

LAKE SAMISH ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes

May 5, 2008

With a quorum being present the LSA board meeting began at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Board President Dan Bult. Board members present were: Dan Bult, Lisa Troupe, Joan Ellsworth, Jackie Lafata-Rinker, Kathy Ploeger and Steve Brinn. Volunteer neighbors present were Cody Swift and Teresa Werner. Absent were Rita Wefer and Pam Nolan. In Pam Nolan's absence J. Lafata-Rinker took the minutes of the meeting.

I. New Business

A. March 3, Board Minutes

The minutes of the Board's March 3, minutes were read by D. Bult for any changes or additions. One change was made to the minutes. The electronic copies of the old minutes will be ongoing rather than completed at this time.

B. Welcome

D. Bult welcomed new board members and volunteers: B. Dykes, C. Swift, T. Werner and S. Brinn.

C. Roster

D. Bult passed around two rosters for everyone to update. One roster is for internal use and the other to be placed on the Website.

D. LSA Website

1. Site

A conference call was had with Ryan Scott regarding the new Website. He gave an overview and how we will be able to update the site using instructional documents. If there are problems or questions, he would be able to help out. He stated that the backbone of the site is an HTML code, which would be easier for a beginner to make updates too.

A question was asked about maintaining the Website. R. Scott explained we are set up with a site called, godaddy.com which is a Webserver. .host. What our "Tech" person would do is logon to the godaddy site, plug in a password for access, download the Website on to their computer, make the necessary changes and then upload it back to the site. R. Scott stated that this is the most efficient system.

The site will track all the hits we get i.e. people browsing the site.

2. Ryan Scott's Background

Ryan gave an overview of his business and current college background. He currently serves 40 clients in 6 states and does anything from Web design to business cards. He is a sophomore at Western and plans to stay another year after he graduates to take a class on design presentation.

3. Advertising

D. Bult indicated that spots for advertising on the LSA Website would cost \$200 annually and that the person who has a boat lift company is interested in a spot. It was suggested by B. Dykes that we ask other businesses that we know, like the mechanic on Manley Road.

D. Website ~ Continued

4. Other Website Info

J. Ellsworth is still in the process of retrieving past LSA Minutes and Newsletters. B. Dykes suggested scanning them when she had compiled them.

T. Werner will notify R. Wefer to find out what type of photos are needed. She will also check with a few neighbors around the Lake that she knows have a long history and possible photos.

E. Board Position Descriptions

D. Bult passed around a sheet of paper outlining Board position responsibility descriptions. There were minor discrepancies.

1. Treasurer

Discussion was held about the Treasurer's responsibilities. Questions arose regarding the preparation of tax documents. This is something that has not been done so J. Ellsworth will be researching to find out if it is something our group needs to complete.

Discussion was then had about whether we should become a 501C non profit. S. Brinn will research the issue and report back at the next board meeting.

2. Support

It was decided that even though Pat Stiles will plan the Harvest (Halloween) event and the Egg Hunt that J. Lafata-Rinker and T. Werner would help oversee the events.

3. Technology

It was agreed that we definitely need to recruit an experienced technology neighbor to take this position. An article will go out in the next LSA Newsletter.

4. Communications

Question about the liaison between the Board and Lake Samish Fire Department came up. K. Ploeger stated that this is something R. Wefer is responsible for as is ensuring that all new homeowners receive a welcome note.

5. Issues

Discussion was held with regard to the many topics on the Issue committee's agenda. It was decided the B. Dykes would work with other board members and volunteers to report on and oversee the issues at hand.

It was decided that even though some of the items on descriptions were actually being done by other members of the Board, it is definitely okay to leave the responsibilities as written, knowing that the Board member may seek help from other members and volunteers. The Chair of each committee will oversee the committee responsibilities.

F. Newsletter

K. Ploeger will compile all the information to be placed in the Newsletter and prepare it for mailing. All written reports are to be sent to K. Ploeger in Word format by June 15. The following items will be addressed in the Newsletter:

1. S. Brinn ~ Will write a follow up article regarding CMPD and NSC.
2. J. Ellsworth ~ Ladies of the Lake luncheon.

F. Newsletter Continued

3. R. Wefer and K. Ploeger ~ Report on the Swimathon and Lake Samish Fire Department's Triathlon & barbeque.

Discussion about the Lake Samish Fire Departments Amateur Triathlon. It is thought that the Department is trying to generate more revenue on the day of the Swimathon since the Fire Department hosts a salmon barbeque.

4. D. Bult will write a thank you to Pat Stiles for organizing the Egg Hunt. K. Ploeger will be writing a thank-you to Pam Nolan and Heidi for their part in the Rae E. Memorial she will also announce the July 4 boat parade and various Lutherwood summer events in newsletter
5. D. Bult will write something up letting our neighbors know about our new Website and the opportunity to advertise.
6. D. Bult will write an article on newly elected board positions and well as some positions still vacant.

G. Chuckanut Mountains Park District ~ Northsound Conservancy

Discussion was held about the last membership meeting at Lutherwood. It was a good meeting that was very informative.

The board was in agreement not to take a stance on the topic.

II. Committee Reports

A. Treasurers Report ~ J. Lafata-Rinker

It was reported as of May 5, 2008, there are 185 paid members. As of April 29, 2008, the LSA checking account has a balance of \$5,058.69.

Also shared was the following note from a Samish neighbor: "Sorry this is slow (dues). We did get home in time to attend the LSA meeting at Lutherwood. Kudos to the organizers - thought it was handled so well, not long orations. Very informative. We are very anti park district. Thanks."

B. Issue Report ~ B. Dykes

B. Dykes indicated that she would delegate issues and that there issues that need attention that haven't received attention. She will also categorize all the issues and report back at the next board meeting. Board members interested in a particular issue should contact Barbara directly for placement on sub-committee. The following are a few hot topics on hand:

1. Northface

D. Bult spoke with an individual at a private function and reiterated the fact that Roy Road is a somewhat quiet residential community. The person he spoke to said that the Northface group is very aware of the disturbance to the Lake Samish community.

2. Lutherwood

B. Dykes will be contacting Lutherwood to talk to them about events held and that it would be nice if they were to share when they have events because there have been instances where the traffic coming through Roy Road is very disruptive.

B. Issue Report Continued

3. Dittrich Park

This is 30 acres located on East Lake Samish. J. Ellsworth reported that she had spoken to Lake Samish resident Dave Pros who indicated that the Whatcom County Parks & Rec has backed off on the higher end park project when they realized there were more wetland than thought in the proposed site.

B. Dykes and J. Ellsworth will be contacting Dave McFarland of the Whatcom County Parks to gather more information on the proposed park. They will try to organize a mini board meeting with Dave McFarland to get clarification as far as a timeline, the impact on water quality. Board members attending the meeting will be: B. Dykes, J. Ellsworth, D. Bult and C. Swift. Eventually the committee will look into other areas impacting the Lake Samish community such as parking issues and crime.

C. Communications Report ~ K. Ploeger

K. Ploeger reported that she will put a calendar together in Publisher. Once complete she will PDF the file and send it out to all board members.

III. Unfinished Business

A. LSA Status ~ S. Brinn

1. 501C or Not, should the LSA be filing tax documents?

B. What is the Lake Samish Association? ~ S. Brinn

C. Bylaws Charter ~ J. Ellsworth and S. Brinn

Paid members versus unpaid

Raising dues?

IV. Next Board Meeting

Since we are coming into the summer season the next scheduled meeting of the Board is Monday, September 8, 2008.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.