

Save Black Lake Coalition  
Steering Committee Meeting Notes  
May 20, 2012 6:30 PM

Present: Vernon Bonfield; Deb Wallace; Linda Tobin; Nita Sell; Gail Schaller

Absent: Katherine

**Accounting:**

The billing from the County has been received showing the amount of the grant and the matching funds expended to date. Volunteer hours worked so far are to be turned in this week so the value of the hours can be tallied against remaining matching funds needed.

The revised paperwork for non-profit status was returned to the IRS on Friday (May 18<sup>th</sup>).

**Meeting with Evergreen Shores Homeowners Group:**

Vernon and Deb will be speaking at the annual homeowners' meeting this week. They will give an overview of what has been done so far towards obtaining grant funding and what methods are available to remediate weed overgrowth in Black Lake. The Lake is not being managed yet, although it is the largest and most-used recreational lake in Thurston County.

**May 24<sup>th</sup> Community meeting:**

The agenda for the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting was further discussed:

Update on grants and costs, and a timeline of remediation tasks;  
Presentation about lake mats, with sign-up sheets for those interested in having the mats installed;  
Discussion of pros and cons of setting up a Special Use District vs. Lake Management District for future oversight of maintaining Black Lake, with a request for volunteers for a subcommittee to determine the best course;  
Examples of funding mechanisms to be used for future lake maintenance;  
Request for volunteers to help install lake mats (certified divers); sew sandbags; fill sandbags the morning of June 23rd; and work at booths at community outreach events; and  
Event updates.

**May 26<sup>th</sup> - Columbus Park Memorial Weekend Community Fun Fair:**

The Save Black Lake booth will be open from 10 am until 6 pm on Saturday to distribute informational flyers and chat with Fair attendees about lake issues. Additional volunteers would be welcome to help at this event.

**Future Event Planning:**

The group discussed preliminary plans for a progressive dinner in late August.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM