**Lake Samish Association Board Meeting**

**September 22, 2020**

**Attendance**

Board members: Derek Buse, Eric McHenry, Art & Val Baddorf, Sharon Cody, Micah Ping, Josh & Maia Bremmerer, Laurie Henley, Janet Monks, Kate Fadden, Bruce Brown.

Meeting was called to order via Zoom at 6:33pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

May minutes: Sharon moved, Art seconded, all approved minutes of May meeting with one edit on conflict of interest policy. Wording should be changed to “this is required by the IRS for non-profits.”

June minutes: Sharon moved, Janet seconded, all approved June meeting minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Sharon gave the treasurer’s report. Since our last meeting, 35 members have joined with a total of 149 members at present. A credit was received from our insurance company because of a rate reduction due to the pandemic. Suspected fraudulent activity was attempted on the WECU debit card, so Sharon had to cancel and have it reissued. Sharon has the only card.

**Upcoming Events**

Harvest party was supposed to be held at end of October but County still has restrictions due to pandemic so it’s being put on hold. Maximum number of people currently allowed at gatherings is 30. There were a number of suggestions for Halloween events, including making a map of houses offering treats, and offering treats out of car trunk at Fire Hall parking lot. Kate will write a statement for membership saying harvest party is canceled for this year, and will send to Maia and Micah to be published. Send ideas to Kate if interested in organizing an event.

Ladies’ holiday luncheon and cookie decorating party are on hold for now.

Garage sale date could be set for next year even if it’s not held in a central location.

Fall litter pickup will be by DIY (not a group event) with flexible date. Maia will copy and paste spring email to notify membership.

**LSA Bylaws and Online Voting**

Question arose whether we can do an election online. Sharon states we should follow WA corporate law and our bylaws don’t say we can do an online election. The bylaws can’t be changed without an in-person vote. It was suggested we put out a statement to members allowing temporary voting online. Janet and Sharon offered to do research into what’s legally allowed. Josh offered to ask his attorney. One suggestion was we could revisit all decisions that were made online and have membership vote on them. Another question raised was whether an online meeting would count as an annual meeting. Because of pandemic restrictions, we may need to make accommodations.

**Fall membership meeting**

At present we don’t have much to report to members because of pandemic, but we should provide an opportunity to connect. Decided to send an email notifying members we’re not having a fall meeting, and soliciting questions from members. Maia says there are regular emails from residents. For example, a suggestion was made that LSA could reach out to PSE to do more roadside trimming. There were no complaints about the 4th of July boat parade, but the question was asked why LSA sent out an email about it if we were not affiliated with it.

**Conflict of Interest Policy**

The conflict of interest policy was reviewed, with edits suggested by Board members. Changes included:

Article I: “recognize the fiduciary duty to the Association”.

Article II: Remove “and its members”.

Laurie motioned to accept the policy with agreed changes, Sharon seconded; all approved. Janet will email out the form so Board members can sign, scan and upload it into Google drive, or send to Janet and she will upload. After initial signing, Board members can update their info as needed.

For Board members having difficulty uploading documents to Google drive, Josh suggested looking up how to do it on UTube.

**Communications**

LSA swag is on hold because Printful isn’t operating right now due to pandemic. We could offer t-shirts, and Josh offered to coordinate with Sharon for payment

Maia and Josh won’t be available in November as they’re expecting a baby, and will be scaling back on LSA work after that.

**Other business**

Boat safety: Sharon posted boating safety flyers provided by the Sheriff at the boat launch, but the flyers and signage are in process of being updated to include the new wake regulations. Safety concern was voiced about people speeding in the no-wake zone and jumping off the bridge. The hope is that the Sheriff can establish a presence during the summer months. Janet will follow up with the Sheriff about updating the flyers (Sharon has the contact info).

Two sandwich boards were stolen; one was recovered. Eric will put them back at the Fire Hall.

Update from Jerry Johnson: Lake Views magazine (the glossy one) is shutting down, and the publisher has offered us their sponsors. Josh will coordinate. Discussed the possibility of doing a cookie decorating event online. Jerry mentioned there are LSA members not receiving our communications because they don’t use the internet. Concern was raised that people can’t vote at or attend online Board/membership meetings if they don’t use Zoom. Also, the link to join the Board meeting on the web site isn’t working.

Board meetings are normally held every other month. **Next meeting Tues Nov 10 @ 6:30pm.** Suggest meeting in person with masks and social distancing. Can be on Zoom for those not attending in person.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Submitted by Valerie Baddorf, Secretary