

Friends of Spanaway Lake Board Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, November 7th, 2019- 7-9PM

Location: Spanaway Elementary Library – Use Door on North of Building, go upstairs to Library

1) Call to Order-Sandy

6:58 PM

2) Roll Call-Sandy

Board members in attendance: Sandy Williamson, Jim Overway, Elizabeth Iselin, Scott Munson, Ed Larson

Guests: Mel Oleson, Kathy Creso, Linda Heade, Sue Thompson, Jessie Richards, Kim Long

3) Approval of the agenda-Sandy

Approved.

4) Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes-Board

Approved.

5) Treasurer Report - Balance of Funds is \$5946.99 as of 11/4.

6) Committee Reports

- a) Aquatic Plant & Phosphorus Fractionization update (Cost \$20,000) – Ed/Scott
Aquatechnics were on the lake in October, took core samples.
 - Depth and Density Maps in progress. All plant data and core samples have been collected. Also collecting plant samples. **Ed will contact them to gather information for the annual meeting.**

- b) PCCD Green Grant Application – Sandy, Jim, Ed, Jessie, Elizabeth, Linda
 - b.i) Clover Creek Watershed S Grants Program - January 2020 – Elizabeth, Kim, Mel
 - b.ii) Other grant opportunities?
 - (b.ii.1) Amy will check and see if there are any others.
 - (b.ii.2) Sandy – Fresh Water Algae Control Program Grant.
Sandy is working with the county on this. Grant must go to a government organization. Sandy is working to find a county partner for the grant.
 - (b.ii.2.a) Dept of Ecology still has equipment on Jessie’s dock. Testing the general lake conditions and algae – water samples and camera.
 - (b.ii.3) Sandy - Birdee Davenport – DNR. Sandy has reached out to Roberta Davenport.
 - (b.ii.4) Kim - Environmental Grants from the Russell Foundation.
Green Grant was submitted. Information was fragmented to the team. Teams need a protocol from the FOSL Board.
Kim will email a point of contact to the board.
 - b.iii) Legislator Grant Opportunities: Sandy needs help? Ed, Jim? others
 - (b.iii.1) Usually want to talk with legislators 2-3 months prior to the start of the session.

- (b.iii.1.a) Morgan - Meet with her by December
- (b.iii.1.b) Conway – Meet with him by December as Conway would be the most likely to assist FOSL
- (b.iii.1.c) Updated FOSL Letters for Legislators with progress to date – Linda Jim, Ed will help contact aides and based on their websites and the legislator's planned visits to the area, they'll call next week and make appointments.
To update the letter, Linda and Jessie need to know when the visit will be and who will approve the letter before it's sent (one week), and will need the current talking points which most likely will be extracted from Green Grant process. They'll also include that the lake has been closed. **Ed will email to Jessie talking points on plant study.**
Sandy, Ed, Jim will approve the letter.

8. Old Business

- a. Park Display Board – Anyone take this on? Ed/Elizabeth
Elizabeth reached out to Becky with ideas. They liked what Elizabeth sent. Kim to send Elizabeth the “what does Drowning look like” info.
Signarama (Linda) 80th and S. Tacoma Way - can create the 2020 stickers on a roll.
Elizabeth will order the stickers on a roll with the right dimensions.
- b. Fund Raising – Appeal to Lakeside Property Owners – response- Jim Completed! Thank you Jim! This is really helping us to get some matching funds.
Jim will create an updated letter to include information on FOSL's annual meeting.
Kim will send again the Monday after Thanksgiving to the broader email group.
- c. Planning for annual meeting and election – Sandy Scott and Ed up.
FOSL annual meeting will be Thursday, January 23rd, 2020 from 7:00-8:30 pm, doors open 6:30, at Sprinker.
Alder Room Reserved – thanks Amy Cruver – We were moved upstairs – Rainier Room.
Main entrance of Sprinker, then upstairs (elevator),
Update Website – Amy done
Update Facebook – Sandy done
Notices need to be out 60 to 90 days in advance. On Facebook and on website.
Postcards – do only once in January
Post information about the upcoming board meeting, Date, Time, Location in Rainier Room– Elizabeth. To Include talking points that are going to the legislature.
 - In TNT
 - Sr. Scene (Sue will provide contact information)
 - South Prairie newspaper – contact Marianne Lincoln

Agenda items to include:

- State of the Lake report from FOSL board.
 - Election Committee – Jessie, Sue, Linda
 - Kim will send out the election information to them.
- Electing 2 board positions at the annual meeting – Region 2, currently held by Scott, At Large currently held by Ed.
- Come hear about our lake and participate.

At the Annual Meeting, FOSL to do a better job of collecting information on citizens that want to be engaged with FOSL.

