

**Phillips Lake Community Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2021
Pickering Road Fire Station**

The meeting was called to order at 10 am by President Ed Valbert.

Board Members Present: Ed Valbert, President; Charles Gelschleichter; Kathy Fox, Treasurer; Bob Sutphin, Ron Rosi, Connie Carroll, Jim Manley, Bill Goheen, Dwain Friedlander.

Review of Association's Purpose: Ed reminded us of our Association's purposes:

- To be a non-governing group to serve and inform the community surrounding Phillips Lake
- To provide lake safety and safeguard water quality
- To foster social and community activities
- To enhance and protect our environment
- To further interaction of Association Membership

Approval of last year's minutes – no meeting held in 2020 due to COVID 19

Thank you to Mary Ann and Charles for their years of support to the Association, both are stepping down from the board.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed by Kathy Fox. Attached. Unanimously approved by voice vote

Review of Years activities

- Maintain the Phillips Lake Community Web Site (www.phillipslake.org)
- Sent periodic e-mails addressing items of importance and general interest
- Opening Fishing Day Cider Cruise
- Two batches of larger Trout put into the lake. 10 Fish tagged.
 - Free hat and dues to the folks that got tagged fish
- 4th of July Boat parade (growing, 43 boats this year!)

Board Member Reports

Jim Manley shared that one of the things we do is test the water quality but have not done over the last year due to COVID. Will be testing again this year. We have had good water quality results always in the past.

Guest Speakers

Sheriff's Office

The sheriff's department covers a large area – hood canal, 200 lakes, national parks – with a total of 32 deputies.

This year a new law has been passed effective June 25, 2021. There have been changes to what they can respond to. They can no longer act on suspicious activity alone, there must be criminal activity. They cannot respond to a mental health crisis alone unless a crime is committed. If

someone is on your property you can ask them to leave, you can call in and tell the police you announced for them to get off your property. For break ins cameras are recommended, you can send to the police and chances are they will know the perpetrators and the evidence is good for convictions.

Since COVID there has been an increase in violent crimes, vehicle accidents, deaths, suicides and child abuse. Traffic has increased due to remote working.

Boating safety - No budget line for marine control, the funds come from registering your boats in this county.

They will be getting new body cams and in car cameras by Oct 2021.

Fire Department

Due to the extreme dry conditions, there is a total burn ban in effect, not even recreational fires are allowed. Hot weather has made conditions very dry, and we are already at the point early July that we would normally be in August. Day by day the fire danger is increasing. Please be mindful of lawn mower sparks and motorcycle sparks.

Good news, 4 new fire trucks have been ordered, with the first arriving in a couple of weeks. The trucks are designed to service this area with more water on board and ability to navigate the area.

Thank you for renewing the emergency medical service levy, which is critical for maintaining and replacing ambulances and emergency equipment.

They are in the process of Capital Facilities Planning for the first time. The existing facility here was built in the 70's and not designed for full time occupancy (full time started at this location in 2019). They are looking to build new updated facilities to support full time occupancy and in the best locations to improve response time.

Someone asked to update the fire sign near Phillips Lake to extreme fire danger

Green Diamond

Founded in 1890 privately held business that has 2.1M acres of timberland throughout WA to grow trees with a habitat conservation plan for the future.

Residents invited Green Diamond to address an emergency egress in the event of fire. The Fire Department and Sheriff have keys to their gates.

General business / Open Discussion

A reminder to be respectful of others. Boats must go in counter-clockwise direction. Please try and keep large wake activities toward the middle of the lake to reduce property damage and for safety of swimmers.

There have been more small fish that nip when swimming, someone identified as blue gills. There are some bass that have been introduced by fisherman, but Phillips Lake is maintained as a rainbow trout lake. The last survey resulted that residents don't want the lake killed (oxygen infused) as has sometimes been done in the past.

The lake has been tested in the past for invasive species of plants with none found except yellow iris.

Weeds are allowed to be pulled in front of your property but only by hand.

It was asked if we could standardize the size and color of buoys, will explore further.

Reminder to keep lot 15 clean and thank you Bob Sutphin for all your work in keeping this lot clean.

A reminder that it is against the law to feed wildlife.

Question about having buoys at the boat launch to keep it clear for launching boats. Fish & Wildlife cannot put out as it would require a lifeguard on duty.

Phillips Lake hats and visors: Hats and visors were available for sale at the meeting. A photo of the logo and an order sheet are available on the website or contact Ed or Jim and they may have some on hand (<https://www.phillipslake.org/>).

Election of officers & board members

Charles and MaryAnne stepped down this year, thank you so much for your contribution.

Reelection of Ed Valbert as President, Kathy Fox as Treasurer, and Bob Sutphin, Ron Rosi, Bill Goheen, and Dwain Friedlander unanimously approved by voice vote. Jim Manley nominated Vice President and Connie Carroll nominated as Secretary unanimously approved by voice vote. Three new board members were nominated and unanimously approved by voice vote – Darren Lord, Jim Charleston, and Corey McMillin. Board now includes representation from the non-waterfront residents as requested by the group.

Next Year's Annual Meeting (tentative)

- Date is set for July 9, 2022
- Location Pickering Fire Station
- Starting at 10 AM

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Carroll
Phillips Lake Association Secretary.