

LITTLE BITTERROOT LAKE ASSOCIATION

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Annual Meeting Minutes
Bored Meeting - July 7th 2015 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Welcome: Association Purpose: To help educate and demonstrate
The importance of good stewardship for Bitterroot Lake and the
area surrounding the lake

II. ATTENDANCE:

Sign in sheet for attendance.
Introduction of current board members:
President: Robbie Torgerson
Vice President: Jerry Doyle
Treasurer: Doug Hill
Secretary: Ryan Sandvig
Board Members: Anna Marie Bailey, Kathy Rasmussen

III. REPORTS:

- A. Secretary reports: Ryan Sandvig
Annual minutes from 2014 review
- B. Treasury report: Doug Hill
Handout of financial report 2014/2015. 7/16/14 Thru 6/30/15

IV. INTRODUCTIONS:

Guest Speaker: Kevin Shin, FWP Pleasant Valley Outpost.
Federal Employee, manage refuge and law enforcement officer.
Former Lost Trail Ranch became wildlife refuge using funds from
Kerr Dam, Federal funds and migratory waterfowl license revenue.
Purpose:
Wildlife Management, bird watching, hunting and fishing.
Former rail road easement, ditched and bermed by RR.
Dahl Lake restored by changing ditches, Pleasant Valley Creek
Flows in to Dahl Lake.
Pleasant Valley Creek had Native Cut throat and Red Band trout.
Pleasant Valley Road will be under construction, being moved
Away from stream. Delays through 2016.
Sound Monitors being used for birds and bats.
New plant and animal species for MT being found.
Using Bugs and burning to control Spotted Nap Weed.
Visitor Center for Refuge.
Animals that have been on the refuge: Wolf Pack, Transient Grizzly
Bear, Mountain Lions, Wolverine, Lynx.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. VRBO Doug Hill: Handout Vacation Rental Complaint Form.
Instructions for filing out form: must be renting for less than
30 Days
- B. Signs on South End of The Lake: NO CAMPING
Doug Hill reports County doesn't claim ownership
Discussion about possible property owner

- C. Garbage Clean Up: Kathy Rasmussen
All attending meeting given garbage sacks for cleanup of
Areas around the roads.
Return bags by the Y in the road
- D. Wet: Anna Marie Bailey
Water Quality Test Results:
2014 fourth lowest Nitrogen Levels.
Lowest recorded Phosphorus Levels.
Lake Temperature Highest on Record.
Might change from 11 test locations.
Discussed: possible algae locations, sewer smell on west
Side of the lake, high water levels affect on water quality,
Phone number on web site for wet, middle number on
Fertilizer is Phosphorus content

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Elections Reminder: Board Elections
- B. Water Level:
High Water damages, Pete Plant (BIA) contacts dam master to
Adjust water outflows. Decides water needs for locations
Below Hubbard dam. 2015 took 3500 acre feet of water. (1-1.5
Feet of water). Two more weeks then stop taking water. They
are open to communication with LBLA on water needs.
Some of the residents that have been on the lake since the 80's
Stated that current water levels are consistent with the old
Levels.
Someone suggested putting this information on the website.
Someone suggested contacting county commissioners about
Restoring the emergency spillway by the dam.
- C. Motion for board to speak for LBLA to County Commissioners
To restore emergency spillway.
Motion seconded.
Discussion:
Damages partially ice damage and partially high water level.
Decision was made to not form a committee to look into
Restoring the spillway.
Vote Taken on the Motion:
Motion Passed.
- D. Annual meeting 2016.
Discussion:
Use current location: Marion Fire Dept Building.
Possibly Thursday or Friday before the Fourth of July.
- E. Nominations And Election For Board positions
 1. Rex Harris
 2. Robbie Torgerson
 3. Anna Marie Bailey
 4. Janet SternVote Count: One vote per Property:
Robie Torgerson, Ann Marie Bailey, & Janet Stern were
Elected to the LBLA Board.

ADJOURN 7:40 PM
Pot Luck Dinner