- d. Business Cards Update: Sandy/Elizabeth
 - d.i. Artwork - Elizabeth
 - d.ii. FOSL phone no. working and will be Kim's mailing address. Need to have Jim change the Secretary of State and Insurance – All State – Kim/Jim Utterback. Go Fund Me is added, Mission statement on back. Amazon Smile. Go Fund Me: In the past, it was 8%. Now for 501(c)3, there's no charge. Motion made to switch fund raising from Facebook tool to Go Fund Me tool for 501(c)3. Motion was seconded. Motion approved. Jim will set it up.

New address for FOSL and FOSL Business Cards: **Jessie will inform the post office** of sharing with non-profit.

PO box 486

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- e. Phosphorus testing on identified spring in south cove by Kim's dock done– Sandy Results in this week.

Bay is 3% cooler than the rest of the lake. There are places within the bay where it's just sand and springs are probably keeping plants from growing. Spring by Kim's dock is active after a rain. Phosphorus results should be coming in soon.

Phosphorus Discussion:

Mel: Testing done in the bay around Mel's has shown that the phosphorus may be contained in the muck at certain times of year, to be released later in the year resulting in larger volume of toxic algae blooms. This could explain why some months are clear of toxic algae, then toxic algae volume increases significantly as it gets used from where it's contained in the muck. There may be a source delay, then the bloom. FOSL may want to do some core samples as when the muck gets stirred up and releases the phosphorus.

Possible Theory from discussion on why July has such clear water: In July 2019 when Spanaway Lake had such clear water and the sun was out, the buoyancy of the microcystis (Toxic Algae) was lower in the water but the microcystis was still able to access the amount of sunlight it needed. Then after a huge rainstorm in August, the buoyancy of the microcystis raised to the surface so it could get more sunlight. So when it got cloudy, it came up to the surface and got caught in the water surface tension.

9. New Business

- a. Clover Creek Watershed Issues Forum on Lakes
 - Sandy will be presenting at this meeting.
 - Wednesday, November 20 at Pacific Lutheran University, Anderson University Center Rm 203. Register for this free event today! - See attached poster!
 - Bud knows about more springs. **Kim will talk to Bud before 3pm when the park closes.**
 - Spring out by Kathy Creso's dock
 - Jessie has a spring off of her waterfront.

- b. FOSL citizen map of all the areas where springs are rumored to be in the lake - Elizabeth to create and Kim to send out.
- c. FOSL consideration of coordinating spraying Spanaway Lake in 2020 – Sandy
Ed will talk to Aquatechnics to see if they have the permits to spray the lake.
Follow-up discussion next month.
One of the Aqua-technics presentation meetings to the public is our annual meeting.
- d. History of Clover Creek Watershed
Al Schmauder of Clover Creek Watershed gave Sandy the history. If anyone is interested in Clover Creek Water Quality, this group will meet again Tuesday, Dec 17th at 2pm at Sandy's home.
- e. Project Committee Formation – Mel
- f. Engagement Committee Formation – Mel
Discussion on who will lead these two committees.
The By-Laws are written to include the committees and FOSL is not in alignment with the By-Laws.
Motion made and seconded to change the By-laws , Article IV, Section 1-f from “shall” to “may” and propose the change at the upcoming annual meeting.

f. The Board shall establish standing or temporary committees and task forces with a majority vote; standing committees shall be:

a. Finance / Audit,

b. Engagement,

c. Projects,

d. Government liaison,

e. All committees shall have a timeframe, goal and defined task to help advise the Board in its decisions.

Discussion points:

At annual meeting - have a break-out groups. Create list of engaged citizens.

Quadrants from each section of the lake – key communicator to the public. Create personal contact. Create a small study group. Coffee hour at their home. Filter for issues. Start small connection.

We shall have these committees vs. We may have these committees. Makes it non-binding but allows FOSL to get into compliance, time-frame goals and define tasks.

This is a community organization. To get the funding and political organizations' support, how many members are needed? How many newsletters should go out?

FOSL should try to bring in more active members.

We can solicit more help from others at the annual meeting.
Come for a “learning experience” to encourage participation.

At annual meeting, collecting \$20 membership fee and members must be paid up to vote.

Vote on the motion to change the By-laws , Article IV, Section 1-f from “shall” to “may” and propose the change at the upcoming annual meeting. – Motion carries 3-2.

10. FOSL Member Open Forum-Sandy

-Mel created bulletin board as part of neighborhood library at the front of his home. FOSL has his permission use the bulletin board.

-Jessie let everyone know that the Caiman was caught by Fish & Wildlife.

11. Good of The Order-Sandy

12. Adjournment-Sandy

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 5th, 7:00-9:00pm at Spanaway Elementary School Library.