

Spencer Lake Management District #3
Kick-off Meeting, 19 October 2019,
Mason County PUD, 2621 E John's Prairie Road, Shelton, WA
Minutes of the Meeting

In attendance were 29 people as Chairwoman Doris Zacher called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting was stated to be to form an operating/steering committee to rid the lake of noxious weeds while caring for animals and people. Doris gave a summation of what had come before, stating that this all started about five years ago with some complaints, especially about water lilies- they are invasive. Petitions were started, they were signed by 35% of the property owners, this information was taken to the Mason County Commissioners, and also the Spencer Lake property owners. Sixty percent of the owners voted, with 80% of them voting yes for the formation of a Lake Management District. The County will manage the money, but that is all they will do.

We are now official as LMD #3, and need the next steps to begin. No money will be in our account until the beginning of 2020 when taxes are collected, but plans can and need to be made. The assumption at this point is that the receipts will be \$14,000 per year, split between the two dates for April 30 and October 31. Should there be monies left in the account at the end of the year, it will rollover to the next, and will continue to do so.

The Department of Ecology knows that we have a protected aquatic plant - water lobelia; this shows that we have good quality water, but we will need an aquatic botanist to survey for us. This will cost about \$2,000 and needs to be completed both before and after work is done on the lake. Water lobelia will not grow under the lily pads.

Lake Spencer has a native milfoil, not the Eurasian variety. Bladderwort is a potential problem, as is knotweed. Yellow iris is a huge issue as it propagates both by seeds and rhizomes. The outflow of the Lake is at the south end, and yellow iris are now showing up beyond our border. To do eradication on your own property, you need to have the booklet from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife entitled *Aquatic Plants and Fish*. This booklet contains the rules for aquatic plant removal and control and serves as the Hydraulic Project Approval for the removal or control of some types of plants.

Lily bogs are compostable.

Through discussions and volunteering, the following committee was formed:

Chair: Doris Zacher

Co-chair: John Tolton

Vice chair (in training): Allan and Nancy Cail

Treasurer: Bob Cristophel

Co-Secretaries: Herbert Larson and Kerry Lohr

Steering Committee: Carol Lindahl, Herb Larson, Dan Johnson, Kelly Casteel, Steve Evander, Carolyn Olson, Steve Hopkins, Gordon and Jennifer Kramer.

There were some suggestions:

Ø For an annual meeting to update everyone on the lake with annual plans, followed by a work party

Ø Have a communication roster (we do have the Spencer Lake Facebook page and the webpage

<http://www.co.mason.wa.us/ac/Spencer-lmd/index.php>, and when we have our act together, someone will do an email blast notifying people of meetings or other events.

There are about 180 parcels on the lake, not all of them are developed.

Pat Grover, from the Mason County noxious weed board will coordinate with Mark Schumacher to map some areas. She has the equipment and he has the GPS knowledge that is needed.

There is only one knotweed clump on the lake that is known. It is in the southeast on undeveloped property.

Submitted by

Kerry Lohr

Secretary

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be on 9 November.