

April 13, 2022
Board Meeting Minutes
Scatchet Head Community Club

Call to order / attendance – Mary Beth Schoeler

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Beth Schoeler at 6:33 p.m. In attendance were board members Tara Long, Pat Baird, Beth Itaya, Will Sperling and Rachel Martinez. Peter Sprinz, Greg Gundel and Jake Mead joined by phone. Raven O’Riley was excused from the meeting.

Approval of minutes from the last meeting – Mary Beth Schoeler

Tara moved and Rachel seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2022 board meeting. Approval of the minutes as written was unanimous.

President remarks/welcome

Mary Beth welcomed Officer Hwa Kim of the Washington State Department of Fish (WDFW) and Wildlife to the meeting. She also welcomed Jerry and two community members for joining the meeting to discuss community concerns about overharvesting of shell fish in Cultus Bay, particularly during low tides.

Officer Kim explained that the department was in the process of reorganizing regional supervision of local waters and adding an additional patrol boat and officer to oversee the south end of Whidbey Island. The current patrol encompasses all of Island County’s surrounding waters. Since oversight is conducted primarily by boat, officer on-shore presence is practically impossible. Officer Kim suggested that potential abuse of shellfish harvesting be reported to the WDFW tip line at 1-877- WDFW-TIP. He also shared that calls to 9-1-1 (which need to be identified as non-emergency) can also be placed to dispatch a State Patrol Officer if available. He cautioned that confronting seeming abusers should not be approached.

The board and meeting attendees were disappointed that WDFW patrols in local waters were so limited, especially when mid-year negative tides occur and WDFW’s first priority during summer months is to protect the orca population.

Discussion about measures SHCC could take to help limit access to Cultus Bay included expressing concerns directly to the WDFW captain, posting signage with WDFW rules and limits, towing non-resident vehicles parked on private SHCC roads, distributing WDFW pamphlets, and SHCC making known either by signage and/or flyer distribution that non-residents accessing the bay from lower George and Driftwood drives are trespassing on private property. Other ideas on how to curtail overharvesting and unauthorized access to Cultus Bay from SHCC property will continue to be discussed among board members via email and at the May 11 meeting.

Mary Beth thanked Officer Kim and community members for coming.

Treasurer report – Peter Sprinz

Peter stated that the information in the March financial summary, which was distributed via email prior to the meeting, matched March and YTD budget projections. A detailed reconciliation of March financials will be emailed to the board soon. The proposed 2023 budget will be voted on at the May 11 meeting.

Committee reports

Board members had been advised to review emailed committee reports prior to the meeting, and discussion was limited to questions and any updates to those reports to maximize time spent with the WDFW guest speaker.

Roads and Bluffs

Jake announced that water was flowing under a paved area at the top of George Drive. The problem needs to be addressed soon, especially prior to any repaving of the road.

A letter soliciting input and participation from bluff property owners will be sent soon, and information contained in the letter will be shared with the entire community in the May newsletter.

Engage the Community

The Mother's Day planting event was cancelled and the Wine & Cheese Community get-together was postponed since participation in a number of recent ETC activities has been poor. Tara requested that all board members commit to helping with the July 3 picnic and fireworks celebration.

Old business

San Juan property sale

Mary Beth has repeatedly attempted to follow up with the attorney handling the relinquishment of title to the trailer by the co-owner's heir. Mary Beth will persist in her efforts to obtain the final documentation needed for SHCC to assume legal ownership of the property.

Pool schedule and management for 2022 season

The office has not received any applications for pool attendants. Peter will check with the insurance company about opening the pool to family swim without attendants, but a few board members expressed concerns about not having attendant oversight of pool use. Discussion also took place about opening the pool to groups who do not need an attendant.

The board voted unanimously to raise attendant hourly pay to \$18 per hour and to include a hiring bonus of \$50 after six weeks of employment. The Drew's List advertisement will be updated, flyers posted at South Whidbey High School and south island community bulletin boards, and an announcement placed on *nextdoor*.

The schedule for the 2022 pool season will be released pending status of attendant hiring.

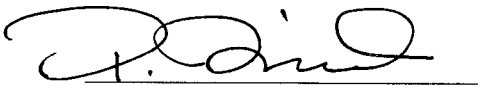
Executive Session

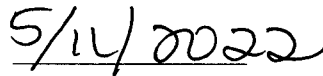
The board discussed a request for waiver of covenant restriction.

Adjournment

With no business remaining, Mary Beth adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Minutes are approved as written or as amended.


Pat Baird, Secretary


Date

