

Birch Bay Lakes Committee Meeting Notes
Monday April 3rd, 2017
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, Harry Yasako, Ross Davidson
Ken Hoffer, Ueli Nussbaum, Harry Shearer

Minutes from last meeting

Minutes were approved with one correction. Rick Whitaker had noticed some otter tracks on his dock at the end of October. Ken Hecker said he still had a trap available if needed. Rick will continue to monitor and let the committee know if we have another issue this spring

New Member

Brady Green was approved as a new member of the Lakes committee
Ken Hecker will "retire" from the committee, but continue as a "consultant at large", and would be available as needed.

Carp Update

All agreed that the fish are an invaluable part of the process. For 2017 we will purchase additional carp for the ponds. Our current application is still in effect and we can order up to 160 each. 1st option: 20 each per ponds (3) and 50 each per lake. 2020 is the next time to do the lakes. (775 max). Fish have been purchased from Nissqually Trout Farm in the past @ \$13.00 each.

Chemical Applications

Plan for 2017 is to follow the same program as it has proved to be the most cost effective and provide optimal results.

- Herbicide (1). To be scheduled for the first week in May
- Algaecide (1). To be scheduled toward the end of May
- Blue Die (1)

Note: a second Algaecide application at end of season, pending water conditions.

Lake/Pond Conditions

- At this time, conditions are positive, although there seems to be an excess amount of trash that has ended up in the Lake. Plastic bags etc....Lakeside property owners should be asked to keep. Backyards clear of lightweight trash that winds could then up in the lakes
- There was a strange orange floating algae bloom March 26th, along 150 feet of shoreline in SW arm of Thunderbird lake. Rick took pictures and a sample, which he delivered to WWU/ WS lab director for identification
- Ken Hecker also noted that at the end of last season, he had seen a fair amount of Bass in Thunderbird Lake.

Aeration Compressors

Ueli replaced one (4 green 110), central pond) last month, the rest seem to be running okay. Overall the units in the ponds are not working well. Ken Hecker and Rick Whitaker have volunteered to take a look and repair if possible this spring. Some of the aerators do not seem to be doing well in Thunderbird Lake, so Ken Hoffer will request the staff to take a check them out

Lake Water levels/pump strategy

A measuring stick has been added to the "bridge", however too small to read from the road. Ken will try to update with larger numbers
Two more to be added this year: North Pond, South Pond.

Other Lakes/Ponds Business

- We again are requesting a "sit-down" with the golf operations to discuss a coordinated plan for clearing out the ponds for golf balls. It is critical that they do not dredge
- Rick noticed floating twigs and debris are drawn to the screen at the overflow culvert of Thunderbird lake during the heavy rain storms, blocking the outflow. Ken says staff cleans them weekly, however, it is recommended they be checked right after heavy rains since the lake level rises quickly. this would alleviate the need to operate the pumps as often

2017 Lakes Committee Scheduled Meetings

Monday April 3rd,
Monday June 5th,
Monday August 7th,
Monday October 2nd