

City of Tumwater
Barnes Lake Management District
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2009
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tumwater City Hall – Main Conference Room
555 Israel Road SW, Tumwater, WA 98501

I. Call to order

Chair Peterson called to order the regular meeting of the Barnes Lake Steering Committee (BLMD-SC) at approximately 6:00 p.m. on October 14, 2009 at Tumwater City Hall.

II. Roll call

The following members were present: Chair Kathy Peterson, Vice-Chair Ron Lumaguip, Bill Baxter, Judith Loft, and John Swander. Staff Representative Smith and NWA's Doug Dorling were also in attendance. Dana Day and Bob Hayes were excused; Gary Bodeutsch was unexcused.

III. Additions to Meeting Agenda

None.

IV. Approval of minutes from Annual General Meeting

Following a review of the minutes and clarification made by Chair Peterson, the minutes were unanimously approved by the steering committee as amended.

V. Open Items

a) Lake Treatment Update

Doug Dorling, Northwest Aquatic Eco-Systems, provided an update to the steering committee on current treatment activities, stating that the regular treatments have wound down for the season. Doug may attempt minor "clean-up" applications along the shoreline, but water levels, poor weather conditions and excessive floating mat conditions will likely preclude any new lake-wide applications.

Doug reported that he has completed a number of shoreline treatments, including those specifically requested by the shoreline residents. Doug reported that he has seen an improvement in vegetative debris among the residents with access to the water, stating that many more individuals have made efforts to clean up the shoreline and remove debris.

Vice Chair Lumaguip reported that the Condo Assn has been working on cleaning up access along their waterfront.

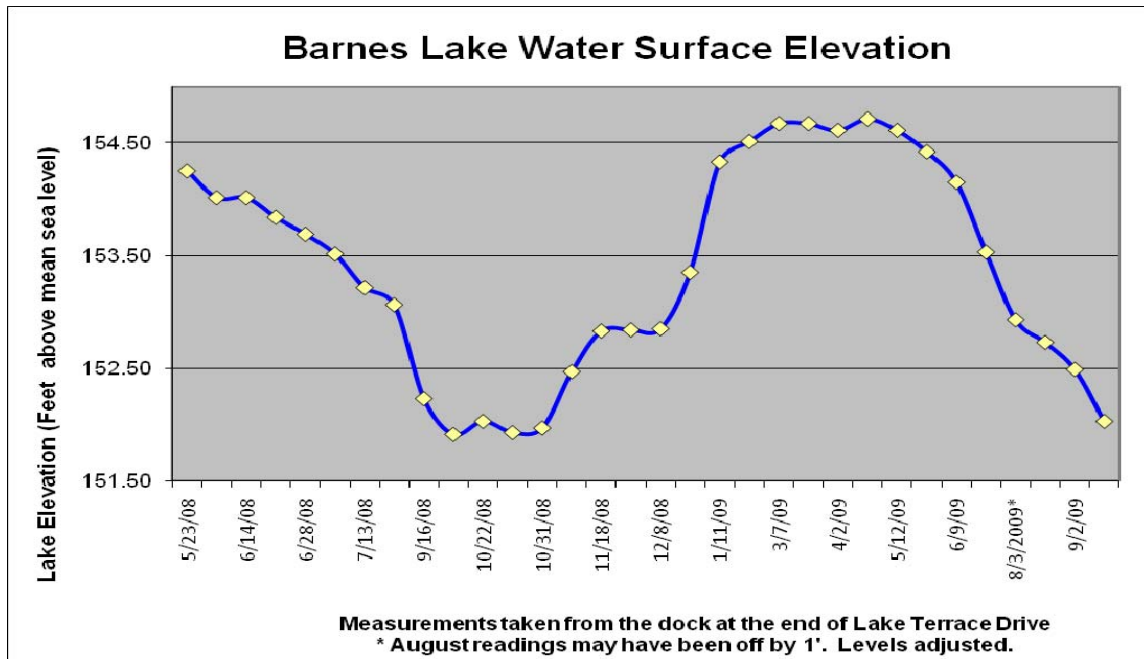
Doug reported the fluridone treatments appear to have worked very well in the Daisy Lane area of the lake. Responding to questions on clean-up alternatives, Dorling reiterated his offer to provide the LMD with a “barge” to assist a volunteer effort for the removal of the floating mats. He offered to drop the barge off at the Day’s residence if there was enough interest.

