

Minutes of Save Black Lake Coalition Board meeting, Thursday, May 29, 2014

In attendance:

- Tim Erickson, President
- Deb Wallace, Acting Treasurer
- Nita Sell, Acting Secretary
- Tom Crawford
- Bob Leingang
- Candice Rydalch

Absent: Vernon Bonfield, Vice Chair

Meeting called to order at 6:44pm. Minutes of Board meeting from April 22, 2014 were approved.

Bylaws were reviewed with analysis of whether a change needs to be made to officially require one Director from the Black Lake Special District to be on the SBLC Board. It was clear that the Board can add a position at any time and since Vernon Bonfield was a Director of both, no changes were offered.

We discussed that at a future time when proposed amendments to the Bylaws are made, we add more detailed discussion under Section 1.02, Purpose, and to use the language from the petition that residents signed to form the Special District. We may also want to add language under Article V Indemnification, that annual Board insurance is required. Nita also asked where the minute book is; we will talk to Gail Schaller upon her return to the area and start a new one.

Update on DOE grant, Deb Wallace: Has been working with Lizabeth Seebacker (sp?). To update new members, this is final \$7500 from DOE with our \$2500 matching dollars to fulfill our IAVMP mission. We talked about asking BLSD to receive \$10k, implement a project, and pay us back the \$2500 but decided it would be easier to keep the funds in SBLC. Because it is so little money, probably one application will take care of it. We will get accounting of all previous grant funds as soon as possible.

Financial Report: Deb Wallace moved and Tim seconded a motion to make Candace Rydalch Treasurer and Nita Sell Secretary. Discussion was that as soon as Gail Schaller returns to the area, hopefully both jobs can be returned to her. Passed. Tim, Candace, and Nita will go to Twin Star Credit Union to change signatures and reset passwords. Deb paid the \$10 filing fee for registration of our entity with the Washington Secretary of State.

Mail: Deb moved, Bob seconded a motion to get our own Post Office box to move it from Vern's office and our home addresses. Passed. Candace will look into it.

Update on Thurston County work on water lily and Yellow Flag Iris eradication, President Tim: ongoing and spraying will begin June 1, 2014. They will soon be sending divers down to remove milfoil. Discussed need to replace the erosion-protection of plants on some residents' shorelines; Deb will check with Native Plant Salvage for list of replacement plants.

Update on piling count: Unlike our last communication which was that the County would not count the pilings in the lake, Tim received an email from Rick Johnson, Noxious Weed Control Coordinator, that he "casually observed 59 pilings at the north end of the lake" and that the southern and western shorelines were not surveyed. Tim thanked him and said that we appreciate the help. Rick also told Tim that the County would hold our burlap for now and move it if necessary. Bob Leingang offered Columbus Park for storage if the fabric were in metal containers. We decided to let it stay with County for now.

PR/Communication/Technology: Tom Crawford and Nita Sell agreed to work on a subcommittee to improve and update the website. We will email residents or ask local collages for website help. The administrators of the www.saveblacklake.org will be Tim Erickson, Nita Sell, and Tom Crawford. Tim shared a lot of new photos of the lake and we will put some on the site. Discussed which fertilizers are best for the lake residents; will talk to Black Lake Organic, Native Plant Salvage, and Fred Meyer to get recommendations. Will put the information on the website. As Phosphates are now illegal to sell in Washington State, it should be easier to find a fertilizer that is kind to our water and aquatic species.

Board bar-b-que: Bar-b-que for SBLC Board members will be July 13, 2014 1 o'clock at Tim and Shirley's home. Hosts will provide burgers and dogs and attendees will bring the rest. Nita will coordinate with Tim and Shirley as to side dishes and coordinate with other guests.

Working meeting of the Black Lake Special District is June 5th; Tom Crawford agreed to represent us.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 (note, Vern arrived at 7:45pm). No future date was set.