

## **Lake Samish Association Board Meeting April 22, 2021**

### **Attendance**

Derek Buse, Eric McHenry, Art & Val Baddorf, Sharon Cody, Kate Fadden, Micah Ping, Josh Bremmerer, Janet Monks, Laurie Henley, Bruce Brown, plus seven community members (18 total).

Meeting was called to order on Zoom at 6:30pm.

Derek welcomed everyone and commended the Board for continuing to operate and keeping up the community spirit during the pandemic.

### **Guest Speaker**

Bob Warner (WDFD) spoke about the problem of styrofoam. It is insidious, contains ozone-depleting chemicals, and its production releases 50 known carcinogenic chemicals. Styrene is a carcinogen. We may be ingesting it via our drinking water. Fish & wildlife mistake styrofoam pieces for food, and they can clog their digestive system and cause them to starve. Its toxins also have adverse effects on reproduction. As larger animals ingest smaller animals, they ingest more of it. Estimates are it takes anywhere from 500 years to a million years to decompose—but it doesn't really decompose, just breaks into smaller particles. It makes its way to the ocean and joins the massive islands of garbage. When heated by the sun it releases gases into ozone layer. It's unsightly, and not many places will recycle it.

New regulations state that styrofoam can be used for docks (new or restored) but it must be contained/enclosed, for example in tubs. Bob commended our effort to clean up styrofoam around the lake and mentioned that funding is available from the Department of Ecology for water quality projects like this. Derek will look into their web site and report back to the Board for possible future projects. LSA could provide this info to members as part of our mandate.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Sharon shared the financial report and proposed annual budget to Board members ahead of the meeting. Eric motioned, Josh seconded, all approved the proposed annual budget. Budget does not reflect potential income from businesses for the August boat-in movie night.

### **Board Business**

Eric reported that Board has updated bylaws to allow remote voting. Also, a conflict of interest requirement has been added for Board members to prevent issues in the future.

### **Web Site**

Josh reported that LSA's digital platform has been revamped over the past year and a half. Online membership payments can be made on the web site, and people can post events. Apologies to anyone who had problems using the PayPal function; it's now working OK. Print-to-order Lake Samish merchandise is available on the website and proceeds go to supporting LSA. If anyone has problems using the site, contact the Board.

### **Communications**

Micah encouraged members to email the Board with any questions at [support@lakesamish.org](mailto:support@lakesamish.org) and to look at the LSA web site and Facebook page. Some people signed up for recurring membership but there was a glitch. Members are encouraged to talk to their neighbors about renewing their membership.

## Events

**Litter pick-up:** Kate announced the litter pick-up this Saturday, rain or shine. Bring your own gloves and tools will be provided. Art Baddorf is organizing.

**Styrofoam pick-up:** Volunteers will round up styrofoam May 17-24, with Whatcom County picking it up from the boat launch on May 24. Contacting neighbors now about clearing it from their property. Flyer will be e-mailed to members one week ahead. Since styrofoam breaks up easily, it should be contained in plastic bags. The collected styrofoam will be loaded from boats to Micah's trailer and then to Whatcom County trucks. Mike Hess is organizing.

**Boating class:** Being offered May 4 at Fire Hall. Limited participation. RSVP through website. \$20 plus \$10 for state certificate. Pay day of class. Since there is demand for it, we will try to continue offering it. Micah Ping is organizing.

**Boat-in movie night:** Date has been changed to Saturday, August 21. Watch from your boat or sit on the lawn at Lutherwood. Hopefully it will be annual event. Email LSA with requests for movie selection.

**Beer glass sales:** We will be offering Lake Samish beer glasses in the future and they will be available to order on our web site. Members can also email LSA to order.

**Harvest party:** We will offer this in the future when it's safe to have gatherings.

**Garage sale:** Under discussion. Possibly could publicize community garage sale held at individuals' homes.

**Car show:** Will resume at some point in future.

## Issues

**Bridge:** Laurie reported that bridge construction will be starting in 2022 or 2023, and will last about nine months. There will be a temporary bridge during the construction.

## Elections

Val is stepping down from Secretary position. Derek thanked her for serving two terms. Secretary position is vacant for now. Derek ran for another term as President; he was unanimously re-elected in online ballot by members present. Other Board members' terms are also up now, so possibly another election should take place in October. Kate thanked members for attending.

Next Board meeting: Wednesday, May 26 @ 6:30 via Zoom.

Next membership meeting: Date TBA in October.

Meeting ended at 7:37pm.

Submitted by Valerie Baddorf, Secretary