

Phillips Lake Community Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2025
Pickering Road Fire Station

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Dwain Friedlander.

Board Members Present: ALL – Jim Manley, Kathy Fox, Connie Carroll, Bill Goheen, Dwain Friedlander, Darren Lord, Janae Lord, Corey McMillin, Jo Potts, Bob Sutphin, Edwin Valbert

Board Members Absent: Ron Rosi

Review of Association's Purpose:

- 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

Phillips Lake hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts – Hats, t-shirts, and sweatshirts were available for sale at the meeting. Contact the association board if you would like to order.

Review of Year Activities

- Phillips Lake Community Website - <https://www.phillipslake.org/> (updating/more coming soon)
- Newsletter – Sent out several times a year
- Water Sampling – Ed will work with Mike Fitz to schedule, late summer and fall
- Opening Day of Fishing Cider Cruise
- Reader Board – Janet Toney has been updating, thank you.
- Support for:
 - Golf Cart Run, Memorial Day and Labor Day (Brandon Gilbert) – 20 or so, really fun!
 - 4th of July Festivities (Wine Tasting, Lean Justine Concert, Boat parade (40 boats), Annual races)
 - Question about changing location of boat races, but for now will keep as is it's a good location, calm water and out of the way.
 - Community Garage Sale July 19th 9am-4pm (and Friday the 18th and Sunday the 20th if inclined). Susan will put out signs and post in the newspaper, but you will need to put out signs at your own property.
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Book Library – idea is to bring a book & take a book

Guest Speakers:

Mason County – Kell Rowen, Community Development Director

- She was unable to come due to a family emergency
- For \$300 the county will come out to do an inspection and provide details on what you can and cannot do and what will need permitting. Strongly encourage to partner with you.
- If you don't get a live person leave a message they will return your call within 24 hours.
- County Building Information - (360) 427-9670 Planning Department Ext 193, Code/Permit Ext 352
 - https://www.masoncountywa.gov/departments/community_development/contact_us.php

Mason County Fire Department –

- Consistent warm weather this year, conditions are dry
 - As of July 12th No recreational fires
 - Propane ok
 - Smokers ok

- Pizza oven ok
 - All should have a mesh on the outlet or chimney to help damper sparks
- If you see someone with a fire, they may not know about the burn ban, please start by letting them know. You can call 911 or the fire department. Try and get a specific address when reporting.
- Olympic Region Clean Air (ORCA) – For ongoing trouble with fires, they can enforce, you can report by phone or online
- Fire near Belfair – getting a handle on it, now about 15% contained, some level 2 evacuations
- Bear Gulch fire – closed area as quite rough area
- Evacuation – 1) Be Ready 2) Set to Leave 3) Go. They do not have forced evacuation. Law enforcement handles not the fire department. The official App for alerts – Code Red
- Update on Fire Department – Fully in the new building now donated by Shelton School District, a lot more capabilities – more bedrooms, training facility, and office space.
- Looking for more volunteers to have on board, more coverage.
 - Reports on the various stations

General business / Open Discussion

- On the first Thursday of every month there is a meeting at Spencer Lake Grill at 8am with Sheriff Spurling to discuss anything you wish.
- DNR handles the Fire Danger Sign. The board will investigate and look into a better sign for the Burn Ban
- Someone has been taking water from the lake a couple of times a week to fill a drum. The church on Hartstein Island has spigots with free drinking water. Also, on lot 15 there is an old-fashioned well with water (Kathy will test).
- Jean Ennis has been handling locking/unlocking the boat launch gate and it's time to pass the baton. There is some compensation and consideration the association may supplement. Position is available, requires background check, register with HR. A big thank you, Jean!
- Hwy 3 / Pickering Rd junction has been getting increasingly dangerous and difficult. Roundabout now scheduled for fall of 2027.

Question about moving the Annual meeting to before the 4th –

- Discussion on Pros and Cons –
 - Motion to move to third weekend in June
 - Second, unanimously Approved.

Broad Leaf Pond Weed

- Spreading a lot now and taking over the lake
- There is a company that treats most lakes out here – Spencer Lake, Mason Lake, Timberlake, Island Lake
- Susan Friedlander has had many conversations with the state, the county, the company
- Estimate to treat the lake is ~\$15,000. We have 40+ people now that have offered to contribute.
- The treatment should last several years; we will need to figure out how often we need to do treatment.
- Open Discussion - Some are opposed to this treatment, discussion of treatment versus diving and trying to pull it all out. Diving was done two years ago; it was difficult with a lot of debris and was much less then. Others say it's a safety issue with kids doing water sports and getting tangled in it.
- Not affiliated with the PLCA. Some community members are looking to establish a Water Quality Management Committee for Phillips Lake – It will need to be registered with the state. Let Susan know if you'd like to participate.
 - Community (not PLCA) Issue
 - People would like more information on the company/process/treatment.
 - Question about who owns the lake/water in front of each property

Treasurer's Report: Motion and Second - unanimously approved by voice vote.

- Checking \$2,117.39
- Savings \$1,390.45
 - Total \$3,507.84

- Motion to donate to the Fire Department \$200,
 - Second, Unanimously Approved.

Other Topics

- Lakeshore Construction – Jack 360-801-4597 – is planning on coming out spring of 2026 to do pilings for fixed dock building
 - At least 8 people are interested in pilings. You must call him to get included on schedule.
- Please be considerate and respectful of other boat drivers and communicate with them respectfully about issues you may have. Goal is to keep everyone safe and still have fun.
- Phillips Lake lists requirement to go counterclockwise direction outside and inside of the buoys.
- Big Yard lights – please take into consideration, hoods help to keep from shining across the lake. There is also noise pollution with roosters, dogs barking.

Election of officers & board members –

Ron Rosi stepping down from board, thank you Ron!

Re-Election - Motion and Second for group, Approved

Vice President – Jim Manley

Board members – Bill Goheen, Darren Lord, Corey McMillin, Jo Potts

Newly Elected - Motion and Second for each, Approved

Board members – Travis Anderson, Jane Mahony, Kelly Carney, Kristen Pearson

Next Year's Annual Meeting (tentative) 9:30am doors open June 20, 2026 at Pickering Fire Station

Local websites/social media sites

- Phillips Lake Association Website - <https://www.phillipslake.org/>
- Facebook group – Phillips Lake Community (Shelton)
- Nextdoor.com – Phillips Lake Shelton

Motion and second to adjourn, Approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Carroll

Phillips Lake Association Secretary.