

FOSL Board Meeting
7/11/19 Minutes - Approved

Location: Scott & Kim Munson @ 1101 Creso Road

Meeting came to order at: 7:00 pm

Attendees: Sandy Williamson, Mel Oleson, Ed Larson, Scott Munson, Jim Overway.

Excused: Elizabeth Iselin, Kim Long

Guests: Kathy Creso, Linda Heade, Kim Munson, Kelsie DeVries, Sue Thompson

Agenda Items:

- 1) Welcome Govt. member[s] in attendance – (Becky &/or Jessica), SWM (Barbara Ann) – Sandy
 - No Government attendees at this meeting.

- 2) SWM & Parks Board update
 - a. Aquatic plant study plant contract update
 - Ed reported that we are ready to go with the contract. Ed did secure the insurance policy necessary for the contract. We're just waiting for final approval from Pierce County.
 - b. How do we increase interaction of county agencies with FOSL
 - FOSL will discuss this at a future meeting.

- 3) Spanaway Creek – Mel

Do you think there are 3-4 people in FOSL who would like to volunteer to distribute salmon carcasses in Spanaway Creek? Research shows, salmon and other fish do much better when salmon carcasses are in the stream and decaying.

 - Mel reported that salmon today may be loaded with PCBs. Due to this fact, he didn't think it was a good idea to put the salmon carcasses in the stream. Mel reported that there were no volunteers.

- 4) FOSL Membership discussing and price point – Ladder of Membership? Debut at BBQ?
 - It was decided that more time was needed to decide this. There was a discussion of a Ladder of Membership and those that gave over possibly \$300.00 would receive a plaque for possibly their mailbox and dock. \$300 was mentioned as this is what most homeowners paid each year to have Northwest Allied Aquatics spray their waterfront. Sandy will come up with a design for the plaque for those who pay said fee and FOSL will talk more about how to proceed with this. Thank you Sandy, as he did send out photo's of possible ideas for the plaque.

 - Linda suggested that the BBQ should be to get to know people and that asking for money should not be a part of the BBQ. We could have a "Donation" pot that was volunteer.

- 5) FOSL Annual BBQ Sunday July 14 at 4pm Larson waterfront for lake residents (Sunday).
 - a) Ed's home is the primary location. Williamson's for overflow parking and dock space
 - b) Potluck party starts at 4pm.
 - c) BBQ at 5:30.
 - d) Count on Attendees
 - 1) (Kim: There may be some attendees that responded to the FOSL email so the email should be checked. Also, I'll be there and one of my neighbors will be there so count would be 3. I'm also happy to bring pasta or potato salad or coleslaw or whatever, just let me know.)
 - e) Fundraising for BBQ – Scott. Fundraising Target: Tax deductible if over \$20. Checks or Credit cards
 - As mentioned, we will have a Donation bucket only at the BBQ.

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- Mel will also bring an easel with some of the FOSL information.
 - f) FOSL short term goal - Removal of Lily Pads
 - Scott will come up with a list of short-term goals for the BBQ so that all of the FOSL members are on the same page with we talk to visitors.
 - g) Point to the study and make the goal \$25,000?
 - Scott will make the list of short-term goals for us at the BBQ.
 - h) Need to articulate the plan for cleaning up the lake.
 - For the BBQ the FOSL members will all try to be on the same page (with Scott's list) when we talk to visitors.
- 6) Weed Removal Techniques & Permitting – All
- We need to get our plant study completed so we know what direction to go and what type of chemicals or removal methods will be needed.
- 7) Coffee Creek – Watercress - Mel
- Mel was approached about if FOSL could remove watercress from Coffee Creek. That would take permits most likely. We will advise Coffee Creek to find someone to join the FOSL meetings.
- 8) Boathouse
- See #9.
- 9) Display Board – Mel
- Mel reported the bulletin board is up at the boathouse, but it is on the south side and is hidden by some bushes.
 - FOSL will put information on it about Amazon Smile. Scott volunteered to look at possibly more ideas to put in there. Everyone can be thinking of what would work to put on the board.
- 10) Safe Streets' Spanaway Park Cleanup – October 5th, 2019 – Mel
- More information to come or please look this up. Please volunteer for the Safe Streets' Spanaway Park Cleanup. We can discuss this at the August or September meeting.
- 11) FOSL Newsletter Format – Mel
- Discussion led to the thought that we may need to hire a marketer due to their expertise and the time involved. We do need more communications. Sandy and Scott said they possibly had someone in mind and they would check with those people. Then maybe they could come to a FOSL meeting and present ideas and costs to us. FOSL would still need to guide them with ideas.
- 12) Study by William Hobbs – Jessie
- Jessie could not be at the meeting so will discuss this at a later date.
- 13) Getting FOSL's name out in the community – Jim
- Ideas were:
 - o We need another larger FOSL banner. Sandy will look into it.
 - o Business Cards. A motion was voted and approved to have Sandy's daughter Amy Kuebler make up business cards.
- 14) Volunteer lake monitoring – All