Discussion focused on potential mat removal alternatives. Three options were considered: using a small dredge, using the “cookie cutter” (discussed later) and use of a backhoe for removing the debris. General consensus seemed to be use of the “cookie cutter”. Doug will send the steering committee a link describing the equipment and its capabilities.

Chair Peterson discussed noxious weed removal efforts. Doug stated that he will add points on the maps prepared for the LMD showing locations of noxious weeds identified and/or treated by NWA.

b) Lake Level Update

Bill Baxter continues to provide periodic reports of lake levels, the latest recorded on 10/13/09 with an elevation of approximately 152.03 feet above mean sea level.



c) Budget and Assessment Update

As of 10/14/2009, \$15,769.00 has been received to date from the collection of LMD assessments. No new invoices have been received in relation to Barnes LMD efforts. The available balance of LMD funds as of October 14th is \$45,929.27.

Smith reported the Finance Department provided an update regarding assessment collection.

- 3 certified letters were sent on Oct 6 allowing 10 business days for the owners to bring their accounts current or a lien would be placed. 2 of the 3 owners have since paid.

- 1 owner owes still \$6 of the 2009 assessment; a letter was sent on October 1st asking that the account be paid by the end of the month.
- 2 owners have had liens placed for their 2009 assessments.
- 1 owner has a lien placed in 2009 for assessments from 2007 & 2008. The owner also still owes for 2009. If payment is not received by the end of the year, the 2009 amount will be added to the lien.
- 1 owner still owes a 2007 lien on the property for 2006 & 2007 assessments. They did not pay 2008, and have not yet paid 2009; these amounts will be added to the lien.
- 1 owner still owes a 2007 lien on the property for assessments in 2006 & 2007. They did not pay in 2008 or 2009 and have been turned over to the collection agency. Last week we received a payment for 1 year. We have also received notification of a trustee's sale taking place for the property on 12/11/09.

d) Work Plan Review

Smith reviewed the current 2009 work plan with the steering committee. All elements to date are either completed or in progress.

VI. New Items

a) "Cookie Cutter" Equipment Discussion

Discussion focused on the ability of the LMD to utilize a "cookie cutter", a unique piece of machinery used to cut channels in aquatic environments, as recommended by Doug Dorling as a method to expedite floating mat removal. The closest cookie cutter equipment is located in California. Some obstacles exist, such as permit acquisition, whether DOT will permit access to their back lot, mobilization costs, access to funding, and equipment availability.

Vice Chair Lumaguip motioned to have Staff Rep Smith research the permit question, specifically who would be the signatory on the permits and who would lead the permit application process. All in favor. Smith was also requested to contact WA Department of Transportation to determine if access from their property is feasible.

Dorling cautioned that the "cookie cutter" may not be as effective in some areas of the lake. In shallower areas, sediments tend to be very organic and "fluffy", so there is not much substance for the equipment to actually cut through. A question was raised about the rototilling process and how the sediments spread. Dorling reported that in most cases, the sediments settled out of the water column almost immediately and the "sediment lift" experienced in shallower portions of the lake are due to other lake processes.

b) Budget & Assessment Considerations for 2010

Few revisions were recommended to the budget for 2010. The steering committee suggested changes include removal of a line for water quality monitoring, IAVMP material costs and funds for a terrestrial noxious weed assessment. A new line will be suggested for mechanical controls where the bulk of funding is suggested for mobilization and use of the

“cookie cutter” equipment. Smith will prepare a draft budget for acceptance at the December meeting.

The steering committee reviewed the current assessment level applied to all parcels within the LMD. Steering committee considerations included current fund reserves, on-going treatment needs, a regional economic assessment and the possibility for expedited funding from the City. John Swander motioned to retain existing assessment levels, Vice Chair Lumaguip seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

c) 2010 Work Plan Development

The steering committee reviewed the 2009 work plan for suggested revisions during 2010. Including revising the standard work plan elements to coincide with the revised meeting schedule, few elements were added. Smith will prepare a 2010 work plan based on the comments for the December 2009 meeting.

d) 2010 Meeting Schedule

The steering committee tentatively outlined the meeting schedule for 2010. The second Wednesday of the month continues to work well during the following months: January, February, April, June, August, September, October and December. Vice Chair Lumaguip will discuss the meeting schedule with Bob Hayes to ensure the dates are amenable.

VII. Adjourn

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:50 p.m. The next steering committee will meet next on December 9, 2009, at Tumwater City Hall on Israel Road SW.

Minutes submitted by: Dan Smith, Staff Representative

Minutes approved by: Barnes Lake Management District Steering Committee