

Lakes Committee Minutes of Wednesday Sep 5, 2012

Present: Committee members Ken Hecker, Bernd Werny, Bob Nelson, Gary Levy; Gen. Mgr. Ken Hoffer and Board Liaison Jim Lockie; Ueli Nussbaum.

Ken Hecker chaired the meeting. Minutes of July's Meeting were approved. A quorum was present.

- 1.** George Emmett's absence was noted as he has sold his house. Accolades by committee members in recognition of George's long and effective efforts on behalf of the lakes.
- 2.** Discussion of concerns as to role of the Lakes Committee, and the absence of Committee participation prior to decisions impacting the lakes and ponds. Committee left in the dark on water level issue and other activities.
- 3.** Hoffer reviewed status of pipe repairs and related water levels. Work now done except for small-scale trenching near Thunderbird pipe outlet. Lakes will refill when the rains come. No additional repairs to require lake lowering for foreseeable future.
- 4.** Carp - The carp permit is in but will not be accepted until 5 years from acceptance of the last one (not submittal of the last one). As the last one took 13 months to process, the date is April 2013. WDFW looking at rules to possibly allow staged stocking if predation is demonstrated.

Hecker expressed concern as to survival of golf course carp given water quality problems generated by the golf ball retrieval effort (also undertaken without Lakes Committee input). Reports of only 2 fish seen since that activity. Also reported that one carp was killed after being caught in muskrat trap. Hoffer to coordinate with trapper as to modifying the type of trap used.

- 5.** Water treatment – Two more Calcium chloride applications and 1 more dye application remain for this year.
- 6.** Ueli reported noises from some of the aeration compressors and noted they are due for rebuild. He will coordinate parts purchase in advance of that. Thanks again to Ueli for undertaking compressor maintenance.
- 7.** Possible WWU participation at next committee meeting to discuss water quality.
- 8.** Nelson reported muskrat infestation in Thunderbird. Hoffer to coordinate with trapper, with attention to carp issue noted above.

9. Lockie noted old stainless water-circulating near maintenance shop. These are old and pre-date formation of the Committee. Consensus that these devices not needed. Hecker will check them out.

10. Committee Chairmanship – Hecker and Levy offered to co-chair the committee for 1 year, conditional on assurances from the board that Lake Committee input will be required before any future decisions are made impacting the lakes and ponds. Lockie agreed to handle that. Committee approved the new co-chairman.