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- Sandy will send Mel the information from Isabel Raglund about what to test and we'll discuss this further at another meeting.
- Those interested in learning how to use the microscope can contact Mel so they can be trained. Jessie and Sue are two that are volunteering.

15) Various items – Mel

- Permitting: Some permits take 3-9 months to get some permits and applicable for several years.
 - We need our weed study completed so we know what permits and weeds we're looking at.
- Noxious Weeds - Essentially, every lily pad on the lake is invasive. There are several grants for noxious weed removal. A list of the permits needed should be something we can get from the companies' doing the studies - **Ed to ensure this is in the contract.**
- Develop a sampling team / Create Quality Assurance Project Plan: TPCHD for Data Collection to align data with our goals. Can we get more involvement from residents to help with sampling? **Isabel, Mel and Sandy should meet again.**
- Writing Grant Applications / Legislative/ agency interaction: There is a grant coming up in September that's already on the internet. **Grant's team to put together a calendar of the grants and report back in the July meeting.**
 - Yes **Grant Team needs to meet to get grants written and report back in the August meeting.**
- FOSL should have a list of projects prioritized in conjunction with the grants that are being researched along with a list of FOSL priorities. **Scott will start this list and everyone can add to it.**
 - FOSL will prioritize the list in the July meeting.
 - Thank you Scott. He did make a list promptly and has sent it out for revisions.

16) Phosphorus fractionization study Options – Ed & Scott

- Separate from Plant Study, FOSL needs to study water columns and find a spring and find the phosphorus coming in. Need to resolve the issue of where it's coming from so we know how to treat it correctly.
- Sediment is easier to treat and analyze the phosphorus in the sediment. It takes a heavier and less frequent treatment of Alum.
- Phosphorus in ground water coming in takes a lighter and more frequent treatment of Alum.

17) Legislative ask update:

- Locate springs study
- Thermal imaginary to locate springs - September week after Labor Day
- Other means?
 - Sandy, Mel, Ed, Scott (Possibly depending on the day), and Jim (any day but Tuesday) volunteered to meet with the legislators.

18) Budget Update – Jim Utterback by phone or email

- Jim not in attendance. FOSL will focus on donations.

19) Rewrite Web site Home Page

- Kelsie volunteered to work on the Home Page and possibly the Facebook website.

20) Other items discussed:

- Scott and Kim are meeting with the American Lake Improvement Members including Janet Spingath and Don Russell in August. Scott to inquire about some of their marketing techniques and

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skills and what they're doing to help their lake. Scott and Kim will get back to us at a later date regarding this.

- b) Chambers/Clover Creek Watershed Council: Scott is looking into whether FOSL would benefit from being a member of this organization.
- c) Mel will talk to the Parks Department. He heard that they may be spraying some of the lily pads.
- d) There was some talk of taking temperatures and GPS coordinates during September when temperatures are colder to find warmer areas that may imply groundwater springs exist. The main objective being to find out if phosphorus is entering the lake through the springs. Sandy, Scott and Ed will talk more about this.
- e) **Sandy, Please bring a whiteboard to the August meeting.**

Housekeeping:

Future Meetings:

- a) Going forward, FOSL meetings will be held on the 1st Thursday of the month.
- b) Next meeting will be Thursday, August 8th (1st is the first Thursday)
Location: Mel's home at 634 169th St S.

Mission Statement noted in the by-laws:

The Friends of Spanaway Lake is a non-profit community organization of local citizens comprised of property owners, users of the lake and other interested parties dedicated to:

- the preservation of water quality,
- fish and wildlife habitat enhancement,
- protection from environmental hazards,
- Education, including communication of lake safety, preservation and protection of property and property rights.

These objectives will be attained by a combination of citizen engagement and working with local and state government and other appropriate agencies for the continued vitality of Spanaway Lake.