

## **Lakes, Ponds and Drainage Committee Meeting 2-5-24 (7pm via zoom)**

### **Attending:**

Bill Reilly.  
Karen Anthony.  
David Scheirman  
Betsy Just  
Ken Hecker  
Kristen Lowell

### **Excused:**

Lowell Lorenz

### **Visitors:**

Maureen Server  
Susie Walker  
Fred Cribbs  
John (lives on Sehome CT)

### **BBVCC Officers and staff:**

Bobby Hoffer  
Terry Sullivan

Approval of 1-8-24 minutes. Motion to approve by David S.  
And second by Karen. Carried by all.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Flood Action Status:**

- We are happy to report there was no flooding so far. We had a couple close calls but never had to turn on the pumps.
- Lowell brought up a concern that the pumps battery might lose power during the coldest temperatures. We was tested and never fell below 90%.
- We had volunteers check the water levels in the ditch by the lower gate regularly and text pictures and information to the lower Salish residents and L&D to keep everyone informed.
- This information was very well received and appreciated by the residents. We had great feedback from everyone on that group text.

-A big thank you to Karen Anthony and the subcommittee!  
-Karen will be gone for 2 week and Betsy volunteered to send out the updates.

### **BBVCC Lakes, Ponds & Drainage Management Plan:**

Kristen reviewed the document and recommended a few changes.

1. In section 3 “Under Control Treatment Applications”  
Change the wording of “unwanted” to “nuisance”
2. In section 1E change the words “cyanotoxic blue-green algae” to “Toxic algae”
3. In section 3E change the words “to inform” to “report the results”

**Motion** made by Karen to accept the changes and second by Ken. Carried by all.

### **Review of the County Status:**

Scott Tobiason and Bill are going to follow-up to review and report back next meeting.

### **Lake Edge Invasive Plants:**

-We had had some residents ask if we can have the maintenance crew use a backhoe and remove blackberries and noxious weeds along the lakes and ponds. The weeds in question were tested last year and not the poison type.

-The removal is in the BBVCC Lakes, Ponds & Drainage Plan but they can only be taken out by hand and only when time allows by the maintenance staff.

### **New Business:**

## **2024 Needs:**

### **-Carp**

Ken talked to the Fish and Wildlife and they said they plan to come to BBV in July to do an electro shock treatment on Kwann and possibly Thunderbird lake to remove carp. We will reevaluate if we do both lakes this summer.

### **-Modify the Pump Outlet From Thunderbird Lake**

There is an electric pump that has approximately 1,500 feet of pipe that is on the corner of Coquitlam and Chehallis. The water runs along the marina edge and empties by the jetty.

-Bobby said we need it. It was only off for 1 week in October. Without it the lakes on the golf course start to flood.

-Possibly moving it to a closer different location.

-We are going to look at possible ways to make to work more efficiently.

### **Push the County Projects/Financing:**

Keep communicating with the County to prioritize BBV projects. Put more pressure on the importance of putting in the new culvert by the lower gate between Kwann and Slough.

### **Water Testing Schedule:**

-It was strongly suggested we come up with a calendar the dates of water samples are collected and tested.

-We would like to do more testing of oxygen to see how the bubblers are working.

-Lowell tested oxygen late last year and it seemed to be high.

-We will check in Lowell and follow-up next meeting.

### **Kwann Piping:**

-Relook at the sizing of existing piping and possibly replace some has been something L&D has been talking about for years. We've pushed the topic to the side in hopes that we

can get the County and BBWARM to approve and help us with the major project with the culvert between Kwann and the slough. That might mitigate the need and save money.

**-Log Concerns:**

-Karen sent picture of the slough after our last storm a few weeks ago and it seems we have even more logs than before. Very disappointing after after we were so excited that the county had removed so many before winter.

-It seems that the storm moved many of the logs that were on the Birch Bay Drive road side have moved their way into the mouth of the slough.

-We will reach out to the County again and ask for removal or their recommendation to anchor to the sides and stabilize.

**Mission Statement:**

We feel we really have a good start with our BBVCC Lakes, Ponds and Drainage Management Plan. With a few changes it will be easily converted into our mission statement.

**Newsletter Topics:**

-Betsy suggested doing a little writeup on how well the the flood action plan worked. How well it was appreciated and received by all and especially lower Salish. Its a great feel-good story. Karen will write up.

-Kristen is going to come up with a humorous reminder of how important to pick up after your dogs for drainage sake.

**Final Comments:**

John (lives on Sehome Court) joined the meeting tonight to ask about what can be done about the duckweed on the golf course between hole 4 and 5. He said he was representing several neighbors that do not want to look at the green pond

behind their homes this year. He asked if we can add carp?  
We are not sure carp will eat duckweed. Bobby has a call into  
Travis at SePro to see what they recommend.

Motion to adjourn Ken and second by David S.  
Minutes by Betsy Just  
Adjourn Time 8:15pm