

**Save Black Lake Coalition
Steering Committee Meeting Notes
August 13, 2012 6:30 PM**

Present: Vernon Bonfield, Deb Wallace, Nita Sells Gail Schaller, Rich Doenges

Absent: Linda Tobin, Katherine Gray

IRS Nonprofit Status:

The Save Black Lake Coalition has been approved for 501(c)(3) status. Donations received by the Coalition are exempt from Federal income tax, and contributions made to the Coalition are tax-deductible.

Lake Mat Installations and Excess Burlap:

All the paid lake mat orders have been installed. The only mats left to install are those at the Evergreen Shores beach area. This is in exchange for being allowed to use their space as a staging area for filling sandbags.

Revenue from lake mat installations was just over \$16,000. After paying for all the materials used, net proceeds were about \$10,000. This is a large portion of the 25% matching funds needed for the \$50,000 grant from the County.

There is some leftover burlap from lake mats and sandbags that Rich Doenges at the County will probably be able to store for us, to be used next year.

Schedule for Chemical Treatments:

Per Rich, spring is the best time to apply the chemical treatments as that is when the weeds are in their growth cycle. The plant needs to absorb the chemical for the best result.

A special permit with Ecology is needed before applying the chemical treatment. The County will combine the Black Lake request with those for two other lakes, allowing the 3 lakes to split the cost of the permit.

The plan to treat the lake includes one chemical on the yellow-flag iris, and a different chemical to be used in areas where there are lily pads and milfoil. Both chemicals are approved by Dept. of Ecology for aquatic use.

Once the permits are in place, a certified applicator will be scheduled to apply the chemicals. In the meantime, some weeds can be hand-pulled with the help of the Stream Team.

Rich will furnish a timeline for the tasks that need to be completed in order for us to be ready to have the chemicals applied on schedule.

Creation of Lake Management District:

With the initial treatment of the invasive weeds underway, it is time to get a long-term plan in place. A first meeting to establish a steering committee to set up a Lake Management District will be held on September 10th.

Next Community Meeting:

The next meeting to keep Black Lake area homeowners up to date on all progress will be scheduled in October. The agenda will include information on the timeline, chemical treatments, and the SEPA (State Environmental Protection Act) checklist.

Administrative Business:

Vernon moved to nominate Nita Sell and Gail Schaller to the board, specifically with Gail taking the role of Secretary. Deb seconded the motion; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.