

City of Tumwater
Barnes Lake Management District

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2008
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tumwater City Hall
555 Israel Road SW
Tumwater, WA 98501

I. Call to order

Vice Chair Lumaguip called to order the regular meeting of the Barnes Lake Steering Committee (BLMD-SC) at 6:00 p.m. on October 8, 2008 at the Tumwater City Hall.

II. Roll call

The following members were present: Vice-Chair Ron Lumaguip, Bill Baxter, Gary Bodeutsch, Bob Hayes, Judith Loft, Rosemary Walsh and Staff Representative Smith. Chair Peterson was excused; Dana Day and John Swander were not present.

III. Additions to the Meeting Agenda:

None.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Smith stated that the minutes from the September meeting were not in a form ready for presentation. He stated that he would email them to the group within the next day or so for approval.

V. Open Issues

a) General Meeting Recap

The Steering Committee discussed the events and presentation of the General Meeting, held on September 10, 2008 at Tumwater United Methodist Church on Lake Park Drive. Approximately 20 members were present at the meeting and the general feeling among the steering committee was that it was a successful meeting.

Recommendations for the 2009 General Meeting include increasing the time to from 1.5 hours to 2, in order to ensure everyone has sufficient time to discuss lake treatment activities, provide feedback and review presentations provided to the membership. Additionally, a budget and work plan review was not conducted at this meeting given time constraints. In 2009, this should be an essential element of the meeting agenda.

Based on the comments from the audience, Bodeutsch recommended that in 2009, the steering committee coordinate with their neighbors to address areas of concern and ensure that their expectations are being met.

b) Lake Treatment Update

Doug Dorling, Northwest Aquatic Ecosystems, reported that all three lake-wide treatments have been completed. Additionally, NWA has completed a number of shoreline treatments that were requested by individual property owners.

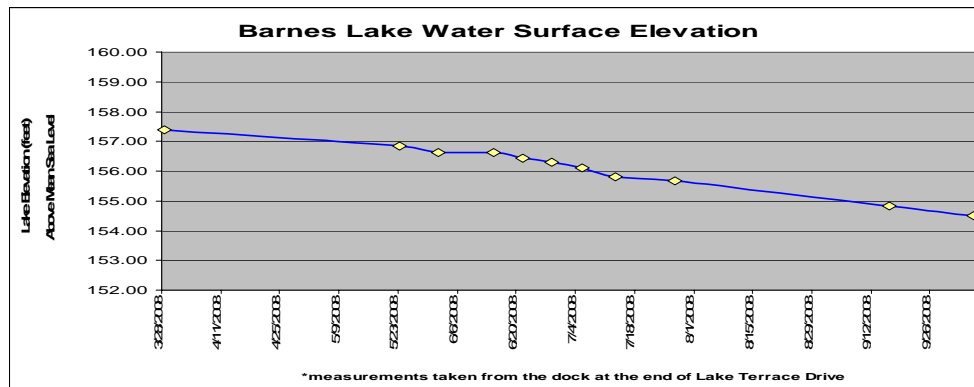
Dorling reported that they are monitoring the water levels in anticipation of beginning removal of floating mats. Water levels must be high enough to support the large boat needed for the process. The removal could begin later this month, but could be as long as December or January before the levels are high enough.

Dorling reported that NWA has applied microbes to floating mats and a few localized shoreline areas to test the product's effectiveness at reducing the soft, organic sediments that exist. Results of the effectiveness will not be known for a few more months, as the microbes take time to complete their work. A secondary application may be applied next month. Committee member Loft expressed approval in the work that has been completed and NWA's responsiveness to addressing concerns of LMD members.

The Steering Committee questioned how much money has been spent to date on the treatments. Smith reported that no invoices have been received and that he would be following up with NWA to gauge the status of treatment costs and the proposed removal of the floating mats. Smith stated that he would report on the costs of the 2008 treatment season at the November meeting. Smith also reported that the contract with NWA is nearing its end. He will review the contract requirements with NWA to ensure all elements have been met.

c) Lake Level Gauge Installation Update

Smith reported that the final piece of the lake level gauge has been installed. Bill Baxter continues to provide periodic reports of lake levels, the latest recorded on 10/6/08. Since the installation of the gauge, Barnes Lake has experienced a decrease of approximately 2.8 feet. It is expected that lake levels shall increase once rain events become more frequent during the winter months. A copy of the latest graph is included below. Loft asked how the lake level relates to depth of the lake. Smith replied that the lake depths are relative to a specific location on the lake, so as the surface rises and falls, so will the depth at any specific location.



d) Budget and Assessment Update

As of 10/8/08, \$15,529.00 has been received to date from the collection of LMD assessments. There are currently 13 parcels outstanding for 2008, six of which continue to owe for two or more years. The total amount outstanding for 2008 equals \$1,776.00. Three of the six properties have had liens filed; the remaining three parcels that owe for the last two years may have a similar action taken toward the end of the year.

There has only been one expense recorded in the last month for payment of the WA DOE permit in the amount of \$377.00. The available balance of LMD funds as of October 8, 2008 is \$37,543.00.

e) Work Plan Review

Smith reviewed the status of the work plan for the Barnes Lake Steering Committee for 2008. To date, all work has been completed, with the exception of integrating results from the aquatic vegetation survey from NWA into the Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan (IAVMP). Smith is awaiting the final report from NWA which includes a statistical analysis of the vegetative quantities, prior to updating the information included in the IAVMP.

f) Pesticide-Free Neighborhood Program Options

Smith asked for direction from the Steering Committee on whether or not to pursue the Pesticide-Free Neighborhood Program. In brief, the program would include development of monthly neighborhood meetings and product demonstrations, media outreach, door-to-door hazardous materials pick-up, providing useful hands-on information for the residents, providing technical assistance and an overall project evaluation.

Smith reported that the total costs of the program are approximately \$22,000. Smith stated grant funding is a potential option, but only if there are enough willing participants. The program was presented to the greater LMD community at the general meeting in September.

The Steering Committee discussed the program's pros and cons. It was determined through the discussion that there was not enough general interest in the program to warrant staff time to pursue funding options, although there is interest in the educational materials offered by the program. Gary Bodeutsch requested if materials could be made available for either distribution to the LMD members or placement at the local library. Smith stated that he would follow up with the Water Resources Educator.

VI. New Issues

a) Aquatic Weeds Grant

Smith provided copies of a grant funding opportunity and reviewed potential activities that could be funded. While the grant could apply to Barnes Lake, Smith felt that the lake would not rank high given the funding criteria and guidelines. However, Smith requested if there were any projects the Steering Committee would

like to see accomplished that may benefit from grant funding. Hearing none, it was determined that the LMD would pass this on round.

VII. Adjourn

Vice Chair Lumaguip adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The next steering committee meeting will be held on November 12, 2008, at Tumwater City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Dan Smith, Staff Representative

Minutes approved by: Barnes Lake Management District Steering Committee