

WASHINGTON STATE LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
January 8, 2007
Bellevue, Washington

ATTENDEES:

Present: Bijay Adams, Sally Abella, Beth Cullen, Tricia Shoblom, Isabel Ragland, Kelly McLain, Jean Jacoby, Karl Mueller, Arline Fullerton and via telephone – Glen Rothrock, Peter Burgoon, Ray Latham and Beth Cocciarella.

Absent: Gene Williams, Steven Fradkin, and Ben Scofield.

Call to order

President Bijay Adams called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Bellevue DOE office.

Minutes

There were two corrections to the minutes of November 13, 2006. Under the 2006 PNW Regional Conference section the paragraph starting with “The Center for Lakes ... provided a \$6000 sponsorship...and Washington DOE and TG Ecological each sponsored a session” was changed to “The Center for Lakes absorbed some of the costs of printing. Sponsorships provided \$6000 in income to the conference. The sponsors were Hach (\$2000), Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (\$2000); and Washington DOE (\$1000) and TG Ecological (\$1000) each sponsored a session.” Under the Lake Association Involvement section Bruce Harpin was changed to Bruce Harpham. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes with the changes.

Treasurer’s Report

The treasurer’s report was not sent to the board in time for the meeting. There is no change from last report. The current balance is \$11984.82. At this time we have not received any income from NALMS for the September conference. There are no anticipated expenditures until the next newsletter, and insurance will be paid in February. For 2006, we had an inflow of \$2330 and an outflow of \$8531. The treasurer’s report will be approved by email once everyone has received and reviewed it.

Old Business

Committee Assignments

By-Laws

Nothing new to report.

Public Policy & Legislative

Information on phosphorus fertilizer legislation was handed out. Currently there are regulations in several states restricting the use of phosphorus lawn fertilizer. Bijay will distribute a copy of the Minnesota law and other information to the board. Peter Burgoon has offered to help get the ball rolling on this issue. There was discussion on educating

the legislators and bringing them up to speed on this issue. Some suggestions include a postcard campaign at the conference allowing attendees to sign in support, and/or holding conference sessions and speakers could include Bob Stevens (WSU), Kathy Hamel, and Jonathon Frodge. Legislators to contact could include Linda Evans Parlette, Kelly Linville, and Dan Sweicker. Bylaws will be reviewed to determine if there are any issues with lobbying for this regulation. After some discussion it was decided that a list of primary legislators to be contacted will be drawn up, the conference board will work on planning a session at the conference to educate and/or start the discussion on phosphate regulation, a list of areas with phosphorus listed lakes will be made, and the Public Policy and Legislation committee will meet to discuss the next steps.

Nominations/Elections

No report at this time.

Publications

Sally presented the updated information on the advertising rates for the newsletter. The board was asked if ad rates needed to be changed, and if the number of advertisers should be increased. Currently, Hach and Aquarius are interested in continuing to advertise as is Cygnet. One suggestion was to include a directory page as part of the newsletter that would feature a line item listing of businesses/services (no logos) for \$25/issue for one year at a time. There was concern expressed that people would skip the print ads on the website. There was also some discussion about having predetermined categories for businesses. The committee will discuss this and present more information at the next board meeting.

The costs of the previous four newsletters were reviewed. The March '06 and June '06 newsletters cost about \$700, while the September '06 and December '06 newsletters ran about \$1000-\$1200. The story grid for the March Waterline was reviewed. There are two ads (Hach, Aquarius) and one ad pending (Cygnet). Bijay will contact Jacob McKann to see if he is willing to do a Newman Lake association story. Beth Cullen will write a sidebar on the conference, Isabel will write a sidebar on changes in rates for lake association members, and Karl will write an article on the Nancy Weller scholarship work. Glen reported that he thought doing a lake association profile for each newsletter is a good idea and he has several Idaho lakes in mind. He also liked the ad directory idea. Beth Cocchiarella stated that she would like to read about solutions to problems with geese, algae blooms, jet skis, deer and beaver. It was suggested to include articles on freshwater mussels, blue green algae and the new algae program, and a lake focus in the June Waterline.

