

Little Bitterroot Lake Assoc.
Annual Meeting Minutes
Date: 8/4/2021

Location: Marion MT - Fire Hall

Attendance: Dan H., Rob T., Buck M., Grant S., Tonia G., Tyler A.,

Call to Order:

- Dan Handlin - Association's purpose

Treasurer Report:

- \$17,970.37

General Reports:

- BOD:
 - Dan H. (SEAP) - Septic Education. Have your septic system checked annually. Utilize companies shared in our newsletter. AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) We want to befriend our local boaters to help educate and watch for out-of-state boats or contaminated boats.
 - Jadin Doerr (LEAP) - Hired support staff. She plays an active role in lake stewardship education. Communicating with lake users and residents. Developed and finalized an excel spreadsheet with 277 accurate addresses, email, phone. 2021-22 goal to bind and label all LBLA documentation for future use.
 - Rob T. (WEAP) - Weed Awareness Program. (FEAP) - Fertilizer Educ. and Awareness Program. Avoid fertilizing lawns near the lake. If you do fertilizer use phosphorus free fertilizer.
 - Buck M. - School Connection. Approaching two new schools for a partnership in 2021-22. Jadin Doerr will assist in this effort as well.

Guest Speaker(s):

- **Mike Koopal** (Whitefish Lake Institute and Flathead Basin Commission) - The trend of lakes around the country are failing. Northwest Montana is seeing a neutral or positive trend in clarity. Bitterroot stewards are doing a great job taking care of the lake. Focus: Septic Leachate and Storm Water.

- **Sean Johnson** - Supervisor USDA -- Conservation programs on private lands. Main program to approach 6000 plus acres. Goal to have adjoining landowners. Sean's group got the grant and now is looking for applications from landowners. Focus on forest health, weed treatment, proper slash removal. Application due by October 1, 2021, for 2022. This is a great deal for landowners and the forest. This program will not continue after approximately four years.
- **Chuck Bartos** - Game Warden- Not available this evening
- **John Babcock** - (WET) - Completed nutrient sampling (8/4/21), Bacterial sampling from 4 locations on the lake. Folks from Montana State University contacted John for a potential monitoring of microbial contamination. Will look for a future relationship to assist in data collection.

Discussion:

- Loon protection (Grant)
- Marking rocks near south boat launch
- No swimming signs at boat launch -- for safety

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30PM