked that people contact him if they experienced flooding & damage in 2017 flooding.

Kate Robbins asked to host our meetings at the old School House. It was voted to move the meetings to the schoolhouse. She asked for transparency from the LLPOA and for everyone to work together. Also please use the bulletin board old schoolhouse to advertise LLPOA meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Shamberger