Membership

Arline Fullerton and Jean Jacoby will co-chair the committee. The committee will look at redesigning the membership brochure.

Annual Conference

The conference will be held October 17 – 19, 2007, with a focus on community. Beth reported that the committee would like to develop a tagline for the brochure and is looking for suggestions. The focus will be on what the community can do and learning about science – the bridge between science and action. It will also look at volunteer programs such as the volunteer algae program in Snohomish and the weed watchers program in King County. Another topic will feature how to keep the energy going in lake

associations. Jean reported that NALMS sponsors training and workshops for lake associations. Bill Jarocki who worked on the Newman Lake TMDL was another suggestion for the “keeping the energy going” session. He was also suggested as a plenary session speaker. Bijay will check with Bill. The goal of the committee is to have the sessions set by March and the speakers lined up by the June Waterline publication time.

Ray suggested holding an activity day on the day before the conference involving a synoptic survey of water quality conditions on Lake Chelan with graduate students. This event would require 3 or 4 boats to go to specified locations. The students could develop the study plan, complete the water quality survey, and do a presentation at the conference that would include previous data as well as the data just collected. Ray will flesh out this proposal and report back to the board. There was also a suggestion to include a TMDL session.

Scholarships

The Idaho scholarship winner will be added to the website. It was decided that because Oregon has its own scholarship program, only Idaho and Washington students will be considered for scholarship awards.

WALPA Website

Bijay will contact NALMS to discontinue the old website and to update the link to our new website. The new website has been setup as of November 29, 2006 and will last for a period of two years. The domain name www.walpa.org is free for the first year, and the renewal cost will be \$9.00. Email accounts were established for each board member and Bijay sent out directions to everyone on how to activate their email. Board photos for the website are still needed for Beth Cullen, Kelly McLain, Isabel Ragland, Glen Rothrock, Tricia Shoblom, Peter Burgoon, Steven Fradkin, Ben Scofield, Beth Cocciarella, and Ray Latham.

2007-2008 Upcoming Activities/Projects

Freshwater mussels of the Pacific Northwest book distribution

Arline has sent out an email updating the board on her meeting with Kevin. Arline reported that if we are interested in donating money we could pay for another printing of the guide. After a brief discussion it was decided to not donate money at this time. Al Smith has offered to be on the “Stump the Experts” panel at the conference. Beth Cullen suggested that Arline could ask them about bringing a display for the conference.

Washington Lake Atlas

A committee was formed to explore putting together a lake atlas (cd version). Committee members are Beth Cullen, Kelly McLain, Sally Abella, Bijay Adams, Jean Jacoby, and Karl Mueller. One suggestion is to collect information, pictures and data on lakes. The committee will meet to develop criteria, explore grant money opportunities and report back to the board.

2006 Regional Conference Update

There is no closing summary of the conference yet. Jean, Harry, Bijay, and Sally are working with NALMS to resolve this.

Closing/Discussion

Karl Mueller brought up concerns about the impact of lake restoration efforts on fish and wildlife. He talked about how Big Lake in Skagit underwent a change in species composition after weed removal. This may be a good topic for the conference. He suggested completing a fish survey both before and after restoration efforts. Karl will talk with WDFW contacts to generate some ideas and to see if they are ready to get a dialogue going on this topic.

It was announced that Ecology is approved to work on a state lakes program once the legislative session has ended. Kathy Hamel will be spearheading this effort and is looking to set up an advisory committee with 12 -15 people representing lake associations, limnologists, and both the public and private sector. The algae website is almost ready. Tricia is the contact for this program. DOE will be working with the King County Lab and will be contacting local health districts. The program will receive \$250,000/year for lab fees and to provide education at the local level, and provide money for green clean (\$25,000 – \$50,000/grants).

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm. Next meeting will be March 12, 2007 at 6:00pm.