

## **Lake Samish Association Board Meeting March 24, 2021**

### **Attendance**

Derek Buse, Eric McHenry, Art & Val Baddorf, Sharon Cody, Don Goodman, Kate Fadden, Micah Ping (late), Josh Bremmerer, Janet Monks, Laurie Henley, Bruce Brown.  
Community members: Joan Ellsworth, Mike Hess.

Meeting was called to order on Zoom at 6:34pm.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Art moved, Sharon seconded motion to approve January minutes with Sharon's correction to notes in membership section; all voted in favor.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Sharon sent the treasurer's report and proposed annual budget to Board members ahead of the meeting. Memberships are trickling in. Twelve memberships were paid since last Board meeting, plus two products were bought online. Question was raised about how we are contacting people who don't use e-mail whose membership has expired; no process is in place.

**Proposed budget:** Looked good but a few revisions were made. We decided on a figure of \$200 (income) from product sales (not including history book sales). Also, we added a line item for beer glass sales, since Kate and Janet expressed an interest in starting them up again. Finally, Sharon will add budgeted amount for boat-in movie (see below).

### **Events**

**Boat-in movie:** Derek proposed a boat-in drive-up movie at Lutherwood in August. This would be good PR for LSA while allowing for social distancing. LSA didn't have any events last year so there is money in the budget. 40-foot screen plus sound rental from a local business would cost \$2600, plus a licensing fee for the movie of \$150 (this fee may be included). Admission could be by donation or charge admission. We can also reach out to local businesses to sponsor/advertise. There was concern about funding if businesses don't step up. Josh offered \$1500 as a sponsor. We could have swag specifically for the event ("first annual"). The idea of doing a BBQ was proposed, but there were concerns about social distancing in the time of Covid. May limit food offerings to popcorn. Unfortunately, Canadians may not be able to attend if border is still closed. Eric motioned to approve \$3000 for the summer movie event, Josh seconded, and the motion passed with no dissent. Committee was formed, and Josh, Derek, Kate, Janet, Eric, and Micah signed up.

**Styrofoam project:** Mike Hess had sent the Board a proposal and spoke at the meeting. He asked LSA to sponsor a styrofoam round-up project and help with educating residents. Derek photographed styrofoam debris around the lake this winter. There were approximately 15 locations, with an estimated total of 15-20 cubic yards (1 - 1 ½ dump truck loads). Whatcom County Public Works will pick up the debris from the boat launch and pay the dump fees. Scope of project is this year only. LSA agreed to sponsor and will create an educational flyer,

help publicize, get volunteers, and contact homeowners who have styrofoam debris about pick-up. Presentation will be made at the next membership meeting, possibly with speaker from Department of Ecology or Fish and Wildlife (Mike will call them). We could also approach plastic dock manufacturing company in Fairhaven to promote their products. Flyer can be printed at home and also e-mailed to members. Val will help with flyer. Derek will send photos to Board members, who will reach out to property owners. LSA will provide ongoing publicity on Facebook page and via e-mail to members. No funds budgeted at this time, but possibly history group could help fund if needed. Suggested date for Public Works to pick up debris from boat launch is May 24 (Joan will confirm). We will allow the week before, May 17-24, to round up the styrofoam. Micah offered his flat-bed trailer to haul the debris up to top of boat launch. Monks family's excavator can be used to load stuff onto trucks. After May 31, excavator can get down to lake if needed; best day is Monday.

**Litter pick-up:** April 24 (Saturday after Earth Day). Unclear if County will assist, due to Covid restrictions (Don will check). If not, we'll continue to encourage individual litter pick-up.

**Boating certification class:** Micah will organize. Participants earn certificate required by State of WA to operate a boat. Will be offered in person at fire hall, with masks, social distancing, and limit on number of participants. In-person class is preferable to online, and Board has already approved. Micah will find out if we have access to lower floor and arrange with instructor. Cost to participants will be \$20 for course + \$10 for certificate from State. Minimum 5 people, maximum 10. Micah will nail down date before membership meeting (May 1, 8 or 15) and check with fire chief about space availability.

### **Conflict of Interest Policy**

Conflict of interest forms have not yet been signed by Josh, Maia and Micah. Sharon noted a potential conflict of interest with her involvement in Samish Watershed Watchers. Board members expressed appreciation of the transparency but did not consider it a conflict of interest at the moment.

### **Changes to By-laws**

Sharon had emailed Board members the proposed by-law changes about remote/electronic voting. Sharon motioned, Eric seconded, and all approved the changes. Sharon will make the changes and post the by-laws.

### **Elections**

Derek and Val's terms are expiring so members need to be informed of upcoming election and volunteer opportunities. Val will verify Board position terms from Board minutes and let Micah know. Other two-year terms are ending this October.

**Member voting:** Membership meeting will be conducted through Derek's Zoom account. An online poll will be conducted during the meeting to elect officers, and results will be instantaneous. Members will also vote on annual budget; Derek will share his screen to show the proposed budget. Sandwich boards will be put out to promote the meeting (Eric has them, Micah has access).

## Communications

E-mail to members should be sent out ASAP and include info on: membership meeting and voting, membership renewal, styrofoam round-up, litter pick-up, bridge update. Reminder should be sent out week of membership meeting. In general, we aim to inform two weeks in advance.

## Other Business

**Safety signs:** Joan spoke about drivers speeding, especially on Roy Road. Speed limit is 25 mph. She proposed using history book funds to purchase 6-8 "Slow Down" yellow/black double-sided signs with metal posts for individuals to put up. Cost would be \$30 each, up to \$200. Joan will email history group to confirm. Eric motioned, Derek seconded, all approved pending approval from history group.

**No-wake zone signage & pamphlets:** Eric reported that signs for the boat launch and pamphlets about no-wake zone regulations are being created by the County with the Department of Fisheries. Hopefully they will be available by summer.

**Swag update:** Lots of merch has been added to web site. We can promote this at upcoming membership meeting.

**Bridge update:** A postcard was sent out. There will be no activity till 2022, and construction will last for about 18 months. This is another topic for membership meeting.

**Beer glasses:** Kathy Ploeger offered to hand over the job, and Kate and Janet expressed interest in taking it over. Val will send Kathy's email to Kate and Janet. We can promote beer glasses at membership meeting.

**Community garage sale weekend:** We will discuss at next meeting.

## Next meeting date

Annual membership meeting: Thurs Apr 22 @ 6:30 (Zoom)  
Next Board meeting in May. Derek will arrange by email.

Meeting ended at 9:05pm.

Submitted by Valerie Baddorf, Secretary