

City of Tumwater
Barnes Lake Management District
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2009
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tumwater City Hall, 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 6:00 p.m. on July 8, 2009 at Tumwater City Hall.

II. Roll call

The following members were present: Chair Kathy Peterson, Vice-Chair Ron Lumaguip, Bob Hayes, Bill Baxter, John Swander and Staff Representative Smith. Judith Loft was excused; Gary Bodeutsch and Dana Day were absent.

III. Additions to the Meeting Agenda:

Chair Peterson requested a discussion on the November 2009 meeting. Due to scheduling conflicts, Peterson requested an alternate meeting date. Following a brief discussion, Hayes moved to cancel the November meeting; seconded by Swander. All agreed to cancel the meeting.

Rep. Smith provided copies of figures to be included in the Barnes Lake Characterization Report. Smith reviewed the material with the group, explaining that the final report will be ready for distribution by the August meeting.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The June 2009 minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously as written.

V. Open Issues

a) Lake Treatment Update

Staff Rep. Smith was unable to reach NWA for an update prior to the meeting. Smith will follow-up with Dorling and report back to the committee as to progress of activities to date.

The committee discussed the overall situation, as the floating mats have become “ghastly”. The committee questioned how effective the current removal practices are and they are curious to know whether additional assistance is necessary to facilitate the removal of the uplifted plant mats. Smith stated he would follow-up with Doug Dorling, requesting feedback on hiring a subcontractor(s) to continue with mat clean-up efforts while NWA focuses on other priorities.

Member Swander expressed concern that mud/silt in the water column is drifting toward the Daisy Lane neighborhoods and piling up atop the existing vegetation, exacerbating the problems that already exist in the shallow waters. Swander asked for Dorling to follow-up with him, perhaps as a site visit.

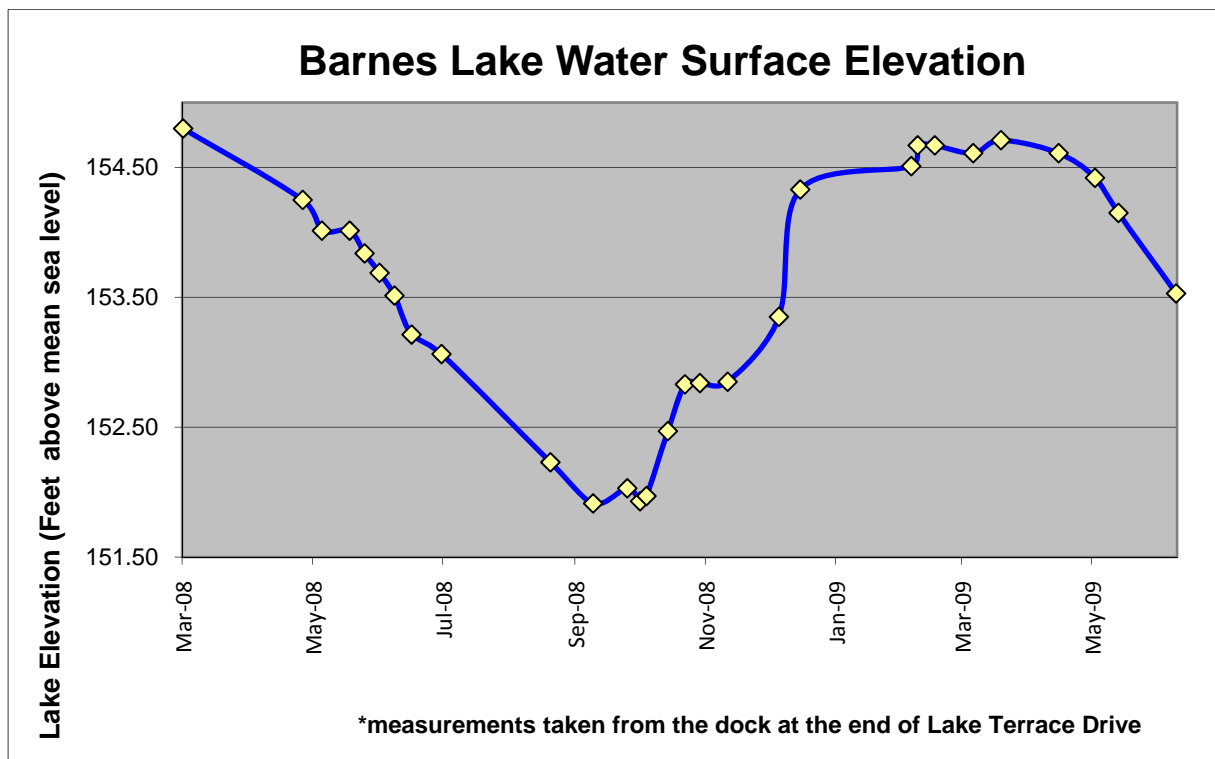
Member Hayes asked what became of the high-pressure hose method to break up the floating mats. Smith will follow up with Dorling on this as well.

The members continued discussing concerns with the floating mats and reviewed potential options. Member Swander suggested another “lake tour” may be in order. All concurred and asked that Dorling be invited to join the committee for the next meeting. The Steering Committee will walk around the lake, stopping at varied locations and assess current conditions.

As the August meeting will take place outside, discussion centered on the agenda for the public outreach meeting in September. Two items in particular are to be prepared for the meeting – 1) a photo comparison of the lake conditions over the years and, 2) fact sheets on the most notorious invasive species and a large map of the lake for residents to identify where these species exist. Chair Peterson stated she would draft the public invitation letter to be reviewed in August.

b) Lake Level Update

Bill Baxter continues to provide periodic reports of lake levels, the latest recorded on 7/6/09 with an elevation of approximately 153.53 feet above mean sea level.



c) Budget and Assessment Update

There have been no changes since the last report on June 10, 2009. 15 parcels still owe assessments for this year; reminder (late-payment) notices have been mailed.

One invoice from Northwest Aquatic Eco-Systems has been received for chemical treatments and vegetation removal. Rep. Smith needs a few points of clarification on the invoice before processing. The outstanding amount is \$10,686.25.

The available balance of LMD funds as of July 8, 2009 is \$37,077.00.

d) Work Plan Review

Smith reviewed the status of the work plan for the Barnes Lake Steering Committee for 2009. To date, all work has been completed or is in progress. Due to the cancellation of the November meeting, all work scheduled for that month has been moved to October.

VI. New Issues

VII. Adjourn

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m. The next steering committee meeting will be held on August 12, 2009. The meeting will be conducted at various locations around Barnes Lake during a scheduled field trip to assess conditions at multiple points.

Minutes submitted by: Dan Smith, Staff Representative

Minutes approved by: Barnes Lake Management District Steering Committee