

## LITTLE BITTERROOT LAKE ASSOCIATION

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### Annual Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting – July 23, 2014 6:00PM

#### CALL TO ORDER:

Welcome (RT): Association purpose, Thank you Engels,  
Lake association formed in 1988 to help educate and demonstrate the importance of good stewardship for Bitterroot Lake and area surrounding the lake.

#### REPORTS:

(RT) Motion to Approve 2013 Minutes - Minutes approved

- ≡ (AM) Treasurer's report: Treasure's report - movement and 2nd of an amended treasure's report. All in favor. \*payment to WET has not been reflected in 2014 annual meeting summary.
- ≡ (CS) Website: Association, lake information, membership information. A good number of people have been using the site

GUEST SPEAKER (45 MINUTES): ~~Dave Erickson~~ John Babcock - Owner: John Babcock (WET Employee) Water & Environmental Tech (WET)

- ≡ John Babcock: WET comes to LBLA twice a year. They are really looking at the nutrients in the lake; Looking at roughly 11 spots around the perimeter of the lake and the center. Look for areas around the lake for data and relationship to shore usage. Look at depth profiles. Lake 250 +or - ft deep. Minimal amount of algae. Seasonal changes in water spring and fall.
- ≡ Amount of nitrogen highest at exit of lake. Lake has high levels of nitrogen and low phosphorous.
- ≡ Dept. Env. Qu.. gave us a grant (thank you John Babcock).
- ≡ ? Why don't you go deeper with samples - They use a pump that extracts water samples. It bottoms out at 80 feet. Deeper you go more cost for equipment.
- ≡ ? Water quality has improved in recent years. Will you be able to pinpoint why?  
N/A
- ≡ ? Will ash from forest fires change water quality – N/A
- ≡ ? Will the an aqua combine (harvests vegetation from lake) harm lake - possibly, but any disruption in sediment will change nutrient level? Machine brought in could it spread invasive species—Person running combine did go through permit process

- ≡ We should start to look at shoreline data.
- ≡ Lake temperature could be a factor
- ≡ August 11th is their next sample date. Let
- ≡ If using fertilizer, only use one with a "0" for the middle number ex. 16-0-16

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- ≡ (RT) Garbage cleanup: Committee formation Three groups Bitterroot Road, LBLA board will put out email, set a date: Aug 7th - 11th and after labor day.
- ≡ (RT) Annual Dues \$50 (voted 2013)
- ≡ (AM) Newsletter – Changes and acknowledgements

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- ≡ (DH) Vacation Rentals by Owner (VRBO): Recent updates and lakeshore regulations and processes see handout, Anything less than 30 days rental is against lakeshore regulations. People who don't agree with this practice need to complete the form and send it to the county.
- ≡ (CR) Bass (and other non-natives) In Bitterroot Lake: Just the Facts Small mouth dumped into Bitterroot and five other lakes nearby (FWP say approx 2007). Large mouth have existed for some time. Change in regulations - no limit on the taking of bass. Watch for invasive species, Clean boats, plains
- ≡ (DH) Signage at the dam "No Camping" County is in the process of making no camping signs near.dam. Motion to have board speak to county and FWP: 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.
- ≡ (AM) LUAC Board – Motion to renominate Jeff Ellingson, and a reminder that Anna Marie Bailey and Doug Hill were renominated by the board at a recent board meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> and pass.
- ≡ (AM) Pheromone Kit for beetle kill – bulk purchase (shipping savings) Cost reduction with the greater amount purchased from company in Canada. You must apply the kits in the spring to trees. Art Vail and Chris will coordinate this operation and will have information available on website this fall/winter.
- ≡ (RT) 2015 meeting date and location (fire hall?) Same time within two weeks of 2014 date.

#### ANY NEW BUSINESS:

- ≡ Eleven burglaries took place during the winter of 2013-14 in homes on lake. plow your driveways. Security services - see handout information from meeting
- ≡ Using soap while bathing in the lake is not good for water quality. If you must do so use biodegradable soap. Better yet, take a five gallon bucket with water roughly 500 ft from the lake to bathe. Better yet, use your shower with a septic.

**ANY OLD BUSINESS:**

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**NOMINATION AND ELECTION of BOARD POSITIONS: (CS)**

- - Jeff Ellingson
- - Ryan Sanvig

**NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE: September 10, 2014 @ 5:00PM Location TBD**

**ADJOURN: 7:20PM**

**Pot Luck Dinner –**