# Lake Entiat Lodge Associated Meeting of the Board of Directors February 8, 2014

### **TIME AND PLACE**

The Board of Lake Entiat Lodge Associated met Saturday, February 8, 2014. The meeting was held at the Sun Cove clubhouse in Orondo, Washington and called to order by the Board President, Dan Russell, at 9:05 am.

#### **PRESENT**

The following directors were present; Dan Russell, Nick Nelson, Don Sass and Darrell Richards. Walt Wheeler, Brandon Fix and Greg Zeller were present via conference call. Staff members present were; Jeri Fifer, Jason Knight and Nancy Gifford. No association members attended.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Russell presented the January 11, 2014 Board Meeting draft minutes for approval.

Mr. Sass made a motion to accept the January 11, 2014 meeting minutes. Mr. Nelson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **MEMBER SURVEY**

A membership survey will be sent as a tool for current and future planning by the Board of Directors. Mr. Zeller shared proposals from the SE Group & Thom Vetter to conduct a member survey. The last professional survey was completed in 2007 by the SE Group. The board discussed different options to increase the percentage of participants and reduce the cost of the survey. Mr. Fix noted that if the surveys are completed on-line by the homeowners, the data entry is automatically tallied. Staff will input the data received from mailed surveys to further reduce the costs. Mr. Wheeler recommended using rating system listing "desirability" of each item on the survey. The board members agreed that it would be most beneficial to complete the survey prior to the 2014 Membership Annual Meeting set for April 12.

Mr. Sass made a motion to approve up to \$6,300 to have the SE Group conduct a member survey. Mr. Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **TRAIL SYSTEM**

Mr. Richards reviewed a feasibility study recently completed for Phase 2 & 3 of the trail system. He noted that grants may be available to help non-profits build trails and that we will pursue this avenue in conjunction with Phase 4, the installation of a pedestrian lane on Sun Cove road. He also noted that if Phases 2 and 3 are completed, the trail will become a 3 mile loop which will likely keep some people off the main road. The feasibility study will be distributed to all homeowners in February through the website.

The Board agreed to provide the feasibility study to the membership for review and thanked Mr. Richards for all the time he has given toward the study provided. The Board of Directors are in support of completing

Phase 2 & 3 of the trail system since the trail was identified by the membership as a desired amenity. Assessments will not increase with the completion of these two phases.

## **WATER METERS**

Mr. Nelson and Mr. Knight shared a spreadsheet of costs for the different options of water meters reading equipment. Mr. Knight noted that 75% of the meters will need to be replaced over the next two years due to the reliability of the aging meters.

Mr. Fix requested that a wireless network meter reading system be researched. Mr. Nelson shared that he and Mr. Knight will gather addition bids and equipment options before the next Board meeting.

## FACILITIES/GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE REVIEW

Mr. Nelson said the 3 replacement trees, lost during the well project, will be delivered and planted in March.

A certified arborist was consulted to evaluate the park poplar trees reporting that the majority of the poplars are very healthy and most just need removal of any dead wood. Some trees may need to be removed due to poor growth due to overcrowding.

Mr. Nelson reported that the location of the Phase 1 Trail mitigation planting has been approved. This will be completed in the spring.

#### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Mr. Sass reported that the next social event is the Pancake Breakfast, which will be held in the clubhouse April  $13^{th}$  8:00 to 11:00 am.

#### **NEXT MEETINGS**

The next Board meeting will be March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the clubhouse.

The Annual Membership Meeting has been set for April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 am at the Orondo School.

Mr. Sass made a motion to adjourn at 10:43. Mr. Richards seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

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