

Birch Bay Lakes Committee Meeting
Monday June 6th, 2016
7pm
BBVC Clubhouse

Committee Members:

Ken Hecker, Gary Levy, Rick Whitaker, Gene Carr, Larry Eide, Harry Yasako, Ross Davidson

Roll Call:

Ken Hecker, Gary Levy, Rick Whitaker, Larry Eide, Ross Davidson, Harry Yasako
Ken Hoffer, Harry Shearer., Molly Semenick (Kwan Lake)

Review Minutes from Last Meeting:

Meeting notes for April 6th, 2016, were reviewed and approved.

Carp Update:

2017 allocations for Ponds should be higher than previous years. We discussed adding more Blue Gills and or Stickle Backs, but agreed that if there are any additional funds, we should use them for sterile carp, as it provides us with our best bang for the buck in controlling the algae.

Chemical Applications Update:

Continuing current plan for water management, as the results are extremely positive given weather and moisture levels.

We are out of Cygnet and need more for Kwan Lake. Ken is searching other short term options. We are currently 60% through our annual treatment cycles. (6 out of 10 applications)

Lake/Pond Conditions:

Overall conditions are very positive given weather and rain fall year to date.

Seems to be a lot of suspended blue/green algae. Will monitor and handle as needed.

Aeration Compressors Status:

Rick Whitaker and Ken Hecker did an amazing job of mapping all the bubblers in both lakes. They then went under water to check on the condition of the units. Unfortunately, their survey showed that almost all of the diffusers need replacing. It was recommended that we order 30-40 a.s.a.p. So we can begin repairs. A number of aeration heads are leaking, and two modules need to be re-balanced.

It is assumed the units in the ponds are in similar condition.

Lakes water levels, Pumping Strategy

Current water level is approximately 6 inches below outlet.

Water temp in Thunderbird is mid to high 70/s

Other Lake Business

Two otters visiting Kwan Lake have been trapped and removed.

It was recommended that the office put out a notice advising residents to use low phosphorus fertilizers along lake properties to help overall conditions on the two lakes.

All agreed to budget and try to and keep 2-3 compressors on hand for replacement as they fail over time

It was also requested that along the banks of the lakes, especially Kwan lake near public areas, that the HOA not cut down in the spring but do a heavy cutting in the fall. This would make the area more esthetic, as well as, promoting natural wildlife

Confirmation of next meeting:

The committee has established a new meeting guideline for 2016. There will be four scheduled meetings: April 6, June 1st, August 3rd and October 5th. Committee members will be "on call" for any additional meetings if needed.

Next Meeting: August 1st., 2016