

WWA Annual Meeting
5/25/08

John Osborne called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. He introduced the board and noted that Jeremy couldn't be with us.

The 2007 WWA Annual Meeting minutes were approved following a motion and second from the floor.

President's Report

John Osborne reported that the Association is doing well. Our rates have been level and our reserves have increased over the years. We have good water quality and an ample supply for our needs. We remain better positioned than other water districts on Vashon.

Treasurer's Report

John Staczek reported that the Association is very healthy, and that our last board meeting he was compelled to remark that we have good news and good news: we are embarrassingly rich.

Look at what's happening to oil prices. We should be proud. He's been impressed, as a newcomer to the island, at the accountability and sense of social responsibility held by members of the board.

We have around \$103,000. We will be making improvements along Cove Road at 148th and Cedarhurst. Those repairs should be between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

From the floor, shareholder Bill Morse made a few procedural requests:

- Please distribute minutes and financials ahead of the annual meeting
- Post info on the website
- Also send it out with the annual meeting notice
- Email us @ contact@westsidewater.org if you do not want to receive the paper version with your annual meeting notice
- List the website on our bills

***This list is a 'to do' item for the board.

System Manager's Report

100 shares are reported

1) Homeland Security

If you are out walking and you see wetness on the road, let us know. Call Doug at 715 3805 or at WWA

Doug welcomed new members are Bob Spencer and Denny Conner. He encourages all of us to get to know our neighbors.

2) The swallows are late. They depend on springs. So do we. Doug would love to hear from us if we observe them.

3) Doug noted the absence of Enid Dolstad, a longtime member and Doug's mother, who passed away earlier this spring.

4) We have low rates at WWA, the lowest on Vashon. They are half or less than the other publicly held water systems on Vashon. We have 40 acres of watershed, and we're a major stakeholder in Shinglemill Creek.

***Meredith asked for a tour of the Canyon with Doug. This is a 'to do' item for Doug. Perhaps some of the board members would also like to take this tour.

5) This meeting is one of the last vestiges of participatory democracy on Vashon. Thanks to all for turning out on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend.

6) Doug acknowledged that he has fun working with the board. This last year we collaborated with the commissioners at the Vashon Airport to cut some trees and plant trees in the watershed area adjacent to the airport. Commissioner Phil McClure, who was present at the meeting, reported that there's an over 90% survival rate of the trees.

7) If anyone has a well or other water source on their property, pls let Doug know so we can protect ourselves from water of undetermined quality getting into our water system.

8) We are upgrading a line down 148th. We are also looking at taking the line going across the sanctuary and moving it to running along the road. It costs about \$25 per foot. We also are running about 800 ft of upgraded line along Cove Rd.

9) 10 parts per billion of arsenic and heavy metal are allowed in the system. Used to be 50 parts per billion.

10) In an emergency, look at the temporary green signs put up at strategic intersections along the road. Tell your neighbors if they don't know. Doug will leave a message on WWA voice mail.

***In an emergency, put info on the website. Discuss creating a phone or email tree. This is a 'to do' item for board and staff.

A lively question and answer session followed the System Manager's Report (Note to Board: I can include more detail about this if desired)

John Osborne was thanked most heartily by staff and board for his service on the board

and as President of the board.

GWJ Committee Report

Each year this committee reviews w

Mary Margaret Briggs presented information about El Porvenir. We sent almost \$3,000 to a project that is very meaningful to those involved. We have provided accessible water in Jiquelite (spelling?) and are continuing to contribute to El Porvenir this year.

Election of Board Members

John Osborne and Jeremy Pratt cannot continue on the board because of term limits. Sunny Speidel is running for re-election.

Officer positions are elected by the board. Meetings are held every other month. Anyone can sit in on the meetings except for the financial report.

Volunteers from the floor for the open positions are Mary Margaret Briggs and Denny Conner.

A motion to move the slate and a second came from the floor and was approved unanimously. (Except Doug, who shouted 'Nay.' But he was joking.)

The meeting adjourned at 9:35.