

LAKE ALMANOR WATERSHED GROUP

June 12, 2019, Maidu Summit Consortium, Chester, CA

Attendees

Aaron Seandel
Gina Johnston
Susan Riney
Carl Felts

Sherrie Thrall
Moorea Stout
Dov Weinman

Approval of Agenda and Minutes from May:

Meeting was called to order just after 1:00 PM, motion to approve agenda made by Aaron, seconded by Gina. Motion to approve Lorena's minutes from May 8th meeting made by Aaron, seconded by Carl.

Financials:

It's reaffirmed that Sierra Institute is responsible for financials. The new watershed coordinator acknowledges this and will communicate with Amy Hafsrud about getting financial information sent out to LAWG members with the meeting notes.

Member Updates:

Carl led a discussion about the level of participation of newer members and recent meeting attendees. *Question: Does the regular contact list need to be updated?* Board members asked the watershed coordinator to take a look at organizing and consolidating the group's bylaws and procedural documents. The group debated whether or not there's representation from all appropriate areas and/or sectors (real estate, timber, Canyon Dam, Planning Commission, etc.). Moorea mentioned that her role with LAWG only extends to development. The board requested Moorea to communicate her future availability to attend meetings. Carl shared origin story for LAWG and its Board for the new Watershed Coordinator, Dov Weinman. Dov was asked to introduce himself and share a bit about his background.

Lake Management Plan Review:

Carl and Aaron summarize the 2009 Lake Management Plan and discuss their hopes for updates and review. Susan suggested that Moorea and Dov may be useful in integrating current LAWG projects and happenings into an updated plan. Gina recommended that the State of the Lake report that currently houses information with regards to the water quality of the lake should be extended to be more of a State of the Watershed, including water trails and tributaries. Susan agreed that the "answers are in the science" and that it's especially important to widen the scope with regards to the existence and work of other collaborative groups.

Water Monitoring:

Gina spoke about relatively high levels of phytoplankton, probably due to a wet spring allowing for a lot of nutrients coming into the lake. This could just be a spring phenomenon and does not always mean that summer will be especially "green". *Aaron asked if it's necessary to send out any warnings or recommendations.* Gina replied it's too early to send out warnings, and Sherrie cautioned the group to be intentional and not exaggerate the level of danger for potential lake users and community members.

Recommendation is for Aaron to share the direct, clear warning information with group for further consideration about use later in the year.

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Aaron mentioned Lake Almanor Country Club's ongoing education; they're beginning to recognize the lake's importance. Susan is asked to remind lake users of the amount of debris.

State of the Lake Forum:

Aaron suggested this forum is something to think about now to inform the wider community of LAWG's intent. Carl mentioned this should happen relatively soon and Susan also suggested that it's critically important when considering the members' hope for increased involvement and connectivity to the South Lassen Watershed Group. Moorea asked *if members want an informational forum or a celebration related to outreach and engagement?* Carl stated both.

Moorea mentioned that Sierra Institute will hold an event in Chester; wanting both LAWG and SLWG to consider sponsoring the event collaboratively. Gina could give a presentation about water quality and LAWG's work. It was suggested that members would also want to involve the Chamber. Labor Day weekend was proposed but members agreed it's too late in the summer and not ideal. Another option is to piggy-back onto a Town Talk in collaboration with SLWG; there's an opportunity to talk about the watershed and fireshed. Members tentatively agreed on the option of July 20th

Other Business:

Members discussed residents and owners having their insurance canceled and not-renewed, especially in WUI areas.

Aaron reminded the group of the Friends of Humbug event on July 27th.

Susan said she plans to follow up on garden project

With regards to the security of shared documents on the Google Drive, Moorea shared that Sierra Institute has the capacity to share documents on a secure website.

Action Items:

Dov: Review and consolidate bylaws and procedural documents.

Dov/Moorea: Take a look at Lake Management Plan to suggest renovations and additions. Share with SLWG what LAWG has done, plan could be used as a sample

Aaron: Share with members the communication regarding Cyanobacteria in the lake.

Aaron: Follow-up with the paper about the potential for a column.

Susan: Follow-up with Garden projects (possible field tour to Tahoe demonstration gardens).

Motion to adjourn is made and seconded.