

Mountain View Park Community Club
Location: Community Park

Community Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2009

Presiding Officer: Lisa Mallant, President

Secretary: Molly Graham

Call to order: 2:12 p.m.

Quorum present: Yes

Attendees:	Cathy Jones (1 lot)	Brady Allard & Shellie Monson (1 lot)	Terrie Foote (1 lot)
	Riittalisa Kivirinta (1 lot)	Kara Justus (1 lot)	Douglas Brown (1 lot)
	Gary Bugai (1lot)	Dawn McCarthy (1 lot)	James Scott (1lot)
	James Giuntini (2 lots)	Grant & Cathy Brown (1 lot)	Lisa Mallant (3 lots)
	Mike Pearson (1 lot)	Molly Graham (3 lots)	Peter Jones (1 lot)
	Tom & Mary Morgan (1 lot)	Kirk Adams and Beverly Jacobson (1 lot)	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:12 p.m.

2008 MVPCC Annual Meeting Minutes – Molly provided handout to attendees

MSC – Motion made and seconded to approve the 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried by the 'ayes'.

Treasurer Report and Budget – Beverly provided handout to attendees titled

"MVPCC Proposed Budget 2009-2010" (see Attachment A)

Annual meeting June 2008 balance	\$21,676
2008/09 Revenue	\$5000
2008/09 Expenses	\$6631
Annual Meeting June 2009 balance	\$22,159

Dues-

The new dues policy was shared with attendees. The new policy was approved by the Board in January 2009 and has been communicated to members in the 2009 dues notices, spring newsletter, website and the 2009 Annual Meeting announcement.

MVPCC Dues Policy: Annual dues have a due date of March 15. A \$25 fee per year will be added if dues are not paid by the June MVPCC Annual Meeting. Liens will be placed on the property if dues are not paid by 12/31 and the county processing fee will be added.

For 2009 hardship consideration, with the appropriate proposal and approvals, the board will honor the past practice of 10\$/hr of service for work performed at the park in-lieu-of annual membership dues. Contact Lisa or Beverly to discuss. For 2010, the board will be defining a policy where members can make a proposal to the board for providing services in-lieu-of dues. More information will be shared in the newsletters.

Insurance Policy-

An update on the community liability insurance policy was provided by Peter Jones. Attendees discussed the proposal of increasing the liability coverage from 1M\$ to 3M\$ along with the recommendations Peter was given that MVPCC should evaluate the CC &Rs and ensure that they are written with language that provides strong liability protection for the community members.

Budget-

Proposed budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 = \$9,465

The budget proposal includes the annual taxes, fees, insurance, park, lake and dam maintenance costs as well money for the fish, plants, trees and supplies for continued park improvement projects. The members voted to approve an increase in the annual liability insurance premium for the community, increasing from 1M\$ to 3M\$ coverage. A special budget item was added for 2009-2010 for a one-time project to pay for legal review and revision of the CC & Rs to enhance, update and further strengthen the liability protection for the community members.

MSC-Motion made and seconded to approve the fiscal year 2009/2010 budget with correction to two line-items to be 'weir ~~dam~~ maintenance and emergency clearing – ~~dam~~ weir' – motion carried by the "ayes".

Spring Event Feedback

Mike Pearson gave an overview of the 'Season of Change' spring event and he and Riitta Kivirinta as co-chairs solicited suggestions for improving attendance in the future. Suggestions gathered: use signup sheets at the bus-stop, extend the hours, have event cover a longer time, potluck, use the community phone-call tree to invite and remind members of the event.

Park and Lake Information

Lake Kayak Water Quality – Spring 2009

Lisa Mallant provided an update on current lake water quality and the recent visit by the State Department of Ecology. Marisa Burghdoff from Snohomish County Surface Water Management and Lisa performed the dissolved Oxygen test and found high levels from the middle to near the bottom of Lake Kayak. These results are alarming because though Lake Kayak water quality is considered "moderate", this indicates decline in the lake health and speeding up of the Eutrophication of our lake – filling in and becoming warmer and shallower.

Additionally, high levels of nutrients in the sediment can increase the occurrence of algae blooms, with the potential for Toxic Blue-Green algae included, and once Phosphorus levels accumulate, they cannot be removed.

Since Lake Kayak is impounded (man-made), the health and lifespan of the lake depends on how well the community maintains the lake. Due to the decreasing water quality, MVPCC may need to look into aeration or circulation devices to improve the lake health; however these are very expensive options so rapid, voluntary community member participation is preferred.

Strongly encourage all members that are using fertilizers on their properties to use **natural**, organic fertilizers which break down more slowly, and eliminate chemical fertilizers. Proper fertilizer application is critical.

Natural shorelines at the water edge are optimal for the health and life of the lake. Eliminating grass/lawn at the shoreline edge, discontinue the use of chemicals near the shoreline and removal of pet waste near the shoreline are ways to improve the water quality. The lake has been monitored since 2000 and Lisa is looking for additional volunteers to train on lake monitoring. With a second person (or numerous volunteers taking turns) we can perform "advanced monitoring" to measure dissolved oxygen at various depths. This information will better describe the current conditions of water quality.

Lisa also has a library of lake literature available for checkout by interested members.

Lake Ecology

Lakes become stratified in the summer. This means that the upper layer (Epilimnion) is warm and contains a lot of oxygen. This is where the algae will be located. The lower layer (Hypolimnion) is dark & cold with very little oxygen. It is the place where debris collects and nutrients settle.

Lakes are classified by their state of Eutrophication. The term is often used to mean the resultant increase in the ecosystem's primary productivity (excessive plant growth and decay), and further effects including lack of oxygen and severe reductions in water quality, fish, and other animal populations. Our lake quality has been showing signs of steadily increasing nutrient levels- the data shows that it is deteriorating and we are at risk for problems based on the following things:

- Warning signs of high nutrient levels
- Our lake is impounded (dammed, contained) which means it has a higher risk of filling in
- Our watershed is susceptible to development

Actions we can take:

- ***Stop the runoff into the lake***

- Create or cultivate a buffer of native vegetation between yard and lake – this helps filter nutrients that can contribute to the problems in the lake water
- Collect runoff water from the house – rain gardens, rain barrels, etc.
- **Avoid phosphorus containing fertilizers**
- Clean up pet / livestock waste in general - (especially waste that falls near the shore)

Guest Passes

Lisa shared the board decision to reinstitute the use of guest passes for members that are current on their dues. The passes worked well in the past and are helpful to identify authorized guests that are using the lake or park. Guests can show the pass as needed. Members do not need to carry the passes, nor do guests that are being accompanied by members while at the park or lake. Suggestion for future passes to include the rules on the backside and to include the member phone number on the passes.

Park Improvement Committee (PIC)

The PIC will resume Sunday sessions starting June 14, 2009 10 AM, every other week. Any member that is interested in volunteering their time to enhance the appearance of the park is welcome. Tasks include weeding and watering the trees planted, establish and maintain walking trail, pull stakes from original plantings as well as maintaining the park.

Community Enhancement Opportunities (CEO)

Beaver Deceiver – August 29/30, 2009 - 10 AM start- Meet at the south end of the canal at the beaver deceiver.

We really hope to see all of you there since it makes it more fun with your participation and the jobs go faster!!!

Member Comment

A request was made for an internal audit of the finances to be performed and recommended that a specific frequency for the audit be established.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Check out the MVPCC Community Website: <http://www.mvpcc.com>

Contact Information

Please contact the MVPCC Secretary- Molly Graham at mollyg1@comcast.net or phone 206 -779 -3750 to provide or update the records for your email address, phone number or mailing address.